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Cumberland School District to host Annual Northern Lights Marching Classic September 10

The Cumberland School District will host the annual Northern Lights Marching Classic on Saturday, September 10th at Endeavor Stadium starting at 6:45 p.m. This year, eight outstanding bands from Wisconsin and Minnesota will compete for the coveted Northern Lights Grand Champion Trophy. Judges from all across the Midwest will evaluate each group in the areas of Music, Marching, Colorguard, and Percussion. Schools participating this year are St. Croix Falls, Baldwin-Woodville, Merrill, Chippewa Falls, River Falls, Hudson, Irondale and of course the hometown band, Cumberland.

The 2022 Cumberland High School Marching Band show, entitled "Hope?" takes place in a society besieged by despair and destruction. In this bleak world, a small flicker of hope remains. Repertoire includes It's a Wonderful World, by Louis Armstrong and Over the Rainbow by Harold Arlen.

The Cumberland High School Marching Band is in its 26th year of competitive field show marching; with

the goal of challenging students musically while teaching authentic life skills. In realizing these goals CHS students have established a standard of excellence, winning fourteen Wisconsin State Championships.

Section Leaders for the 2022 marching band are Diana Trevino, Maddy Monchilovich, Yadhira Noyola, Wyatt Hanson, Josh Helstern, Vaughn Johnson, Briggitta Maas, Braeden Brown, Carter Grant, Ivy Sweeney, Sarah Marve Whyte, Josh Jain, Taylor Doolittle, and Julia Oduor. Colorguard Captains are Camille Bohn and Kyla Gosda. The Drum Major is Indira Rodriguez.

This is the Marching Classic is sponsored by the Cumberland School District, Louie's Finer Meats, Don Johnson Motors, Anderson's Pure Maple Syrup, Woodland Signs, Growing Wishes Greenhouse, and Nilssen's Foods.

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the gate beginning at 5:30 p.m. General admission is \$10.00 or \$5.00 for students and senior citizens. Children under the age of 5 are free.

DHS Expands Access to COVID-19 Self-Tests

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is launching an online program for Wisconsinites to get free at-home rapid COVID-19 tests delivered directly to them. Starting today, Wisconsin residents can go to the Say Yes! COVID Test website and place an order for a package of five rapid antigen COVID-19 tests at no cost. Initial supplies will allow each household to order

one package that will arrive in 1-2 weeks.

"It is critical for Wisconsinites to have access to a COVID-19 test when they need one, and this program delivers tests right to their door," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake. "We encourage all Wisconsin households to have COVID-19 self-tests on hand to protect themselves and those around them."

The Butkeraites Family; A Skelly Station and Much More

by Mark R. Fuller

Born in Germany, Herman and Margaret "Betzel" Butkeraites joined their many other countrymen who came to America in the 19th Century. Economic reasons were the most common motivation for German-speaking immigrants, whose dream was to have their own land and become financially independent. Many who could afford the expensive journey went to the American frontier states, such as Wisconsin.

Living first in St. Paul, Herman and Margaret came to Cumberland in 1828, where they ran a farm East of town. In September of 1936, they sold their farm and purchased a corner of ground from A.B. Eckland on HWY 63, where Odden Flowers stands today.

By 1936, the U.S. auto industry was producing 4.4 million passenger cars and

trucks a year and working its way out of the Great Depression. The Butkeraites saw an economic opportunity as Herman built a home with a filling station in the front through their kitchen door. This was the beginning of Cumberland's Skelly Station.

The automobile was allowing people to travel at a greater rate and further distances. Seeing this, Herman and Margaret decided to put up cabins next to their Skelly Station. The one large and five smaller cabins drew many tourist from the Chicago and Twin Cities area. They became very popular and the Advocate would say of them, "When tourist come, they can't find a nicer place to stay."

The tourist who fished our lakes could get their worm and minnow needs

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Never Forgotten Honor Flight Donation!



Barron Electric donated \$15,945 to Never Forgotten Honor Flight from proceeds raised at the Chris Kroeze concert at Barron's Music in the Park, as well as donations from the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department and matching donations from the Federated Youth Foundation and Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program. Pictured are Tim Kessler, Barron Electric Director and Army Veteran; Mike Romsos, Barron Maple Grove Fire Chief; Bill Huiras, Barron Electric Member and Army Veteran; Jim Campbell, Never Forgotten Honor Flight and Marine Veteran, and Dave Peterson, Barron Electric employee and Army Veteran.

Working Together to Raise Nearly \$16,000 for Honor Flight Participants

Barron Electric Cooperative donated nearly \$16,000 to Honor Flight from proceeds raised at the Chris Kroeze concert at Barron's Music in the Park, as well as donations from the Barron Maple Grove Fire Department (BMGFD) and matching donations from the Federated Youth Foundation and Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program. This is the second year that Barron Electric has partnered

with Chris Kroeze and the BMGFD. Together, they have raised over \$34,000 and have sent 68 Veterans to Washington D.C.

Never Forgotten Honor Flight, a not-for-profit organization, consists of dedicated volunteers providing Veterans with respect, gratitude and honor, by flying them free of charge to Washington D.C. to visit their memorials. There are Barron Electric members

on the Honor Flight waiting list, and Barron Electric looks forward to sponsoring them. Barron Electric Member Bill Huiras had the opportunity to experience the Never Forgotten Honor Flight in 2019, an experience he will always remember. Bill served in the Army from 1950-1952 and was stationed in North Korea. While there, he worked with electricity and generators. He said that his favorite part

about the Honor Flight was the reception he received when he arrived home. He remarked, "It was a beautiful trip; I really enjoyed it."

Veterans from the Merchant Marines, WWII, Korea, or Vietnam can complete an online application at neverforgottenhonorflight.com/application to sign up for the Honor Flight. For more information, please contact 715-573-8519.

That's The Spirit!



Cumberland Beaver super fans Rollie and Pat Tyo enthusiastically welcomed back students on the first day of school Thursday, September 1st across from the high school on Eighth Avenue. Pictured in the back row are from left Cumberland Schools Superintendent Dr. Bary Rose and Cumberland Schools Business Manager Steve Mann

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