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*Wishing you all the Joys  
& Blessings of Christmas!*

*From all of us at the Cumberland Advocate*



## DOT holds informational meeting on HWY 63 project

by Paul Bucher

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) held the first Public Involvement meeting on Thursday, December 16, at City Hall regarding the Highway 63 project scheduled for 2025. Two meetings were held. One for business owners and the other was a general public meeting. The purpose of the two meetings was to go over the scope of the project, as well as listen to questions from business owners and the general public.

The project, which will consist of resurfacing 2.98 miles of US Highway 63, from the intersection of US Highway 48, near the west end of town to Charrie Lane on the north end of town. Also involved in the project will be replacing and or moving man hole covers, repairing or replacing sidewalks and curb & gutters. Also some electric pull boxes and water valves will be repaired or replaced. A possible bike lane from the Elementary School to the four

corners is also a possibility. The resurfaced road will consist of 3 1/2 inches of new asphalt which the DOT expects to last 10 years. There will be temporary lane closures throughout the project with the DOT working to make the project run as smoothly as possible.

Vidar Sanchez, DOT Project leader, led the discussion and reiterated several times that this project was a resurfacing project. This project has nothing to do with the issues at the four corners or the bridge project. The four corners and the bridge project are city projects.

The bridge project, located on Highway 63 near Louie's on the Lake, now looks like it won't take place until the summer of 2026. The DOT will not be resurfacing the bridge portion which will only be torn up a year later. It was said, however, when the bridge project takes place in 2026, both lanes of traffic will

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## Policy updates and coaching/staffing changes approved at December School Board meeting

The December meeting of the Cumberland Board of Education got underway at 6:00 pm on Monday, December 20th in the Middle School commons.

After dispensing with the business items, (approving minutes, paying bills and receiving income), the board moved on to the district reports. First to speak was Director of Education, Jamie Shaffer. Jamie reported that the State required ELL (English Language Learners) assessments will begin in January. These assessments measure language proficiency and help teachers determine what areas the students need more help in. The program currently has 66 students in grades 1-12. Jamie said "We are fortunate that 52 of those students have multiple years of data we can use to track their progress." The assessments rate students on a 1-7 scale with 1 being proficient and 7 having no second language skills. Jamie also explained the ongoing processes used to evaluate potential new curriculum choices. One tool used is the website ED Re-

ports (edreports.org). This site reviews and evaluates potential new curriculum and offers educators and administrators an overview to help them in their evaluation process. Jamie stressed that it was a "team decision" when it comes to adopting new curriculum in the district. Teachers and administrative staff closely review any potential changes before bringing their recommendations for the Board to review and approve.

Tami Bowman, Special Education Director, reported that their year-long IAP assessment is continuing on pace. The next step is careful oversight of the IAPs to make sure that the corrections are being implemented properly. In their program, they have eight students who are juniors and are requesting special accommodations in order to take the ACT test in the spring. Tami also thanked the district for approving the addition of a new kitchen area in the second floor classroom. Tami said they are learning valuable life skills such as recipe reading, gathering

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## Generous Donation!



The Cumberland Federal Foundation donated \$40,000 to the Cumberland Firefighters Association for the tornado storm shelter they are raising money for to be installed at Islander Park. Pictured left to right - Dave Ekenstedt, Cumberland Firefighters Association President, Barry Kuenkel, Cumberland Fire Chief and Shay Horton and Adam Skinner representing Cumberland Federal Bank.

## Northwoods Notebook: It was a wonderful return to the stage

By Larry Werner

Two years ago last week, I appeared in a Christmas play called "The Gift" at the Cumberland Arts Center. It was the last play at ETC's playhouse before the pandemic extinguished the stage lights.

Every time I walked past the old church on Second Avenue, I felt more than a

little sad. This is where I started my acting career at the advanced age of 70. I was lucky enough to get involved with ETC, Cumberland's arts council. In addition to appearing in plays, I produced events at the old church and served on the ETC board.

It was painful to see the

place that had been filled with the energy of performing arts sit empty and dark.

Then, last Thursday, the place came alive with "It's a Wonderful Life (Live Radio Version)." I played the role of stage manager/sound effects guy in this classic Christmas story of a guy named George Bailey,

whose trials convinced him he'd be better off dead than alive. His guardian angel helps him learn that he is loved and valued.

It was the perfect way to reopen.

The house was virtually full for all four performances Thursday, Friday and

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The cast from "It's a Wonderful Life" (Live Radio Version) are standing from left to right E. Dennis Zahrbock, Director Mark Nemo, Co-Director Mike Clay, Mary McCracken, Kevin Casey, Larry Werner and Al Bock. Sitting from left to right are Dan Hoffmann, Paityn Butzler, Lori Zahrbock, David Ficocello and Sharai Hefty.

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## Northwoods Notebook...

Saturday evenings and for the Sunday matinee. More than 200 people enjoyed pre-show meals from four local establishments — Bistro 63, Louie's on the Lake, Roots Coffee Co. and Peter & Annie's Coffee Shop & Café. The place was alive again, thanks in large part to a neighbor of mine who had never directed a play but directed this one after convincing the arts council board that this was the way to bring the place back to life.

E. Dennis Zahrbock told me several times over the past two years that we should do this play. I arranged a meeting for him with Lori Bock, president of ETC, and Michael Clay, the theater chair. One day last summer, at a table outside Peter & Annie's, Denny presented his idea and was told we'd do it but he would have to direct, something he had never done in his 74 years.

He had directed clients' portfolios in his role as a financial planner, but not community theater.

But he assembled a talented cast of old friends and some new ones who were veterans of the ETC

stage, including Clay, who co-directed. Denny came up with some ideas that made this performance different, such as a Norwegian accent for the lead character, George Bailey, and commercial jingles for the sponsors of this fictitious radio broadcast.

The standing ovations could have been because the performances were that good, or, more likely, because our friends and neighbors were starved for live theater after two years without it.

Looking out at the audience from my spot on the stage, listening to the laughter, watching my fellow cast members speak their lines and interact, things at the arts center seemed normal once again. But masks worn by our ushers and many in the audience were reminders that COVID is still with us and could shut this place as a new variant does its best to take the joy of life from us once again.

If it does, at least we had four days of theatrical bliss in this old man's Island City happy place.

Larry Werner's email is [lhwner47@gmail.com](mailto:lhwner47@gmail.com).



The High School Symphony Band, under the direction of Dan Hopkins, held their annual Holiday concert on Monday, December 20th, in the Elmer Beran Gymnasium at Cumberland High School.



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 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.  
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**Healthier Eating Choices for 2022**  
 Julie McCann • Instructor  
**Wednesday, January 12 • 4:30 pm • High School FAC Room**  
 With the holidays behind us it's the perfect time to get back on track. Join us and hopefully get motivated to heal, perform, and thrive! Instructor Julie McCann is a wife and mom who is passionate about fitness, nutrition, and helping educate people on the "power" of healthy lifestyle choices. Discussion will focus on: Power of Plant Foods & Simple Solutions of how to introduce more to your diet as you Make & Take four Grab & Go Lunches during this workshop. Here's how it works: Just bring: 4 Mason jars with lids (wide mouth quart size if possible); A big bowl of one prepped ingredient (4-5 cups)—all ready to serve (These are your only costs for this workshop!) Possible List of Ingredients to bring: \*spinach/variety of greens \*peas \* carrots \*beans \*tomatoes \*baby corn \*peppers \*salad dressing. To register for this fun and "healthy" event please contact: Susan Bridger CCE Director please contact: Susan Bridger CCE Director, 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or [sbrid@csdmail.com](mailto:sbrid@csdmail.com)  
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# Opinion

Merry Christmas to all. I hope everyone has a chance to get together with loved ones to celebrate this Christmas. It has been a tough year on many with all that is going on in our country and around the world. Give that special loved one an extra hug and remember what the true meaning of Christmas is. We will be spending Christmas with my folks at Woodstone Senior Living in Rice Lake. Just a small group including my brother and sister. It will be the first time in several years we have been together. With people living in different parts of the country, family plans and COVID, getting together has been tough.

With that, snow or very little, its been a slow start to the winter season. Skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and more are on hold. On a positive note, the ice is improving on our area lakes. The ice still varies greatly. The first lake I fished had six solid inches of beautiful black ice, while the second lake varied from two to four or five inches. I used a chisel to check on both lakes and am glad I did. Where there is snow drifted on the lakes, the ice is definitely thinner. Have fun but be careful out there.

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I know we have all said it, and continue to say it when we see cars with no lights on during foggy days and nights, snowstorms, etc. You don't have to have much of an imagination to know what I mean. Wednesday's are delivery days for me. Last Wednesday I had the undesirable task of driving to Amery to pick up the papers then deliver all around town, to Rice Lake and so on. I was shocked how many people didn't have their lights on. It was terrible bad out there. I guess I really shouldn't be surprised, but I passed dozens with no lights or just dim fog lights. That is seriously a "Come on Man!"

There is still time to pick up that last minute gift right here in Cumberland. Or how about some Chamber bucks that spend just like cash. Cumberland merchants sure appreciate it.

Merry Christmas!

Paul Bucher



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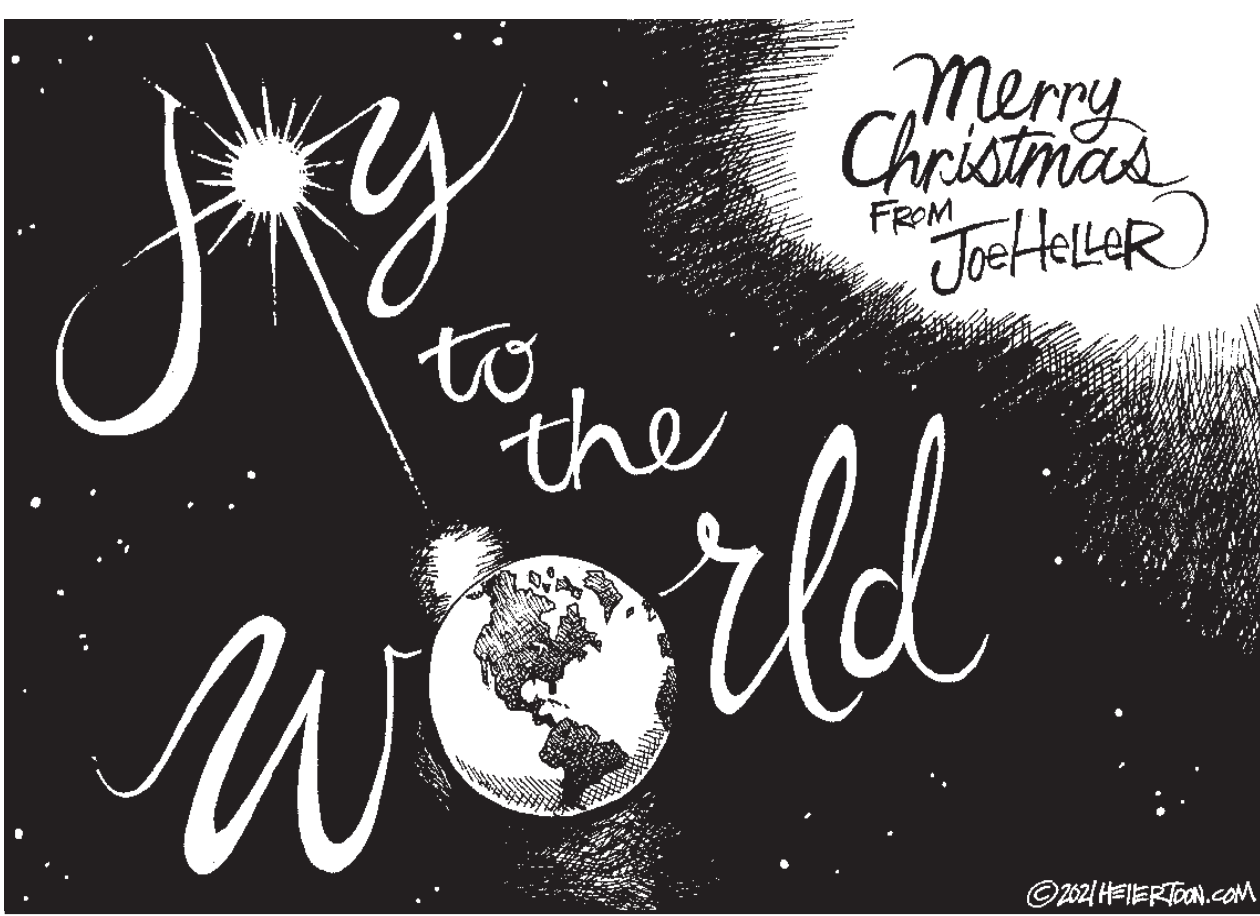
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## Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

### Wisconsin's academic R&D footprint includes energy and sustainability

By Tom Still

MADISON, WI: As universities and colleges nationwide prepare for what could be a major competition for federal research dollars, partnerships that set themselves apart from the pack may stand the best chance to emerge on top.

In Wisconsin, look for public and private academic research centers – along with their industry partners – to focus on proposed National Science Foundation "tech hubs" where home-grown expertise and innovation is deepest. Biotechnology, genomics, certain aspects of computer science and advanced manufacturing are categories in which Wisconsin colleges and universities are historically strong.

Another emerging area is sustainability, which for purposes of whatever federal R&D program eventually passes Congress may combine advanced energy technologies, biomaterials, water technology, natural resource management and generally preparing for the effects of climate change. It is spread across public and private sources. Here are some examples:

- At the UW-Madison, the Wisconsin Energy Institute, the Great Lakes Bioenergy Research Center, the engi-

neering physics programs within the College of Engineering (nuclear fission and fusion), sustainable materials research, the department of atmospheric and oceanic sciences and a mix of agricultural and natural resources programs fall into that category.

- The UW-Milwaukee School of Freshwater Sciences and the related Great Lakes Research Facility, the industry-led Water Council, the Global Water Center and various water research initiatives at Marquette University are part of the picture, as well as sustainable materials programs at both universities. The Medical College of Wisconsin conducts research and training in some aspects of disaster recovery.

- Across the UW System, universities such as Stout, Superior, Parkside, Green Bay, River Falls and Stevens Point also conduct research in some sustainability field. In fact, it's hard to find a campus that doesn't offer some program.

- Many of those colleges and universities work with private industry, which is increasingly driven by a combination of bottom-line and corporate citizenship reasons to improve sustainable practices. For many, it's just good business to stay ahead of the curve.

The challenge for academic

research centers in Wisconsin and elsewhere is to stand out in the crowd once Congress passes the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act or a related version. Assuming the NSF is the primary reviewer of tech hub proposals, it may likely pay more attention to ideas that involve collaborations with multiple partners than a host of stand-alone proposals.

That appears to be the approach being followed in Illinois, where the University of Illinois College of Engineering, IBM and state government unveiled plans for a Discovery Accelerator Institute on the Champaign-Urbana campus. Other campuses will likely be involved over time. The long-range goal in Illinois is spurring breakthroughs in areas such as quantum computing, artificial intelligence, accelerated materials discovery and sustainability.

Wisconsin has the research assets to compete, whether on sustainability, genomics, quantum computing or other NSF hub topics. Academic R&D centers in Wisconsin raised and spent \$1.66 billion from all sources, public and private, in a recent year charted by the NSF. That ranked Wisconsin 16th among all states, punching above its No. 20 weight in population.

The bulk of those dollars were raised and spent by the UW-Madison, which is 8th among all public and private universities nationally (\$1.3 billion), but the Medical College of Wisconsin attracted \$245 million, the UW-Milwaukee \$54 million and Marquette University \$38 million. Other four-year public and private colleges accounted for another \$23 million.

Not every region or state will become home for a new research hub, as they are envisioned as a way for America to reinvest in ways not seen since the end of World War II, the dawn of the space age and the genomic research surge of the 1990s. Proposals that meet the international competition challenge by leveraging the right skills and partners will be the most likely winners.

The competition is one Wisconsin can win. With the right cooperation and a minimum of regional or institutional cooperation, the state can stand out in a talented crowd.

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# A Look Back

### 10 Years Ago December 28, 2011

The fourth graders from Cumberland Elementary School donated to the Barron County Humane Society instead of exchanging gifts this year. The students were very excited about this project and were heard saying, "It was fun to pick out toys for cats! I'm glad we could help the animals." Many items were donated such as cat and dog toys, bleach, treats, leashes, collars, food and monetary donations.

The second annual Toys for Tots drive at the Cumberland Middle School was a success. Mrs. Green's homeroom put out fliers and helped remind students that this season is the perfect time of year to think of those who are less fortunate. In addition to giving, the 7th and 8th graders were also invited to the toy pick-up performed by local Marines.

### 20 Years Ago December 26, 2001

Kevin Knutson from Cumberland attended the 80th National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, GA., November 23-27. Knutson was selected to represent Barron County and was one of 75 youth representing University of Wisconsin-Extension's 4-H program at this annual event. Kevin is a freshman at University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. He was a member of the Vermilion Cruisers 4-H Club, former member of f-H Ambassadors, and past Treasurer of the 4-H Junior Leaders Association in Barron County.

### 30 Years Ago December 23, 1991

During the past two weeks, Geography Bees were held at the Junior High School and at the Elementary School. Seventh grader Joe Thunstrom, and sixth grader Zach Kreger won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at \$25,000 college scholarship. The school winners, including Joe and Zach, will now take a written test; up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state bee in March.

Edward C. Ellingson, of Cumberland, one of North America's top construction equipment operators, was among 115 contestants who participated in the Case Loader/Backhoe North American Rodeo Championship here December 14th. Ellingson qualified for the final competition by winning a local event sponsored by Miller Breadford. More than 10,000 operators participated in the 115 local tournaments.

### 40 Years Ago December 23, 1981

Cumberland DNR fish management expert, Larry Damman, found the trout stocked in Beaver Dam Lake last week. The DNR has increased the trout population by approximately 5,500 this year through its fish stocking program. Because trout stocked in Beaver Dam Lake have demonstrated a high rate of survival, the lake is high on the Wisconsin Department of Resources priority list for stocking programs. The trout are feeding on cisco and smelt.

### 50 Years Ago December 23, 1971

The Cumberland Fire Department was called to the Mark Scribner farm near Comstock shortly after 5:00 pm on Monday. A fire in the garage caused minor damage, and no one was injured during the fire.

The City of Cumberland has opened two new skating rinks at Moser Field again this year. One will be used for open skating as the program permits. There will be a city employee on duty and the warming house will be open Monday through Friday.

### 70 Years Ago December 27, 1951

A comprehensive construction and equipment project which will give Cumberland a completely modern telephone system was announced this week by Jack Benjamin, manager of the Cumberland Telephone Company. Final details are being completed with the Public Service Commission in connection with the modernization program. Mr. Benjamin said he anticipates the actual work of erecting a new building and installing automatic dial equipment will be next Spring, and will be ready for operation sometime in 1953.

### 80 Years Ago December 25, 1941

The most ingenious Christmas home lighting probably ever shown in Cumberland is at the M. E. Ritchie home this year. An electric control which operates sixteen different lighting effects and changes the scene every few seconds, makes of it the stand-out con-

tribution to this year's home lighting program. The entire display, including the controls are all home-made my Mr. Ritchie.

A parachute landing was made on the Harold Becker Farm, six miles east of Cumberland last Monday-but not by an enemy. It was one of the weather bureau's high altitude recorders that came down. It had been released at St. Paul, MN., the preceding day.

### 90 Years Ago December 24, 1931

The strong House of David Basketball team from Benton Harbor, Michigan, will contest for supremacy with the Cumberland City Quint at the High School gymnasium on Saturday evening, December 26th. The House of David players are reported to be a strong aggregation. Last season they won 70 and lost only 14 games.

**2021 WEATHER**

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow
12/14	40	15	0.00	0.00
12/15	37	31	0.00	0.00
12/16	54	27	0.40	0.00
12/17	27	4	0.03	0.06
12/18	16	5	0.00	0.00
12/19	22	4	0.00	0.00
12/20	26	12	0.00	0.00

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



# Sports

## Boys Basketball Suffers Two Tough Losses

The Cumberland Boys Basketball Team is still looking for its first win of the season after a pair of crushing defeats last week. The Beavers dropped a 46-45 decision to the Barron Bears on Thursday and then suffered a hard fought 48-46 loss to Chetek-Weyerhaeuser on Saturday. The Beavers overall record stood a 0 and 3 as they entered a Tuesday match-up in Cameron, while this Thursday they join the girl's team in a non-conference doubleheader at Grantsburg in a 7:15 pm start.

"Our kids played hard and gave us a chance to win with their effort. Barron just hit one more shot than we did," said Coach Corey Berghammer about the last second loss to the Bears on Thursday night.

Cumberland fought to take a one-point lead with three seconds left in the contest on a big three-pointer by Monty Peterson. The excitement turned to horror three seconds later, however, when the Bears took the subsequent inbounds pass hurriedly down the floor to score from the elbow at the buzzer for the one-point victory.

Jax Effertz led Cumberland with 15 points on the night, while contributing eight rebounds. David Olson and Vaughn Johnson added 10 points each in the contest, while Edward

Chafer led the Beavers with nine boards. The Beavers had five free throw attempts in the game, while converting on only two of their attempts.

Saturday, the Beavers suffered another crushing defeat in Chetek. They would lead much of the game but could not overcome a large number of fouls, which led to three of their players fouling out of the contest.

"It was a strange game from the standpoint that I have never coached a game where I had three kids foul out. We will need to learn from it and get better. Again, our kids battled through a lot of adversity and still had a chance to win. We just have to keep improving each day and it will come together," concluded Coach Berghammer.

Vaughn Johnson scored 13 points to pace the Beavers, while David Olson added nine and Freshman Gavin Gores eight. Gores added a team-high seven rebounds, while Johnson dished out three assists. The Bulldogs outscored the Beavers 13 to 10 at the free throw line, to provide the winning margin.

Cameron is 4 and 1 on the season, while Grantsburg is currently 4 and 0. Following Thursday's game, Cumberland will be off until December 29, when they play Eau Claire Regis in a Rice Lake Holiday Tournament.

## Girl's Basketball Team 4-3 entering this week

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team continues to show improvement while going 1 and 1 in a pair of HON contest last week. The team is now 4 and 3 on the season as they readied for games in Spooner on Tuesday and Grantsburg this Thursday night. The varsity game against the Pirates starts at 5:45 pm.

The loss came in Barron last Tuesday by a 46-36 score. The Bears were able to shut down Cumberland's leading scorer, Maisen Gores, to 10 points in their victory. Mecina Garibaldi picked up the offensive slack for Coach Brian Dutton with 15, but it was not enough to defeat the 2 and 3 Bears. Orion Thompson led Cumberland with eight rebounds, while Garibaldi had a team-high three assists in the loss.

Cumberland rebounded with an impressive 57-44 victory over Cameron on Friday night. Four players hit double figures for Coach Dutton, led by 21 from Gores. Garibaldi added 14, Anna Ranallo 13 and Orion Thompson 10 in a balanced attack. Gores also

controlled the boards with 13 rebounds, while Thompson had five rebounds and two assists. Anna Ranallo's strong game included hitting all five of her free throw attempts. Coach Brian Dutton had this to say about the win over Camron: "The win against Cameron was big for the girls. Cameron has a great scorer in Maddie Wall and Reyna Bertelsen made her work really hard for points. Reyna played her best all around game since I've been here. Our defense was good most of the night and this was a great team win. The best thing about the win is the girls made free throws the last two minutes of the game to put away any hopes for Camleron to come back."

On the season, Gores is averaging 20.7 points per game and Garibaldi 11.4 points per contest. Garibaldi has successfully made 36 percent of her 49 three-point attempts.

Ladysmith and St. Croix Falls remain undefeated at 5 and 0 in Conference play, while Cumberland and Hayward are tied for fifth and sixth place.

## Northwest Icemen Record 3 and 5

The Northwest Icemen Co-op Hockey Team split a pair of contest last week, losing to Hayward 3-0, but rebounding to pick up a 4-2 road victory in Holmen on Saturday. The team is now on their Christmas break before resuming action on January 6, when they host Regis/Altoona/ McDonnell at Spooner in a 7:00 pm start.

Hayward dominated last Thursday's contest with a 3-0 shutout of the Icemen. Cumberland's Connor Morrison was strong in the net,

despite the loss, stopping 36 of 39 shots by the Hurricane skaters.

The Icemen rebounded with an impressive comeback against the Avalanche in Holmen on Saturday. Trailing 2-1 after two periods, the team scored three times in period three to take an exciting road victory. Morrison took the victory between the pipes by stopping 27 of 29 shots. Cumberland's Dylan Capra also skates for the Icemen and was part of the win.



David Olson had a good night scoring 10 points in th Beavers tough last second loss to the Bears last Thursday night in Cumberland.



Vaughn Johnson goes up for 2 of his 10 points last Thursday vs Barron.



Freshman Gavin Gores goes up strong last Thursday night vs Barron. Unfortunately the Beavers lost a tough one falling to Barron by 1 point.

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12/24 Fri	9:06	2:54	9:29	3:17	07:47	04:26	9:57p	11:29a	4:15a	4:38p	
12/25 Sat	9:55	3:44	10:18	4:07	07:47	04:27	11:07p	11:50a	5:01a	5:23p	
12/26 Sun Q	10:43	4:32	11:05	4:54	07:48	04:27	No Moon	12:10p	5:45a	6:08p	
12/27 Mon	11:28	5:17	11:51	5:40	07:48	04:28	12:18a	12:30p	6:30a	6:53p	
12/28 Tue	---	6:01	12:13	6:26	07:48	04:29	1:31a	12:52p	7:17a	7:42p	

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Connor Morrison makes a save in the Icemen's win over Holmen. Photo by Alexa Morrison



# An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

## Rod Bensley/Live until you Die!

Hello friends,

Everyone reading this, and anyone that ever has over the last 32-years has, there is one thing in common we have and that is that we will all die. Death is a very uncomfortable subject for most people to speak about, especially when it is someone that is terminally ill.

Early last summer I found out that my good friend Rod Bensley of Burnett was terminally ill with prostate and rectal cancer. Rod's first diagnosis put him as a lucky man if he saw Thanksgiving and there was no way that he could be the active outdoorsman that he has been his entire life.

Simply put, the cancer is eating his bones and to walk is a chore that could be his last if he falls.

A little history about my friend is that he is 71, happily married to Wendy Vick, is a retired corrections officer, a lifelong tree climber/trimmer as a part time gig most of his adult life, and until this spring, created and ran Rooster's Run pheasant preserve on 212 acres of pure paradise in Dodge County.

Rooster's Run is how I got to know Rod and we have hit it off since day one. When I found out Rod was sick, I went to visit him and I had an incredible learning experience which everyone reading this should learn from. Live until you die, like teaming up with your wife and building a brand-new home on your property that your goal is to sleep at least one night in it or...

How about in June maybe you will be gone in September, maybe not. Rod was not gone, and we teamed up with another good friend and shot 15 Canada geese on opening day even though he was in so much pain we had to lift him off the ground after he tripped to end our hunt.

How about Rod being thankful to be able to sit on one of many food plots on his and Wendy's land and harvesting one more deer with a bow.

Rod and I talk and text often and though he has to rest because as he says it, "he hits a wall," whenever possible he is always on his beloved UTV with Wendy and his Drahthaar "Sassy" getting something done on their land.

Last week I spent three days staying with Rod and Wendy and I hunted with a muzzleloader, par-

icipated in a chukar hunt and also hunted for a day during the four-day antlerless season.

Rod wanted to do one last chukar hunt with Sassy and I was a gunner as was Jim Piry and Rod was the true bird whacker. Wendy did a lot of the working with Sassy because Rod had to make sure that he did not fall.

Our first round of eight birds I witnessed the best dog, upland bird hunting, of my life as Sassy was simply incredible. After the hunt Rod thanked all of us for letting him cross that off his bucket list but it was us that owed him the thanks.

Friends, what can I say, this man has a million of them. Three that I spent a bit of time with over the years are Keith Kneser, Jim Piry, and Randy Henken. Running a property like this is an immense, year-round task and these guys are regulars with the help and now they are simply taking charge with whatever has to be done and of course Rod is there to do what he can and Wendy jumps in and works as hard as anyone that I know.

Another name I hear almost constantly is Tyler Thiede who seems like a son to Rod especially when it comes to any type of help to keep Rod hunting and one more name would be Justin Braun.

With a rifle, Rod shot his 55th buck and is damn proud of that. Tyler, Justin and of course Wendy were there to celebrate and get it out of the woods.

Like I said on day three of my visit Wendy, Keith, Jim, Randy, Rod and myself participated in some deer drives with Wendy and Jim not carrying guns and Keith and Rod being standers. I had not seen very many deer over the last three days, and we had some hunters that had a powerful urge for some fresh venison.

Two shots were fired over the course of our drives, both were by Rod Bensley. One was a heart shot that the range finder told us was at 197-yards. The other was a heart shot that the range finder told us was at 165-yards.

We all know people that are not with us anymore and that our time is coming! Rod Bensley has taught me and hopefully a few other people to stop crying and live each moment like it is your last.

Thanks Rod! **Sunset**



Rod Bensley, Wendy Vick, Tyler Thieder and Justin Braun with Rod's 55th buck.



Rod Bensley and his drahthaar "Sassy" enjoying a chukar hunt.

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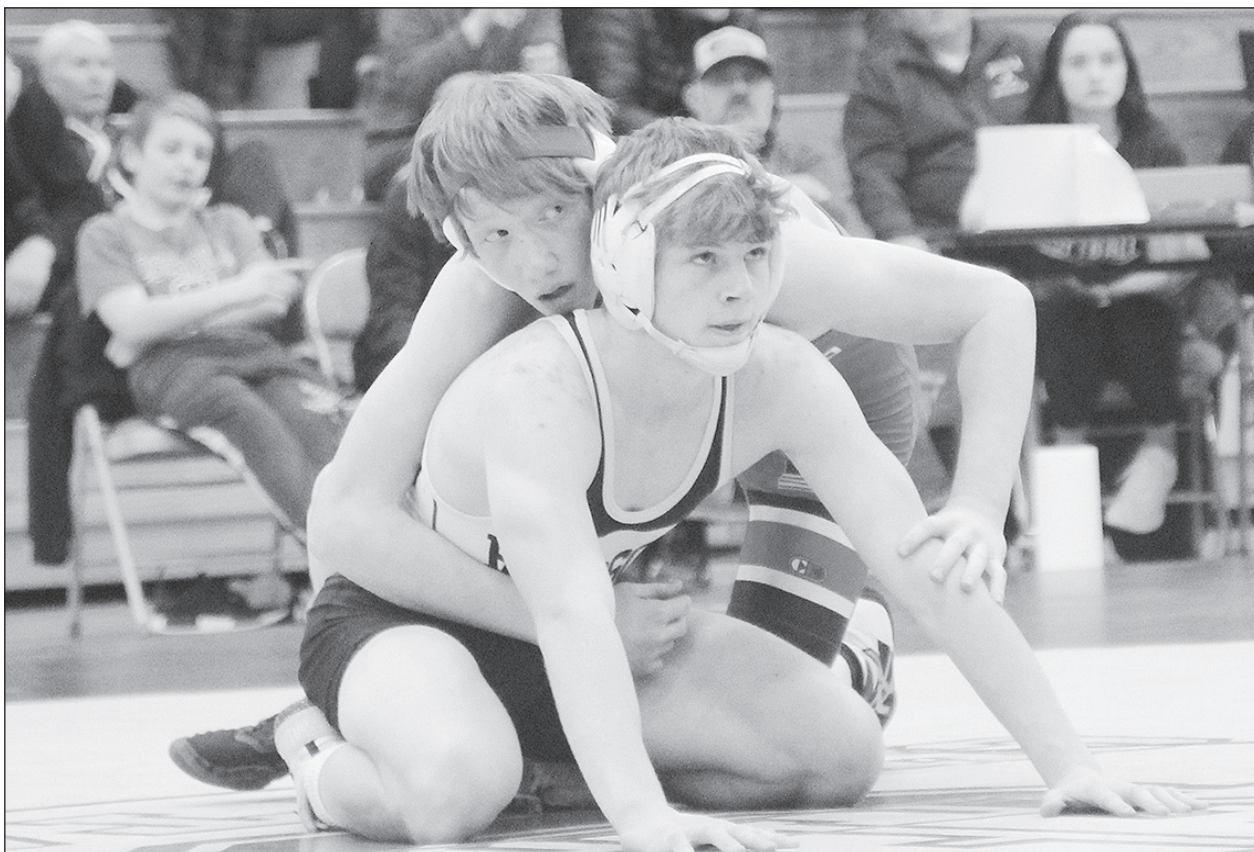
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Freshman Harrison Ruppel gets set to wrestle last Saturday in Osceola. Ruppel, and the several young Cumberland wrestlers are gaining experience which should pay dividends down the road. Photo by Lucas Simon



Jack Chafer works to gain control of his man last Saturday in Osceola. Photo by Lucas Simon.

## Cumberland's Young Wrestlers Stay Busy

After losing a dual meet to the Superior Spartans last Tuesday in Cumberland, the Beavers Wrestling Team headed to Osceola last Saturday for their Invitational. There, the Beavers defeated Neillsville and Boyceville, while losing to Clear Lake, Hudson and Osceola to finish fourth in the competition. "Our team made some big leaps forward, closing the gap on Osceola who defeated us by a much larger margin earlier this season. We fought hard in all situations and came away with some great experience. We learned that coming away with a team victory often comes down to split seconds of opportunity in individual matches," said Head Coach Justin Peterson about the day.

The victory over Clear Lake came on a tiebreaker following a 33-33 tie during the match. Cumberland moved forward in the Tournament due to less forfeits in the match. Osceola forfeited three matches, while there were two double forfeits. Cumberland received pins from Dawson Johnson

and Gabe Erickson in the win along with a decision from Noah Hile.

The victory over Boyceville came by a 48-17 score. Johnson had another pin for the Beavers as did Jack Owens, Harrison Ruppel, Ty Kiekoffer, Josh Simon and Cooper Schramski. It was Cumberland's second dual victory over the Bulldogs this winter.

The losses came to Neillsville 43-12, Osceola 39-36, and Hudson 68-11. Johnson would go undefeated on the day, however, logging a third pin, and a major decision to go along with a forfeit. There were several other good performances for Coach Peterson, including a four-win day for Noah Hile.

"We weren't far away from a third-place finish. We look forward to hosting Barron on Tuesday and our trip to the Northern Badger Tournament on Dec 29 and 30. This will give us another opportunity to move forward. We have lots of guys hungry to compete and be part of a growing program," commented Peterson.

## Sports Calendar Thursday, Dec. 23

- Hockey @ Menomonie 1:00
- Girls BB @ Grantsburg 5:45
- Boys BB @ Grantsburg 7:15
- Tuesday, Dec. 28**
- Hockey @ Tomahawk 4:00
- Wednesday, Dec. 29**
- Wrestling @ River Falls 7:00
- Hockey @ Tomahawk 10:00
- Boys BB @ Rice Lake 5:00
- Girls BB @ Spring Valley 7:15

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# Sports Look Back, December 23, 1971

The Cumberland Beavers continued to roll to their showdown with Chetek as they beat Ladysmith last Friday night 80-53. The Beavers, who are undefeated for the season, will meet the Chetek Bulldogs in the local gym in what could be the big game of the year in the Heart O' North Conference. Chetek-like the Beavers- is undefeated and the two teams share the top spot in the conference.

The Beavers had little trouble with Ladysmith despite the fact that they

couldn't pull away from the Lumberjacks until the third period. And once again, it was a great defensive show by the Beavers. In addition, to a fine defense, great rebounding by Steve King and Roger Thompson contributed to the cause. King had 11 off the boards and Thompson had eight.

While the Beavers outscored the Jacks from the floor, 31 to 24, they were excellent from the free throw line. They hit 18 out of 20- for 90 percent. In addition, they aided their cause with

precision play that resulted in only six personal fouls being called on them for the entire evening.

Ladysmith opened the scoring with less than a minute gone and led 2-0. Roger Thompson knotted the count just seconds later. After a 4-4 tie, King put through a free throw to give the Beavers a 5-4 lead- a lead they never relinquished after that. With about four minutes gone, Sam Donatelle hit a three pointer and the Beavers were out in front by seven, 13-6. King

picked up a second personal in the period and he was switched to the outside and had good luck from there. At the end of the period, the Beavers were out in front by seven, 21-14.

Although the Lumberjacks outscored the Beavers by one in the second period, 19-18, the Beavers went into the dressing room at the half with a six point margin, 39-33.

That good Beaver defense really proved itself in the third period when they held Ladysmith to just

six points while scoring 19 themselves. As the quarter developed, they pulled further and further ahead. The quarter ended with the Beavers out in front 58-39.

The fourth period was more of the same as the Beavers rolled to a 27 point win, 80-53, in their highest scoring binge of the year.

Steve King once again paced the local attack with 28 points, Sam Donatelle 18 points, Brad Curtis with 15 and Mark Nelson with 12.

## SCOREBOARD Bowling ...

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Week 11 - End of first half  
TEAM STANDINGS

- 1) Club Med
- 2) Cumberland Bus
- 3) Bourbon's
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INDIVIDUAL GAME:

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- 2) Mark Peichel 181
- 3) Kris Zappa 180
- 4) Jordan Peichel 179
- 5) Don Donatell 167

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- 1) Don Donatell 487
- 2) Mark Peichel 478
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Week 15  
1st Place  
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2nd Place  
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3rd Place  
Judy Olson 11\*  
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# Youth Girls Basketball



**3rd & 4th Grade Team:** (Pictured Left to Right) Row 1: Christine Severson, Jordyn Melichar, Kori Rasmussen, Molly Peterson, and Lydia Gramberg. Row 2: Dia Springer, Lucy Ruppel, Ashlyn Johnson, Alexa Anderson, Stella Skinner and Lucy Bickle. Row 3: Tatum Hedke, Olivia Hopinka, Kaitiin Johnson, Brooklyn Nybeck, Emily Wenzel & Riley Majewski.



**6th Grade Team:** (Pictured Left to Right) Back row: Coach Robert Ruppel, Brilynn Maudal, Abbigail Schultz, Liliana Murphy, Daleya Bleske, and Coach Chad Schultz. Front row: Lia Piedrahita, Wren Ruppel, Kennedy Campbell and Avery Johnson.



**5th Grade Team:** (Pictured Left to Right) Back Row: Coach Amanda Wells, Grace Flottum, Brianna Wells, Kaleigh Bleifus, and Coach Josh Anderson. Middle Row: Jovina Skinner, Jordyn Olson, Maci Anderson-Werner, and Andi Olson. Front: Hailey Paulson.



**7th Grade Team:** (Pictured Left to Right) 4th row: MaKenzie Tahtinen, Raegan Beecroft, and Nautica Ruppel. 3rd row: Kaylee Jackson and Presli Butzler. 2nd row: Coach Jamie Shaffer, Brooke Pittman, Addison Shaffer, Willow Franc and Coach Tim Butzler. 1st row: Greta Weaver and Olivia Villarreal.

## Youth Girls Basketball compete in League Championship *by Kathleen Murphy*

The Cumberland Girls Basketball Association's 5th, 6th, and 7th grade teams traveled to Spring Valley on December 18th to participate in the Badger North League Championship tournament.

It was an exciting weekend for all involved. The 5th grade girls, coached by Amanda Wells and Josh Anderson, kicked off the tournament for Cumberland with two impressive victories (one coming down to double overtime) and a close loss. The girls ended up taking 3rd place overall out of ten teams in the 5th grade division.

The 6th grade team,

coached by Robert Ruppel and Chad Schultz, followed suit and also picked up two wins over Elmwood/Plum City, 25-12 and Clear Lake, 16-15. They narrowly lost to Spring Valley by a score of 18-16. Out of eight 6th grade teams, Cumberland took 3rd in the tournament.

The 7th grade team, coached by Tim Butzler and Jamie Shaffer, also had a great showing at championships. In their first game, they dominated Glenwood City from the beginning and won by a score of 22-13. They lost a tough one to Clear Lake, 18-12. Cumberland took 2nd place out of five teams in the 7th grade

division.

The 8th grade team, coached by Kyle Peterson, Justin Willcox and Rosemary Schell, unfortunately had to miss out on the last tournament but it should be noted they had an impressive season as well.

The 3rd/4th grade team, coached by Lorne Majewski and Monty Peterson, did an outstanding job all season. They are too young for tournament play but judging from their games/scrimmages this season,

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main open so the impact to local businesses and traffic flow should be minimal. Information on the project will be available through press releases as well as on the website <https://dot2016-auth-prod.wi.gov/Pages/projects/by-region/nw/us-63cumberland/default.aspx>. This was just the initial meeting with more meetings to follow.

In the public comment period of the meeting, Mayor Bert Skinner was the first to speak. Mayor Skinner wanted to note that the four corners project was a separate project. It is not tied in with the DOT project. Next to speak was First Ward Alderman Steve Anderson asked about "bump outs." Bump outs are basically an enlarged sidewalk at intersections. The purpose is for public safety and wheelchair accessibility. Steve wanted to know how many parking spots would be affected. Sanchez stated only a very few parking spots would be eliminated and that they would be on side streets. Todd Roeschlein spoke on behalf of Ardisam. Roeschlein wanted to know if alternate routes were

available for 8th Avenue traffic. Todd stated over 50 trucks a day are in and out of their warehouses, and that number is only going to increase. Plus, he stated with the school buses and sporting events, it's going to be an issue. Again, Sanchez spoke for the DOT and said they do not recommend alternate routes. It is hard on the roads but they would pass along the concerns.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Skinner spoke out on the same area, stating the turn lane between Kwik Trip and 8th Avenue is very dangerous. Vehicles turning in opposite directions are using the middle turn lane. Steve Mann, from the Cumberland School District echoed the same sentiments that that intersection is very dangerous. It's fortunate that there have been no fatalities at 8th Avenue and Highway 63. Again, Sanchez said he would pass along concerns and recommend filling out concern forms and turning them in.

Another issue discussed was the area near Louie's Finer Meats. Todd Roeschlein spoke again, and stated that area is extreme-

ly dangerous. There have been numerous accidents. It seems, like we are putting a band aid on the situation. Alderman Laursen also spoke, saying getting out of Jeffrey Blvd is terrible. Also when the state took out one entrance to Louie's, it made the problem worse. Once again, Sanchez stated he would pass along concerns, but this project is a resurfacing project, not a planning project. Mayor Skinner also stated he would like to see the DOT be proactive with these concerns. We don't want people skirting town and using side streets because traffic is such a hassle. We want the traffic downtown to our businesses.

The cost of the project will be covered 80% by the Federal Government, and 20% by the State.

In the spring of 2022, complete preliminary plans and the right of way plan, will be completed along with the beginning of Real Estate Acquisitions.

The spring of 2024 will bring finalized plans with construction in the summer of 2025.

# Firefighter Of The Year!



Jeff Clark has been named Cumberland Fire Department Firefighter of the year for 2021. The Fire District used a different process this year in that, in the past, the firefighter of the year was chosen by the officers. This year it was put it to a vote of the members and Jeff came out on top by a wide margin. This is an indication of how well Jeff is thought of by his peers. Jeff has stepped forward many times to help with special projects, help teach folks or to drive our fire apparatus and help make repairs on our equipment and building. He is always ready to lend a hand for whatever needs doing. Jeff is a prime example that one can be a leader without having a title. Congratulations Jeff! Your efforts are appreciated. Receiving 25 years of service pins were Brian Paffel, Charlie Carlson and Dean Bergstrom. Receiving 10 year service pins were Dave Ekenstedt, Greg Weaver, Marty Schramski, Brad Fox and Cory Nelson. Thanks to all of you for your years of service to the community.



The friendly Grinch made an appearance at Peter and Annie's last Saturday morning. Kids and grown-ups alike had a great time with many fun activities and tasty treats.

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# Love Lights

Lights on the Love Light Tree, Tree of Hope and the Tree of Light are a special way to remember, honor loved ones and recognize Cumberland Healthcare First Responders and all hospital and clinic staff.

## REMEMBERING THE LIGHTS ON THE LOVE LIGHT TREE IN MEMORY OF:

- |                            |                          |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Shirley Beissel            | Edna Holmes              |
| Judy Bellefeuille          | Bob Howe                 |
| Larry Bellows              | Ethel Huerth             |
| Marvel & Lawrence Bergmann | Forest Huerth            |
| Nancy Bergmann             | Mathias Huerth           |
| William (Bill) Bergmann    | Cheryl Jaastad           |
| John & Francis Bonneville  | Helen Johnson            |
| Carol Whitt Borrman        | Wilbur Johnson, Jr.      |
| William C. Borrman         | Baby Jordan              |
| Arnold Braun               | Betty Knowles            |
| Bernard Braun              | Dale Knutson             |
| Charlie Braun              | Lester & Ellen Knutson   |
| Muriel Bryans              | Glen L. Ludy             |
| Philip R. Bryans           | Albin & Marie Lundervold |
| Arnold Butzler             | Linda Moore              |
| Raymond Butzler            | Florence Munchow         |
| Dick & Mary Carlson        | Adolph & Lilly Mysicka   |
| Bernice & Tony Cifaldi     | Don & Ann Nelson         |
| Bev Cook                   | Debra Niebuhr            |
| Tom Craine                 | Dave & Patricia Niebuhr  |
| Jack & Kal Denver          | Niel Nielsen             |
| Brady & John DeRosia       | Hallie Nordhagen         |
| Edgar Duncan Family        | Ed Norton                |
| Lois Edwards               | Dora Oxborrow            |
| Kathy Effertz              | Gordon Oxborrow          |
| George Forejt              | Vernon & Hazel Nystrom   |
| Joanna Forejt              | Dawn Peichel             |
| Don & Arlene Fransen       | Frank Peichel            |
| Diana Friday               | Mike Perkins             |
| Doris Hazen                | Janice Zappa Peterson    |
| Marilyn Heggstad           | Larry Robertson          |

- Dorothy Ruff
- The Savina Family
- Ken & Irene Rohl
- Krista Schiebel
- Linda Schiebel
- Barbie Sturgal
- Denny Sturgal
- Yoda Tiger
- Art & Myrtle Thompson
- Doug & Doris Thompson
- Joseph Vinopal
- Dan White
- Angelo & Margaret Zappa Family
- Hermie & Betty Zappa

## REMEMBERING THE LIGHTS ON THE TREE OF HOPE:

## IN RECOGNITION OF CANCER DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT

- Alan DeDominces
- Sharon Woods
- Joan Zappa
- All those affected by cancer

## IN HONOR OF CANCER SURVIVORS:

Linda Duncan

## IN MEMORY OF CANCER PATIENTS:

- John Dean DeRosia
- Mike Ennis
- Craig Greener
- Tom Mysicka

## IN MILITARY APPRECIATION:

- Richard DeDominces
- Terry Manke
- Charles Zappa

## IN THANKS:

- Cumberland Healthcare
- Marshfield Hospital Cancer Unit
- Jill Ranallo
- Organ Transplant Doctors
- All Healthcare First Responders
- All Cumberland Healthcare Staff

Thank you to all those who recognized the first responders, hospital & clinic staff of Cumberland Healthcare. Let the Tree of Light shine proudly!

