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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

*"Pretty" Big Mess!*

*Perfect Snowman Snow!*



A Barron Electric crew member works to restore power after last week's storm cause widespread power outages.

## Major Storm Hammers Area; Thousand Left Without Power

Last week's big snowstorm, which dumped over 20 or so inches of snow started early Wednesday, December 14th, caused numerous problems including power outages affecting over 56,000 people, according to Xcel Energy. Damaged power lines from heavy snow and broken tree limbs were the main problems.

Barron Electric had more than 9,000 members without power that took several days to repair. Senator Elect Romain Robert Quinn

called on Governor Evers last Friday to declare a State of Emergency in response to the severe winter storms that affected thousands in Northern Wisconsin. Quinn stated in a letter sent to Governor Evers, "The wet and heavy snow coupled with high winds, has damaged infrastructure and left many without power and heat. This is a dangerous situation. There are reports of plow trucks getting stuck as they work to clear roads" are some of what Quinn stated to Governor Evers.

As we put this paper together we are preparing for yet another storm due to hit Wednesday and last into the weekend. Be as prepared as possible and be safe out there. The following is a press release from Barron Electric:

More than 90 workers assisted Barron Electric Cooperative crews with restoration efforts. Crews began restoration efforts on the evening of Wednesday, December 14, into Thursday morning and continued

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## December School Board Meeting Wraps Up a Successful 2022

by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland School Board held their monthly meeting on December 16, concluding their business for 2022. Their next scheduled meeting is set for January 23. With no one asking to speak, the Board moved immediately into the action items.

The Board first approved

## "The Island City Prepares for a 1936 Christmas" By Mark R Fuller

The signs of an impending Christmas were everywhere in Cumberland as the December 3, 1936 Advocate told of the recently placed evergreen arches and holiday wreaths that could be found along the entirety of Main Street. The article would go on to say, "The strings and colored lights go

to make up a festive dress for the city." The greens were purchased through donations from the businessmen and were hung by the City Water and Light Department.

The article would include a warning. "The department has become aware of boys with air rifles testing their

marksmanship on the colored light bulbs and strongly urges that such behavior is not conducive to the spirit of Christmas."

A second article in the paper that week offered another opportunity to prepare for the holidays. It told of a "Christmas Gift Style

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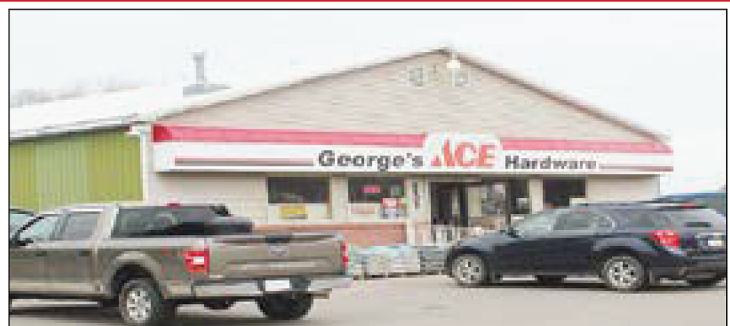
Wren and Ralph got outside the house and built a snowman (with a little help from mom) taking advantage of last weeks heavy wet snowstorm. The storm caused havoc but was enjoyed by kids. I guess that's what is supposed to happen. Merry Christmas to all!

## Lending A Helping Hand!



Cumberland Police Officer Dylan Feiertag and Chief of Police Heather Wolfe worked up a sweat helping clean sidewalks last Thursday morning on Main Street. The heavy snow caused quite the mess cancelling school and causing power outages throughout Northwest Wisconsin and beyond. Looks like more is in the forecast. Be safe out there!

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The annual meeting of members of the Cumberland Baseball Association, Inc. will be held on **Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7 pm.** Upstairs at Nezy's. Public input welcome.

**Cumberland Baseball Association, Inc.**

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Monday, December 26 • CLOSED  
Saturday, December 31 • 8 am - 4 pm  
Sunday, January 1 • CLOSED  
Monday, January 2 • CLOSED

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**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, December 22**  
7:40-8:10 am 4K BASE meeting • 5:45-9:15 pm CHS Girls & Boys DH BB Home vs Grantsburg • 7-9:00 pm CHS Boys Hockey at DC Everest

**Friday, December 23**  
No School - Christmas Vacation • Middle School Gym Closed for Resurfacing

**Saturday, December 24**  
No School - Christmas Vacation • Middle School Gym Closed for Resurfacing • CCE: 1:00-3:00 pm Pickle Ball

**Sunday, December 25**  
No School - Christmas Vacation • Middle School Gym Closed for Resurfacing • CCE: 6-7 pm Men's Basketball • 6:30-8:30 pm Open ES Gym for Soccer

**Monday, December 26**  
No School - Christmas Vacation • Middle School Gym Closed for Resurfacing • 12-2 pm HS Boys V/JV BB practice • 4-5:30 pm HS Girls BB practice • CCE: 4:30-5:30 pm Choose Fit (bench step)

**Tuesday, December 27**  
No School - Christmas Vacation • Middle School Gym Closed for Resurfacing • 8-10 am HS Boys BB Practice (V/JV) • 10-11:30 am HS Girls BB practice • CCE: 7:30-10 pm Adult Volleyball

**Wednesday, December 28**  
No School - Christmas Vacation • Middle School Gym Closed for Resurfacing • 8-10 am HS Boys BB practice (V/JV) • 6-8 pm CHS Girls V BB at Bayfield • CCE: 4:30 pm Choose Fit (Bench Step) • 6-7 pm Men's Basketball • 6-8 pm Pickle Ball

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**SCHOOL LUNCH**

Lunch menu includes assorted fresh vegetables, salad bar, fresh fruit and 1/2 pt. milk. Menu is subject to change due to vendor availability.

**Thursday, December 22**  
Christmas Dinner: Ham, cheesy hash brown, dinner roll, broccoli, ice cream. MS/HS: Pizza

**Friday, December 23**  
No School.

**Monday, December 26**  
Christmas Vacation.

**Tuesday, December 27**  
Christmas Vacation.

**Wednesday, December 28**  
Christmas Vacation.

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**Hike/Snowshoe Events 2022-2023 Dates Announced!**

@ 10 am each date

⇒ 01/21/23 Explore Beaver Dam/Cumberland w/Lori Hopkins (meet East of Cumberland @ landing just West of the brush dump)

⇒ 02/04/23 Luminary with Scott & Colleen Johnson @ Firefly Fields (Time TBA)

⇒ 02/11/23 Hike the Timberland Lighted Trail with Pam Baker

⇒ 03/04/23 River Doc Trails with Claire Janty (Watch and listen for more exact information and directions as the date draws near)

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS? Please contact: Susan Bridger CCE Director sbrid@csdmail.com / 715-822-5121 ext. 403



# Northwoods Notebook: Why do we endure the pain of football?

By Larry Werner

Every year about this time, I tell myself this football-watching has to stop. Every Sunday, and some Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, I settle down in my recliner to watch the Vikings, who, year after year, disappoint.

And if I had converted to Packerism when I moved to Wisconsin, it would be the same: Big hopes for a great year, maybe the Super Bowl, and the hopes are dashed, sending the fan into a Sunday funk.

I come by this gridiron disappointment honestly, having grown up in Michigan watching the Detroit Lions, who, year after year, are one of the worst teams in the National Football League. As a young boy, I remember sitting on the living room floor in front of the black-and-white television for the Sunday Lions game. I remember cheering the team to victory in the 1957 NFL championship game.

That was the last championship the Lions won — 65 years ago. Since then, the team has won just one play-off game, has never appeared in the Super Bowl (which didn't exist in 1957), but I followed that team until I moved to Minnesota in 1983. I switched my loyalties to the Vikings, who, it seemed, never lost to the Lions.

So, beginning in 1983, and continuing until now, my Sunday afternoon malaise is caused by watching the Vikings, who have been in a few Super Bowls but never won the big game. The team from a relatively small town in Wisconsin has won four.

Despite Green Bay's greater success over the years, I haven't switched my support since moving to Wisconsin almost nine years ago. I'm able to get the Viking games on my TV in Cumberland, hunkering down each week to watch this team that will never fail to disappoint, even when they started this season with 11 wins and three losses.

I sit in my easy chair, but can't relax, feeling my muscles tighten with every run that is short of a first down, every run by the opponent that makes it to the first-down line, each pass that sails past the hands of a Viking receiver and each opponent pass

caught with no Viking defender within 10 yards.

In a season when almost all of the Minnesota wins were by just a few points, almost all in the closing seconds, I write in pain for three hours, using language that isn't suitable for the Sabbath, and, after the final whistle, text my Viking-loving friend, Lori Bock, who is writhing at her home, with our weekly lie: "Never a doubt."

Of course, there were doubts aplenty during the entire three hours of agony.

Last Sunday might have been the worst. After the Vikings, playing the mediocre Indianapolis Colts, fell behind by 33-0 at the half, I texted Lori: "Are you watching this crap?"

Not wanting to admit she has intentionally subjected herself to this nonsense again, she replies: "We were having lunch so I was trapped in the same room as the TV."

Then the Purple and Gold, as the team is known, came out for the second half and started scoring. With just minutes left, the team tied the Colts, putting the game into overtime.

"Hate overtime," Lori texted. "Heart rate 84."

"Heart stopped twice," I responded.

"Only twice?" Lori asked. "Still feel my heart pounding."

With three seconds left in overtime, after our quarterback had thrown two interceptions and our star running back fumbled after a long run, and the refs made three calls against the Vikings that the TV commentators said were wrong, our kicker actually made a game-winning field goal.

It was the biggest comeback in the history of the National Football League. The front-page headline in the Sunday Minneapolis paper read: "From humbug to hal-lelujah."

Yes, the Vikings won, but was watching this historic game worth the pain and profanity? Will I be watching on Christmas Eve when this perpetually-disappointing team plays the New York Giants?

Never a doubt. Larry Werner's email is lh-werner47@gmail.com.

# Donation!



HUGE thank you to Ryan Standaert with Peter and Annie's Coffee Shop and Cafe, Pendleton Pawn and Get'er Gone Auctions for donating \$2,500 to help fund the first year of our new (coming soon) Flock Safety Cameras! We appreciate the donation very much and hope these cameras will help make the City of Cumberland an even safer place to live.

# Snowfall is causing many problems!



Last weeks heavy snowfall caused major issues throughout Northwest Wisconsin and beyond. Pictured here a pine tree fell across County Hwy H Saturday morning December 17th.



## PUZZLE

ACROSS  
1. Clumsy person  
4. Hang open  
8. Wild attempt

12. Wheaton of "Neverland"  
13. Destruction  
14. Opera highlight

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- 15. Teaches
  - 17. Artillery
  - 18. Garlic feature
  - 19. Fangs
  - 20. Certain skirts
  - 23. Shed tears
  - 25. Neck and neck
  - 26. Leak
  - 27. Physique, shortly
  - 30. Teetertotter
  - 32. Precede
  - 34. What bit Cleopatra
  - 35. Inclination
  - 37. Crown of light
  - 38. Easter edible
  - 39. More extensive
  - 40. General tendency
  - 44. Achieve
  - 46. Rant and \_\_\_\_
  - 47. Bystander
  - 51. Pupil surrounder
  - 52. Correct text
  - 53. Historic period
  - 54. Hide
  - 55. Classify
  - 56. But
- DOWN
- 1. Have bills
  - 2. Assistance
  - 3. Winter ill
  - 4. Alums
  - 5. Motorcar
  - 6. Puncture
  - 7. Nanny has three
  - 8. Stuffing herb
  - 9. Faithful
  - 10. "\_\_\_\_ That a Shame"
  - 11. Crushing blow
  - 16. Nickels, e.g.
  - 19. Memo error
  - 20. Small plateau
  - 21. Currier and \_\_\_\_
  - 22. Profound
  - 24. Game callers
  - 26. Guzzle
  - 27. Rosary part
  - 28. Gawk at
  - 29. Revolving \_\_\_\_
  - 31. Slumbering
  - 33. Horned mammal, briefly
  - 36. List of activities
  - 39. Penned
  - 40. Voyage
  - 41. Hard to find
  - 42. Sinful
  - 43. Robin's roost
  - 45. Touched ground
  - 47. Byron's above
  - 48. Crucial
  - 49. Sooner than, to a bard
  - 50. Snitch

## Sudoku Puzzle #4151-D

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# Opinion

I couldn't think of a more appropriate column for this week. Merry Christmas Everyone. I miss you dad!  
Paul



## For What It's Worth

By Craig Bucher

It is Christmas 1986 and another year has almost passed into history. Shakespeare once commented that man struts his foolish hour on the stage and then is seen no more. How true. This will be a different Christmas in our household. It is the first Christmas that my father won't be here. He passed away this past July 31. Sharon, my wife, lost her father some 10 years ago. It seems so strange.

Ben Franklin suggested we don't know the worth of water until the well is empty. I guess I really did not truly appreciate the wonderful man I had as a father until he was gone. My father wasn't famous, he never made bunches of money. He never wrote a famous novel, play or book. He never invented a "better mouse trap." That really doesn't make any difference. He was a good man.

My dad was a good husband, a good father, a good provider and a good friend. I remember how he helped me pass two college Latin courses. He was an excellent Latin scholar. I would get my assignment on Monday during class and he faithfully came to our little apartment on Tuesday night to help me study for Wednesday's class. The scene would be repeated on Thursday night in preparation for Friday's class and again on Sunday night for Monday's class. I have no idea how many hours he spent trying to drill Latin into my thick skull. I don't know how many times I can, in my mind's eye, still hear him say, - "Butch, how can you be so dumb?" With his effort he earned "C's" and "B's" in two years of college Latin for me. Without that help I would have never received a BA from Macalester College.

I can't fix anything electrical or I can't do any plumbing. He could and many times he rewired or repaired bad switches or leaky faucets.

When Sharon and I first got married and the dollars were scarce, Dad was always there. When we moved to St. Paul and could not get into the house we bought we were able to stay with Mom and Dad. When we needed help with painting in several houses, Dad helped.

The memories go on and on. It will be a different Christmas.

I remember Sharon's father, "Shorty". He was a big man over 6'4" and a star athlete at Luther College. I remember all of the time we spent fishing together at Lake Minnewaska. I remember Shorty coming to watch me play baseball in an town league in Northern Minnesota. But best of all I remember Shorty as he played with our children. He loved kids. He would throw the football in the back yard, pitch the baseball by the hour or read stories to them as they sat on his lap.

These are precious memories. I am sure that all of you, as you sit down to Christmas dinner this year, will have precious memories of someone who is no longer sitting at the table. I once heard a sermon entitled "Send Them the Flowers Now." The sermon talked about funerals. About how most funerals have lots of flowers sent from friends, organizations and family in honor of the deceased. The sermon went on to point out that at every wake or visitation the pastor attended he heard people talk about what a wonderful person (John or Mary) was. "Why you could always count on John or Mary. (He or She) would give you the shirt off their backs. We sure are going to miss (John or Mary)." After listing several of these examples he paused and asked - "Why not send them the flowers now?" Why not tell someone how much we appreciate them. Why not tell our fathers or mothers how much we love them. Why not say thanks for all that they have done for us? Why not tell them how good it is to have them near us?

You know, it is easy to criticize. It is easy to find fault with other people. It is hard to publicly express praise. It is hard to say "Thank you for all you have done." It is hard to "Send Them the Flowers Now."

Shorty is gone. My dad is gone. Perhaps the best we can do for all of those that have meant so much to us and are now gone is to pause for a moment this Christmas time and reflect on some special bygone moment.

Ray Bradbury, the American writer, wrote a whimsical book about growing from childhood to adulthood. It is called *Dandelion Wine*. In the book grandma and grandpa bottle dandelion wine. At one point, in the book, grandma says that when the dead of winter has come she can go down into the cellar and look through the bottle of dandelion wine and capture the essence of summer. I have my own dandelion wine. It is the memories I have of my father. When I call them up in a private moment he is there. He will always be there.

A blessed and merry Christmas to all of you. May your private memories of those who have gone create happiness and a peace of spirit this Christmas 1986.

See You in 1987.



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## Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

### "Fusion energy breakthrough is huge, but other uses will come first"

MADISON, Wis. — The running joke among scientists and others engaged in nuclear fusion research is that genuine progress toward producing energy is 20 years away ... and has been stuck 20 years out for decades.

The breakthrough announced Dec. 13 by scientists at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California may mean fusion has reached a point where commercial energy production is closer to a "hard" 20 years away versus a perpetually moving target.

In the meantime, expect other uses of fusion in industrial and medical science to produce results much sooner — and in places as close to home as Rock County, Wisconsin.

Greg Piefer, founder and chief executive officer of SHINE Technologies in Janesville, heads a company that recently recorded its first profitable quarter in industrial imaging products and may be within a year of producing essential medical isotopes on a massive scale. He thinks the Livermore "milestone" is a step toward clean energy that could power mankind for eons ... but not

next week, year or decade. "What happened at Livermore's National Ignition Facility is a big deal. (Fusion energy) is likely going to happen this generation," Piefer said. "It just won't be overnight."

Fusion is a reaction where two atoms of hydrogen combine, or fuse, thus releasing energy, freeing neutrons and the harmless by-product of helium. It's what takes place with the sun and the stars. The Livermore experiment was microcosm of those interstellar furnaces: A laboratory experiment that produced more energy than it took to start the reaction.

In a process that lasted about 100 trillionths of a second, a frozen hydrogen pellet encased in diamond was hit by 2.05 megajoules of laser-produced energy. The resulting reaction produced neutron particles that carried about 3 megajoules of energy. It was a factor of 1.5 in energy "gain," enough to encourage scientists to keep trying.

Piefer, who was a speaker at a March White House conference on commercial fusion, likened this brief example of fusion "ignition" to holding a match

against a cold log. Once that match is taken away, any progress toward starting a lasting fire will end.

Much closer to reality is industrial imaging testing with neutrons, which SHINE conducts, as well as production of medical isotopes using small-scale fusion reactions.

Isotopes such as Molybdenum-99, Iodine-131 and Xenon-133 are used widely today, respectively, for heart disease and cancer diagnosis; as a treatment for hyperthyroidism and thyroid cancer; and to help diagnose lung problems. They are produced through nuclear fission, however, which comes with safety and proliferation issues while making for a fragile supply chain.

Once SHINE's Chrysalis facility in Janesville is complete, it will have a capacity of 20 million doses of Molybdenum-99 per year — or roughly half the North American need. It will also be able to produce millions of doses of Iodine-131 and Xenon-133. If all goes as planned, a second plant will open in the Netherlands in 2026 to meet European demand and to shorten the half-life ship-

ping hurdles of radioactive isotopes.

A second Rock County company, NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes, is already producing Molybdenum-99 through a different process, so the possibility exists that Wisconsin could become the medical isotope capital of the country.

Also in Wisconsin, Realta Fusion is in the development phases of trying to produce fusion energy, and the UW-Madison is working with a German lab affiliated with the Max Planck Institute to advance fusion research.

For Piefer, it's all adding to the momentum of fusion and stirring the imagination of people who worry about energy shortages in an era of climate-change anxiety.

"It's still a nascent program in terms of energy, but it's a big story and it's generating lots of attention," he said.

Give it 20 years or so and we'll see how the story turns out.

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# A Look Back

### 10 Years Ago December 26, 2012

The fourth graders at Cumberland Elementary School donated many items for the animals at the Barron County Humane Society. The students participated in this giving activity instead of exchanging gifts with each other. The students who donated were: Colton Ritchie, Emma Stokes, Danielle Gunderson, Erin Stokes, Dana Bazewicz, Andrew Cunningham, Christopher Theese, Shannon Riebe, Brendan Helstern, Valkyra Pasko, Dakota McWilliams and Tanner Johnson.

### 20 Years Ago December 25, 2002

Jim and Mark Ekenstedt, sons of Bill and Sharon Ekenstedt of Cumberland, will have an experience of a lifetime on January 1, 2003, as they march with the "Pride of the Dakota's Marching Band" at the 114th Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, CA.

Adam Haugerud, a 2002 CHS graduate, has been selected as a Kemper Scholar by the James S. Kemper Foundation. Kemper Scholars receive a significant financial scholarship each summer at one of the many Kemper Insurance corporate offices until graduation.

### 30 Years Ago December 23, 1992

Ficocello Studio of Cumberland has received

a Sabastian International Heart of the City Award for client support of Club UNITE, which supports foundations championing education, social and environmental concerns locally and worldwide.

Kristi Antonetti, Cumberland, was presented with a plaque by Jail and Bail Cancer Chairperson, Ann Nelsen. Kristi helped organize the Cumberland students who raised \$2,410.00 during this event.

### 40 Years Ago December 22, 1982

Two students have been named "Students of the Month" under the recognition program sponsored by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The students are Ruby Vick and Cory Peterson.

Stella Cheese Company of Cumberland took highest honors at the 14th bi-annual World Cheese Contest in La Crosse recently. Ken Rydberg of Cumberland scored highest in Asiago Old Cheese competition.

### 50 Years Ago December 21, 1972

Christmas shopping was heavy this past weekend, which was reported by merchants. Most Cumberland stores will be open until 9pm each evening until the end of the week.

### 60 Years Ago December 27, 1962

Cumberland Volunteer Firemen made two fire runs on Christmas Eve

to the Alva Van Houten Farm. A chimney fire reported at 8:45 pm and a roof and upstairs fire again at 1:30 am., caused minor damage to the home. Fire Chief Charles Salle said that the second fire apparently ignited from cracks in the chimney caused by the first fire.

Marine Private Bruce Berklund, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Berklund of Cumberland, completed four weeks of individual combat training on December 14, with the Second Infantry Training Regiment in Camp Pendleton, CA.

### 80 Years Ago December 24, 1942

A fire of undetermined origin gutted the Cotone Barber Shop and burned the living quarters in the rear of the shop in a spectacular blaze last Friday evening. Mrs. Frank Zaccardi who occupied the living quarters, lost a large share of her belongings. The barbershop equipment was totally destroyed.

Another week of see-saw weather brought both the coldest night of the winter and some very mild temperatures during the past seven days. After dipping to 20 below a week ago Sunday the latter half of the week returned to milder range of daily highs in the 20's.

### 90 Years Ago December 22, 1932

Friday night the home of Rev. H. Shaney was

broken into and \$10.75 was taken from a purse belonging to a housekeeper. This is still under investigation.



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



# Court News

## Barron County Circuit Court

### Traffic Court

Kevin T. Klemme, 48, Rice Lake, OWI, \$1,744.00. Nathan L. Sargent, 41, Almena, operating while revoked, \$443.00. Cody L. Stone, 23, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Shalla M. Acker, 72, Saronna, unsafe lane deviation, \$175.30. Jason A. Bender, 31, Boyceville, inattentive driving, \$187.90. Dana P. Bowen, 57, Baldwin, speeding, \$295.00. Felix J. Cardona, 53, Cumberland, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Cameron R. Frye, 29, Deer Park, operating left of center, \$213.10 and failure to keep vehicle under control, \$213.10. Paige M. Goettl, 23, Weyerhaeuser, 23, speeding, \$175.30. Ozze R. Hammond, 21, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Steven A. Hawes, 55, Hammond, speedometer violations, \$175.30. Matthew J. Hayden, 19, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Andrew C. Johnson, 40, Rice Lake, failure of operator to notice police of an accident, \$389.50. Logan S. Koenig, 31, Clayton, speeding, \$200.50. Jonathan T. Orourke, 33, Frederic, speeding, \$175.30. Patrick S. Prendiville, 48, Chetek, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Briana M. Roberts, 26, Greeley, CO., failure to stop at a stop sign, \$175.30. Rodrigo Sanchez, 21, Cumberland, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. John E. Soldner, 34, Clear Lake, OWI, \$874.50. Terry A. Youngner, 62, Hastings, MN., speedometer violations, \$175.30.

### Complaints

Theodore I. Flettre, 40, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct, throw/discharge bodily fluid at public safety worker or prosecutor, attempt battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and criminal damage to property. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for December 14, 2022.

Logan L. Olson, 19, of Cumberland, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for January 11, 2023.

Ricco R. Castilleja, 33, of Cumberland, has been charged with criminal damage to property. His court date is scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Nicole S. Lorscheter, 27, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court appearance was scheduled for December 13, 2022.

Katie L. Ammon, 34, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for December 12, 2022.

Gerald M. Shoemaker, Jr., 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His plea/sentencing hearing is

scheduled for February 24, 2023.

Walter W. Lab, 68, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for December 13, 2022.

### Criminal Complaints

Michael G. Whittington, 43, of Barron, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance is scheduled for December 21, 2022.

April D. Kaiser, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for December 21, 2022.

Ivan A. Rodriguez, 51, of Cumberland, has been charged with threat to injure/accuse of crime. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for December 22, 2022.

Tommy L. Robinson, 50, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for February 27, 2023.

Kelly L. Larson, 41, of Amery, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her initial appearance is scheduled for December 28, 2022.

Isiah E. Melton, 23, of Cumberland, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, party to a crime and repeater.

Rebecca K. Zebro, 20, of Cumberland, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, party to a crime and repeater.

On December 9, 2022, a police officer, with the Cumberland Police Department participated in the execution of a search warrant at a residence in the city of Cumberland.

During the course of the execution of the search warrant, two individuals were located in a back bedroom. One was a male and the other was a female. Both of them were found in the bedroom. The male was identified as Melton, and the female was identified as Zebro.

During the course of the search of the bedroom, on the top of the dresser, multiple items were found. There were three uncapped syringes containing a white crystalline substance, which subsequently tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine, based on a field test administered to the syringes. Another syringe containing a dark residue also field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine. This particular syringe was found next to a brown wallet containing Melton's driver's license. Another item found was a gem bag containing a white crystalline residue, which was also field tested and a positive result for the presence of methamphetamine was obtained. An additional gem bag containing approximately .5 grams of a white crystalline substance was also located on the dresser, and the substance tested posi-

tive for the presence of methamphetamine.

In addition, a black lock box was located that contained mail belonging to Zebro. In addition, a container labeled "Tahoe OG Kush" contained a substance that was field tested and resulted in a positive indication for the presence of THC. Also in the same box was a blue cutoff straw that contained a white crystalline substance that was suspected to be methamphetamine.

The report of another police officer from the Cumberland Police Department, indicates that he interviewed both Melton and Zebro concerning what was found during the execution of the search warrant.

According to the officer's report, when he questioned Zebro regarding the execution of the search warrant and advised her that over 35 different articles of drug paraphernalia had been located throughout the home, she responded that she knew about "weed bongs." She also indicated that she knew about "pipes and stuff like that."

She further stated that when the house was being cleaned from time to time, they "will find a random syringe or something like that." When the officer asked her if the syringes were used for methamphetamine, she indicated that they were. When he asked if she was using methamphetamine, she responded, "Not much."

When he pressed her for details of what she meant by that, she could not provide him with a clear answer. The officer asked her when the last time that she used was and she indicated, "last night." When he asked her how she used, and how she normally uses, in both instances she indicated that she attempted to use a syringe and normally uses syringes.

The report of the officer indicates that in his interview with Melton, when he asked Melton what he thought the officers found in the home, Melton's response was, "Well that stuff back there, the needles, meth, bongs and then there is also methamphetamine, other than that some empty bags." When the officer asked Melton how often he was using, Melton responded, "bi-weekly." When the officer asked him when the last time he used was, Melton indicated "last night," and that he normally uses a "needle" and injects it in his arms.

If convicted for party to a crime, repeater and possession of methamphetamine, Melton may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than three years and six months or both.

If convicted for party to a crime, repeater and possession of methamphetamine, Zebro may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than three years and six months or both. Their adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for December 21, 2022.



A Town of Cumberland plow truck and this vehicle were involved in this two vehicle crash around 1:00 pm on Tuesday, December 20th. There were no serious injuries. No other details were available at time of post. This is a friendly reminder to always give plow trucks plenty of room.

## Drive Sober enforcement prevents deadly consequences of impaired driving Wisconsin State Patrol joins national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over holiday campaign

The holiday season is a time for celebration, but law enforcement agencies across Wisconsin are urging drivers to spread good cheer responsibly.

Wisconsin State Patrol is once again joining the annual holiday Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over enforcement campaign to eliminate the risks of impaired drivers on the roads. Officers will boost patrols from December 16 through New Year's Day.

During the last holiday season, there were nearly 400 crashes involving impaired drivers in Wisconsin. Those incidents killed seven people and injured almost 200 others.

"There are hundreds of families mourning those lost in preventable tragedies this holiday season. Put safety first every trip behind the wheel so you can make sure you make it home to your loved ones," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. Alcohol and drugs can

have a significant impact on a driver's focus and ability to maintain control behind the wheel. Even a small amount can impact a driver's coordination and concentration. Impaired drivers cannot accurately assess their own impairment.

The Drive Sober campaign is not simply about stopping or arresting drivers. It is centered around saving lives. Someone is killed or injured in impaired driving crash every two hours in Wisconsin. Tough enforcement of drunk driving laws has been a major factor in reducing drunk driving deaths since 1980s, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

There are 25 multi-jurisdictional OWI task forces operating around the state and throughout the year to stop impaired driving. Plus, more than 6,000 officers are trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement. Wisconsin also has 365 Drug

Recognition Experts, among the most in the nation. The special trainings help agencies detect impaired drivers, get them off the roads, and secure convictions.

Making responsible choices

If you plan to celebrate, identify a sober designated driver. If you're feeling impaired, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive.

Rather than risk an arrest: take mass transit, call a taxi, use a rideshare service, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.

If you have a friend who is about to drink and drive, step in. Take the keys away and help them get home safely.

Some bars and restaurants have programs to provide customers with a safe ride home.

If you suspect a driver is impaired, safely gather as much info as you can about the vehicle, driver, and location. Then call 911.

## Two People Found Slumped Over in Vehicle Deceased

On December 15, 2022 at approximately 4 p.m., Burnett County Dispatch received a call from a person stating they had located two people slumped over in a vehicle in Danbury, Swiss Township in Burnett County. Deputies and North Ambulance responded.

Upon arrival, deputies administered multiple doses

of Naloxone to each person. Lifesaving measures were attempted by deputies and ambulance personnel.

Both individuals were pronounced dead at the scene. Their names are being withheld at this time pending notifications.

This case is under investigation by the Burnett County Sheriff's Office and the Burnett County

Medical Examiner's Office.

The Burnett County Sheriff's Office would like to thank North Ambulance, St. Croix Tribal Police Department, Webster Police Department, Siren Police Department and the Burnett County Medical Examiner's Office for their assistance.

Sheriff Tracy Finch

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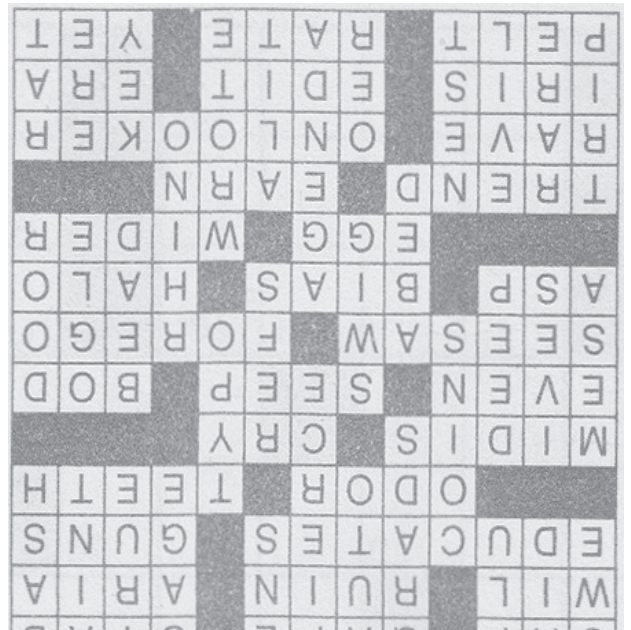
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## Barron County Sheriff's Department Announces Missing Teen Has Been Found

Barron County Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald sent out an update on Monday, December 19th in regards to the missing runaway teen James Mortensen from Barronett.

Sheriff Fitzgerald said the teen has been located and met with the Barron County Sheriff's Department. The department is working with the teen and the county's Department of Human Services.

**Non Emergency Phone Numbers:**  
**Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754**  
**Barron County Sheriff 537-3106**  
**Polk County Sheriff 485-8300**  
**Emergency 911**



# Sports

## Wrestling Team Defeats Superior; Has Good Day at Osceola Invite

The Cumberland Wrestling Team continued its pre-Christmas schedule last week with a dual victory over Superior and a good showing at the Osceola Tournament on Saturday, where they went 3 and 2 in dual action to finish third overall.

The Beavers began the week last Tuesday with a trip to Superior and a 50-29 victory over the Spartans.

After a pair of forfeits began the evening, the Beavers took control of the night with three consecutive pins, coming from Cooper Schramski, Noah Hile and Dawson Johnson. The longest match of the three was 1:19, in which the undefeated Dawson Johnson added to his outstanding winter with a pin of Logan Jennings.

Major decisions by Logan Peterson and Jack Owens continued the Beavers momentum followed by three more Cumberland victories coming from a Spartan forfeit and pins by Billy Williams and Jack Chafer. All in all, it was an impressive night of wrestling by Coach Justin Peterson's wrestlers.

Saturday morning, the Beavers headed to Osceola where they went three and two in dual action, defeating Neillville/Grant/Loyal 45-30, Osceola 36-30, and Boyceville 66-18, while losing to Clear Lake 35-30 and Hudson 58-18.

The day began with a 2-1 performance in pool play. The only loss was a narrow six-point loss to Clear Lake.

This put the Beavers in the Championship pool, where they opened up against Hudson, ranked 6th in the State in Division one.

They would lose to a talented Raider team, but rebound to finish the day with an easy victory over Boyceville, in which every Cumberland victory came by pin. They came from Johnson, Chafer, Schramski, Noah Hile, Owens, Peterson, DauTre Allen, Boaz West, Gabe Erickson, Harrison Ruppel, and Caleb Hile.

"It was a long day with five duals, but the guys really finished strong. Considering we only had two practices during the week because of weather and we were missing two starters who were sick, our third-place finish was very impressive," said Coach Peterson.

Johnson continued his undefeated season with three quick pins and a forfeit on the day. Noah Hile also had a solid Saturday, going 4 and 1 with two forfeits, two pins, and a narrow 6-5 loss against Clear Lake.

Following Tuesday's home quad, the Beavers will be off until December 29 and 30 when they head to River Falls for the annual Badger Classic. River Falls has been the host of this premier high school wrestling event since 1997, which will include 39 schools.

Doors open to the public at 8:45 am on Friday and 9:00 am on Saturday.

## Northwest Icemen a Split Pair of Contests

The Northwest Icemen split a pair of games last week, dropping an 8-1 decision to Somerset on Monday and defeating WSFLG 4-2 on Friday. A Thursday contest against Hayward was postponed due to snow. The Icemen's record stands at 2 and 3 on the season.

The Icemen received an early goal from Preston Pederson in the first period against Somerset to tie-up the Spartans 1-1, but then saw their opponents reel off

seven straight scores to pull away to their victory. Somerset outshot the Icemen 39-19 in dominating the action.

The Icemen rebounded nicely on Friday with their win over the Blizzard in Barron. Hayden Hince had a hat trick for the victors, while Cumberland's Dylan Capra played well for the Icemen.

The team is now off until December 29 when they travel to Siren for a rematch with WSFLG.

## Boy's Basketball against Cameron Rescheduled; Play Grantsburg This Thursday

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team had its game against Cameron postponed last Thursday due to weather, keeping its overall record at 3 and 0. The contest has been rescheduled for Elmer Beran Gymnasium on Monday, January 3.

The Beavers will be back on the court his Thursday when they take on the Grantsburg Pirates in a home game starting at 7:00 pm. It is part of a varsity double header with the girls

with the boy's C game being played at 5:45 in the Middle School. The Pirates are 2 and 1 entering this week's action, with victories over Glenwood City and Frederic and a 57-41 loss to Webster. Their leading scorer is Zach Rombach, who is averaging 18.3 a contest.

The Beavers will be off after Thursday's game until Thursday, December 29, when they play Eau Claire Regis in Rice Lake at 5:00 pm as part of their Holiday Tournament.



Boaz West earned a hard fought pin last Saturday at Osceola. The Beavers are off to good start on the young season. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Jack Owens takes down his man on the way to a big pin at Osceola. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.



Noah Hile pins his man on the way to a solid 4-1 day at Osceola. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

**Sports Calendar**  
**Thursday, Dec. 22**  
 Girls BB home vs Grantsburg 5:45  
 Boys BB home vs Grantsburg 7:00  
 Hockey @ DC Everest 7:00  
**Wednesday, Dec. 28**  
 Girls BB vs Bayfield @ McDonnell Central Catholic  
 6:00

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# An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

## Camping/Ice fishing on Lake Puckaway

**Hello friends,**

As I write this week's column, I have been without electricity due to a winter storm for 30-hours. About all I can say is that it feels like I am living back in 1800s'. Anyways this week's column is about my first winter camping and ice fishing trip of the season and I went to where I usually start. That is on Green Lake County's 5000-acre Lake Puckaway and my goal was to catch some walleye and not fall through the very thin ice that I was living on top of.

**Tuesday, December 6th  
High 34, low 32**

Lots to write about on this expedition and it was a dandy. I put in at Miller's Resort near Marquette and would be hauling my gear in an Otter Sled in what would be three trips with each one being about 500-yards. Red, my 8-month old golden retriever would be along as would her mother Ruby and this would be Red's first time on the ice as she was born in April. Red and Ruby wrestle about 50% of their waking hours and Ruby kicked her butt as she had no idea how to use her claws to get traction on the ice.

I would be tip up fishing for walleye, northern pike, catfish, and striped bass and as soon as I set my last tip up it went up and I iced a 27-inch gator which I released as they have to be 32 inches on Puckaway. As I said I had to make three trips and had only two hours of daylight, so I was a busy man but in reality had no cares. I have headlamps and propane lanterns and that is how I built my camp.

I had each of my tip ups rigged with 12-pound test mono, a number 12 treble hook, a small split shot, chartreuse bead, and for bait I was using a medium golden shiner. I guess you could say this was the hot ticket as the flags just kept tripping and after dark it was like Christmas on the ice. I have lights on my tip ups that flash when I have a tip up trip and I just love to see the flashing lights.

This would be one of those trips where the air temperature almost stayed the same and with it being just over 32 degrees my holes did not freeze over.

I built my camp in the dark which was made up of an Eskimo pop-up ice shack, a cot, table, cook stove, propane light, and a good mood. Once everything was rigged up the pups were either playing on the ice or sleeping on my cot.

Tonight, the fishing was excellent, I caught 4 legal walleye, a large striped bass, a catfish, and 3 northern pike and I missed several fish. I stayed up the entire night and really enjoyed myself.

**Wednesday, December 7th  
High 34, low 31**

Today my brother Mike who just retired after 38-years of working at Research Products in Poynette and our families long time, good friend Roger Frank who is also retired came out to my camp for a day of fishing. Each of us would have a line of 3 tip ups nearly 150-yards in length and it was kind of a learning day for these guys as they simply do not ice fish much and have a strong desire to get into it.

As is always the case we give each other a lot of BS and I have to admit I had the hot line of tip ups and Mike and Roger were living in SUCK CITY. In other words, they claimed I had put them in a rotten spot, and I claimed they couldn't catch a cold if they fell in the lake. Also, during the day as we sat in lawn chairs and shot the breeze several very damp lows blew through, and it was very interesting to experience how the temperature really did not change but the moisture in the air would make it very uncomfortable.

We fished a few hours after dark, the lights were flashing, and we were laughing especially because my buddy and my brother were going to starve to death on what they were catching.

Mikey who has had many nicknames over the years such as Farkel, Dark Cloud, Catfish and Musky Mike got extremely lucky and actually caught a fish which was a beautiful 21-inch walleye that was blind, starving to death and stupid. I declared Mikey's new name Walleye Mike and when Mikey, I mean Walleye Mike asked Roger who was still living in Skunk City if that could become his official name Roger clearly



Striped bass put up a great fight and are good to eat.



Roger Frank and Mike Walters with a real pretty walleye that Mike caught on Lake Puckaway.

said "No".

These guys are going to need some fine tuning on several of their skills and they are practically begging yours truly, Master Guide Extraordinaire to please help them out.

My first camping trip on the ice was a pleasant one!

**Sunset**

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Alora Garibaldi lofts a three pointer in the girls home loss to Chetek-Weyerhaeuser last Thursday night. The girls made a second half surge but could not catch the Bulldogs.



Macy Beecroft drives past a Bulldog defender last Thursday night. Beecroft had an excellent game leading the Beavers with 17 points.

## Girl's Basketball Team Hosts Grantsburg at 5:45 This Thursday

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team heads into the Christmas break following a home game this Thursday night against the Grantsburg Pirates. The game is part of a double-header with the Boy's team, with the varsity game starting at 5:45 and the JV at 7:15.

Cumberland is still playing without leading scorer and rebounder Teagan Monson, who is still recovering from a concussion which occurred following their opening contest. Although the team is struggling, the young roster is getting a lot of early season experience and showing improvement.

Cumberland opened last week with a 60-14 loss to Cameron. "Sickness left us short some players and that combined with our struggles shooting made it a difficult night," said Coach Kim Weber. Cumberland received six points from Orion Thompson and five from Kyleigh McLemore in the loss, while Macy Beecroft added a three-pointer.

## Cumberland Mixed Up Bowling League Week 12 - December 14th

<b>Team Standings</b>	Nolan Scheps - 196
<b>End of 1st Half</b>	Pam Allen - 173
Corner Bar #2 - 40	Michael Cifaldi - 172
Cumberland Bus - 35	<b>3 High Scratch Series</b>
Club Cumberland - 25	Nolan Scheps - 498
Corner Bar #1 - 20	Mark Peichel - 495
<b>3 High Scratch Games</b>	Joel Cifaldi - 478

## Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Week 14- Monday 12/12/2022

<b>Team Standings</b>	Debbie Anderson-194
Becker's Trucking - 73	Judy Ullom - 192
Bowlin Buddies - 69	Shannon Bents - 190
LakePlace.com Brother-67	Gwen Johannsen - 187
Clear Lake Self Storage-62	<b>5 High Scratch Series</b>
4 Chops - 61	Judy Ullom - 517
Austad's Super Valu - 59	Heidi VanHeuklom - 508
Wrecking Balls- 57	Shannon Bents - 484
Northwoods Septic - 56	Gwen Johannsen - 471
<b>5 High Scratch Games</b>	Deanne Moravitz - 455
Heidi VanHeuklom - 210	

THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE



# Storm...

through the evening of Sunday, December 18. Dense, heavy snow weighed down trees and power lines. Extended clean-up efforts will continue even after power restoration. Crews from Allmakee Clayton, MiEnergy, Rice Lake Utilities, Barron Utilities, Cumberland Utilities, Jolma, PUSH, and Zielies Tree Service came to their aid. Outages may be anticipated later this week based on the predicted weather forecast.

Members' safety, health, and well-being will always be a top priority. Electricity is an essential element to maintain many homes and lives, so restoration is vital. Crews always try to work as quickly and as safely as possible to restore outages, however, the drop in temperatures made working efficiently even more crucial during this past storm.

Remember to stay away from downed electric lines. Always assume they are en-

ergized. Don't call 911 to report an outage; call 911 only if there is an immediate danger, like a downed power line. Barron Electric Cooperative members should call 1-866-258-8722 to report their outage.

- Outage preparation tips:
- Keep a 3-5 day supply of drinking water in plastic bottles. Plan on at least 1 gallon of water per person, per day.
  - Store a manual can opener with enough non-

perishable foods for 3 to 5 days. Canned meats, tuna fish, and peanut butter are good foods to store. Don't forget food for pets!

- Conserve water by using paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Use a grill for outdoor cooking.
- Coordinate with neighbors for care of the elderly and disabled who are living alone.
- Maintain a supply of prescriptions, nonprescrip-

tion drugs, vitamins and special dietary foods.

- Have first-aid kits in your home and car.
- Make sure you have cold weather clothing, blankets, and sleeping bags.
- Use flashlights and other battery-operated lighting instead of candles.
- Keep fire extinguishers fully charged.
- Fill your bathtub with water for bathroom use before the storm (if you have a well).

Barron Electric's Right-of-Way Program

Barron Electric's Right-of-Way program helps reduce contact between trees and power lines. Barron Electric hires contractors to clear trees and brush in sixty-one townships on a rotational schedule of every five to six years depending on the county. This program aids in reliability.

# School Board...

Cumberland School District and the Island City Research Academy. The Academy was an Environmental Science Project Based School, which was operated along with the District for approximately 15 years.

Dr. Rose said the dissolving of the contract was, "A few years in the making and with no students currently enrolled, the timing is right." Several Board members and Dr. Rose discussed the Academy's run, calling it, "A success, which served its purpose and accomplished a lot." Several important parts of

its content have since been blended into today's regular classrooms and their use of the School Forest has led to several important upgrades and a much larger use by the District's student body.

The final action item was the approval of District Business Manager Steve Mann's retirement as of January. Dr. Rose called Mann, "The best Business Manager a District could have bar none and an even better person than employee." The Board regrettably accepted his resignation and thanked him for his service to the District and community.

The evening concluded with administrative reports.

High School Principal Ritchie Narges called the Choir and Band Christmas performances, "Great events," and thanked those involved for their excellent work throughout the year. He praised the Student Council for their efforts with Margaret's Project Santa, which helped provide 39 families a better Christmas season, and said the FFA fruit sale was, "Another big success."

Middle School Principal Collin Green thanked the Middle School students for their involvement in Mar-

garet's Project Santa, which led to the incredible collection of \$2600 through a penny war. He discussed several recent student field trips and a December 8 meeting with representatives of the St. Croix Tribe that may lead to an Ojibwe Language Class pilot program. He also praised the Holiday Concert by the students and staff calling it, "A wonderful event."

Elementary Principal Jim Ritchie was equally proud and complimentary of the Christmas programs by his students and staff. He discussed the "Shop with a Cop" night, which included

25 students and 13 staff members, calling it, "His favorite night of the year." He also praised the community for their constant support covering the needs Elementary students have during the school year and said vision screening for all students in his building has been completed.

Dr. Rose concluded the evening by announcing the District was switching Dental providers for employees, which will bring about a 16 percent decrease in yearly premiums. He then gave an update on sickness in the District, leading to 22 percent of Elementary students

and 25 percent of Middle School students being absent from school earlier in the week. Dr. Rose added the District supports parents keeping sick kids home and said, "Christmas break is coming at a good time."

The next meeting will take place on Monday, January 23 and will include a summary and discussion centering on future school needs and a decision as to whether a School Referendum will be on the April ballot. The meeting was then adjourned.

WEEK 16

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**CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
 Tuesday, November 15, 2022  
 Regular Board Meeting  
 Middle School Commons, 6:00 p.m.  
 Open Session and Closed to Follow

Present: Board – Gideo, Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone  
 Administration - Rose, Richie, Green & Narges  
 President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
- a. Lorne Majewski, Athletic update  
 b. Jamie Shaffer, Curriculum update
- Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve Hokshilla LaBlanc's resignation as Middle School Assistant Football Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Kyle Polzin's resignation as High School Assistant Track Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to approve David Olson's resignation as High School Assistant Football Coach. Hyatt abstained, all others voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Gideo, to approve Trey Lundequum as High School Assistant Wrestling Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to approve Megan Rassbach as High School JV Softball Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.

Motion made by Rieper, seconded by Gideo, to adjourn to closed session. President Stone requested that the clerk conduct a roll call vote to adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of considering employment and compensation, performance evaluations and discussing negotiations per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c), specifically to discuss staffing and personnel matters. By roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried to immediately adjourn to closed session.

A motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to reconvene to open session to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Having no further business to conduct, a motion was made to adjourn by Gideo, seconded by Rieper. All voting aye, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.  
**Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk**

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**Barronett News**

By Judy Pieper

Merry Christmas!! We hope you have an amazingly wonderful Christmas and a very happy 2023.

Christmas Eve candlelight service at Barronett Lutheran will be held on Saturday evening at 7:00. And Christmas day service will be held at the usual time, 9:00, on Sunday morning.

Duane and I returned from our trip to Arizona this past Saturday afternoon. The trip home was uneventful until we got just north of Des Moines, and then we saw at least fifty semi-trucks in the ditches, some turned on their sides, in about fifty miles. I guess there was black ice and high crosswinds on Friday night. What a mess!! I can't imagine how long those drivers had to wait for tow trucks. Not a good way to spend the weekend – especially when a quite a few of them were Amazon Prime trucks, most likely delivering Christmas gifts.

The closer we got to home the more beautiful the scenery became. We were gone when the big snowstorm hit, and we didn't get the thrill of experiencing twenty-four to forty-eight hours of no electricity, but we certainly are enjoying the beautiful snow. We are so spoiled!! Suzy and Ryan Lehmann had our walks all shoveled, and even shoveled a path to the bird feeders for us. They also went up to the church and shoveled the stairs and ramp. Chad Schrankel had plowed the parking lot, which members of our church greatly appreciate. It's so nice to have such good neighbors.

Terry Goodrich called and reminded me that our mail carriers are very overworked at this time of year. He said that he was at the post office in Cumberland and saw a delivery person with her car jam-packed with parcels. He stopped to talk to her for just a minute and found that she had just returned from her route and had packed her car – again – and was off to do a second round. If you happen to see your mail delivery person, be sure to thank him or her. I think we all tend to take for granted that our mail will go through and never stop to think about the people who sometimes must maneuver terrible road conditions just to get it to us.

Duane and I spend a lot of time at Sal's on 63 now, visiting with Suzy and Ryan and enjoying great food without having to cook it or do dishes afterward. And, we enjoy visiting with others who are doing the same thing. On Saturday evening we met Rick Cousins, who, with his wife, moved up to God's country after retiring. Rick was the person who re-did the brick flower boxes by the community center a couple years ago. Duane is a big Viking fan, you know, and so I asked Rick if he was related to the quarterback and his reply was, "Kirk only wishes he was related to me." Hmmm

On Sunday morning we stopped at Sal's after church and Wayne and Ginny Grille stopped by for breakfast. We sat and visited with them for quite a while – Wayne had pictures on his phone of a deer that was standing in about two feet of snow on their deck. He said that the poor little thing had come up to eat out of the bird feeders. This storm probably took the animals by surprise too, and now they have to work a little harder to get down to where they normally browse.

I talked to Sharon Herman and she said that Jen will be managing the restaurant/bar at the new hospital out toward the golf course. I said that I would pretend to be visiting someone at the hospital so that I could check out the restaurant, but she said that it will be open to the public. Interesting. Is the new hospital and clinic open? And what will become of the old one? These are things that I had better find out. I'm sure there have been lots of suggestions for use of the old building. Maybe we could get some more housing for people who feel that they can no longer maintain their own homes. I'm sure the people who make these decisions will come up with something that will be good for the community.

It's so good to be home!! We had a wonderful trip, but there is no place like home. We did spend one night in Tombstone and ate at Big Nose Kate's on the way home, which was fun. The waitstaff were all dressed as dance-hall girls from the 1800's, and there were all kinds of pictures and newspaper articles on the walls from the Wyatt Earp days. If we go to Arizona again, we plan to spend a little more time sight-seeing.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. I hope we see you at the Christmas Eve service and the Christmas morning service at Barronett Lutheran.

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**Friday, December 23**  
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**Monday, December 26**  
 No Meals Served. Holiday.

**Tuesday, December 27**  
 Beef and bean chili, cheese and crackers, fresh grapes, assorted bread, Cook's choice cookie.

**Wednesday, December 28**  
 Tuna and pea pasta salad on lettuce leaf, fruit and cheese.

\*All meals include milk, coffee, and butter. Persons who dine at the Senior Center and those who receive Meals on Wheels are reminded they can use their QUEST card (food share) for their meal donation. For more information call Joanne at 715-537-6225.

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# OBITUARIES



**David A. Johns**  
David Allen Johns, 69, of Rice Lake died Sunday, November 27, 2022, at Knapp Haven Nursing Home. He was born May 6, 1953, in Cumberland, WI to Gerald and Beverly (Youngberg) Johns.

David spent many years as a professional musician, playing drums for several bands and touring around the United States. Music was his greatest passion in life.

He is survived by his mother Beverly, daughter, Sarah (Matt) Miller; son, David (Heather) Johns II; granddaughter Liana, and many other family and friends.

At this time, no funeral services have been planned. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

**Mary J. Just**

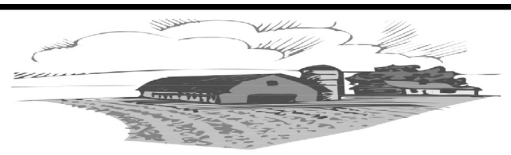
Mary Jane Just, age 92 of Cumberland passed Dec. 19, 2022. Full obituary to follow next week.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



## Life On The Family Farm Under An Open Heaven

By: Tom Heck



This may sound strange, but as I get older, I think I look forward to Christmas more each year.

The time spent with family and friends, fellowshiping together, loving one another is priceless. The giving and receiving of cards in the mail and of giving gifts to one another is wonderful. Reading the Biblical account of the first Christmas, when God sent His only Son into the world, and singing all the Christmas songs is such a joy. It seems like the Christmas season goes by way too fast. It is such a blessed season. Especially in this world we live in today with all its trouble and turmoil.

Sadly, in our country and around the world today, so many governments and people are trying to take Jesus out of Christmas. When you take Jesus out, you basically have nothing left. Yes, you have a holiday with Christmas lights and decorations, food, gifts and get-togethers, but that's it. It's really pretty empty. I know from experience.

The experts tell us that after Christmas, drug overdoses and suicide rates go way up. For so many people, life after Christmas is so empty, so hopeless. Without God, without love, life is empty. I know, I lived the first twenty years of my life that way. At the age of 18, a week after Christmas, I nearly killed myself. Life was so empty and so bad for me. There was no love, joy or peace in my life. I had heard of God, I had heard the Christmas story, but I didn't know God at all.

But, that all changed two years later in January, I read a book about a personal loving God. I got down on my knees that day and repented of all my sins and asked God to forgive me and then I asked Jesus to come into my heart and be my Lord and Saviour. I gave Him my whole life and promised to follow Him all the rest of my days. I had just received the best Christmas present ever.

He totally changed my life right there, and I've never been the same since. The Bible says in 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore

if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." That is exactly what happened to me that day. No, it wasn't Christmas day, it was three and a half weeks later, but it was the best gift I ever received. My only regret is that I didn't receive Him much sooner. I'm so thankful that God is so loving and patient, waiting for lost sinners to come home to Him.

Since receiving Him, there have been many trials and battles in my life to say the least, but He has helped and guided me through them all. What a loving God I serve. I owe my whole life to Him. No more suicide or depression for me, I just keep looking to Jesus and following Him. I know someday I will step over to the other side and see Him face to face, what a day that will be. But for now, I keep working and following Him here. And yes, I'm really looking forward to Christmas this year again, not for the presents under the Christmas tree, for I've already received the greatest Christmas gift of all time: Jesus. Christmas is to celebrate Jesus coming into the world to save sinners such as me. If you've never received Him, I can't urge you strongly enough to do so. If you do so, like I did, you'll never be the same again.

From me and my family to you, have a blessed, merry Christmas, and remember: Jesus is the whole reason for the season.

Tom Heck and his family have a small dairy farm in WI. To order a copy of Tom's book, "Life on the Family Farm" send a check to: Tom Heck, 21079 80th St., Bloomer WI. 54724. \$15 each plus \$4 for S&H. Order two or more at \$15 each and get free S&H. To view Tom's past articles go to: tomheckfarm.com Email Tom at: lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com Copyright © 2022 by Tom Heck. All rights reserved.



## Church Directory



### "ANNOUNCEMENT, ANNOUNCEMENT! THERE IS A GOD AND JESUS IS HIS SON!"

by Pastor Tim Carlson  
Timberland Ringebu Free-Lutheran Church

Living in Wisconsin is such a wonderful treat. All our trees, lakes, hills, and meadows give us the opportunity to be surrounded by beauty all year round. The Bible tells us that from what has been created we should be able to know that there is a God. For example:

Psalms 19: 1, "the heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of His hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. (NIV)

Romans 1:20, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities; -His eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse." (NIV) Anthropology (the study of man) reveals that nearly all of humanity believed there was a God/gods. Today educators often say that to believe in God is foolish. Is it possible that the educated have become uneducated in this matter? Replacing creation with evolution has no benefits for mankind.

The problem facing those who believe in a god lies in the questions: Who is He? What is His name? How do I get to know Him? Jesus addressed the issues directly.

John 6:40, "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in Him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (NIV)

John 14:6 "Jesus answered, 'I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me..." (NIV)

John 14:9 "...anyone who has seen me has seen the Father." (NIV)

Relationship with God begins by believing in Jesus, believing not only that He died for you, but that He died because of you. He died for your sin. Asking Him to forgive you and trusting and believing in Jesus for your salvation is the beginning of realizing that we are not gods; Jesus is God!

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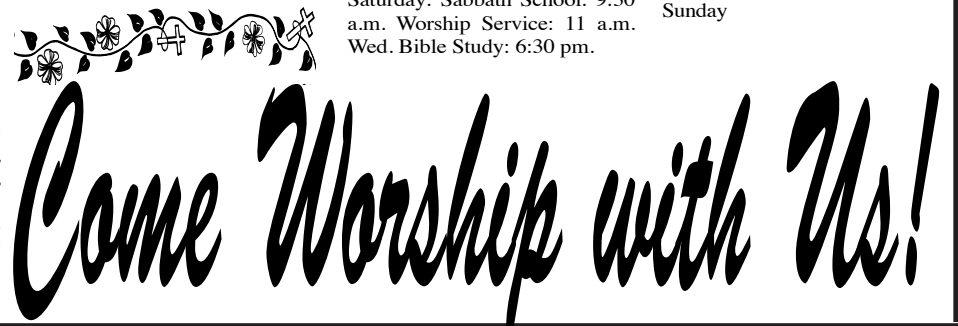
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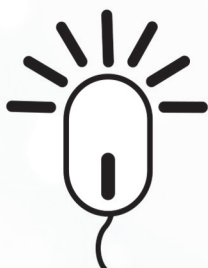
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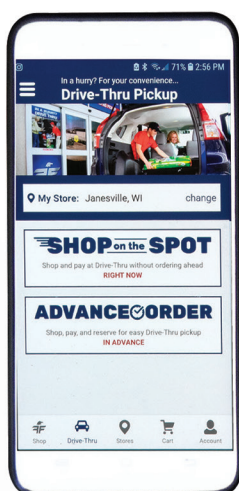


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## 1936 Christmas...

Show" that would be held at the Isle Theatre that Friday night. Ideas for holiday gifts "For her" would come from local models wearing various apparel, while the Variety Beauty Shoppe would be showing, "The smartest thing in hair arrangements." All sponsored by community businesses.

The Advocate responded to the notice of the evening by saying in an editorial, "It is only just that the civic spirit which in-part is responsible for a firm's advertising, be rewarded by increased business."

Trying to get local business was more important than ever with the country still in the throgs of the Great Depression. High unemployment during the 1930s left businesses and people both struggling.

Wisconsin had reacted to the severity of the issue four years earlier with the Wisconsin Unemployment Compensation Act of 1932. It was the first unemployment insurance system at the state level in the United States, coming three years in advance of the Social Security Act of 1935. The first Wisconsin Compensation Check was in the amount of \$15 and given to Milwaukee's Neils Ruud. The check can be found today at the Wisconsin Historical Society.

Now the new Federal Social Security program, including unemployment insurance, was ready to begin on January 1, 1937. This made it critical to get individuals and employers enrolled and over 700 forms were delivered to Cumberland in November.

The forms weren't the only thing in the mail. The Advocate announced in an early December headline, "Christmas Mail Volume the Greatest in Seven Years." Postmaster Marie Dunham announced the importance of, "Mailing early," as the excitement of the holidays seemed to be spreading. She reminded patrons that, "Christmas cards cannot go at 1.5 cents if writing is included. When you include a message, seal the envelope and use a three-cent stamp."

To aid their rural customers, the Post Office added that mail carriers would wait until the train came in on Christmas Eve before going on their routes. This would help make sure, "As much Christmas mail as possible was delivered before the holiday."

The papers in December offered numerous shopping ideas for our residents. At Hines Mercantile, one could buy a silk tie for dad for 50 cents or pajamas for \$1.45. Perhaps mom needed a new wool or silk scarf for \$1.00 or a new handbag which cost \$1.95. You could also buy either an Electric Toaster or Waffle Iron for 98 cents.

Another option was offered by Thomas Alfonse, who was a dealer in the "Coolerator Air Conditioned Refrigerator," which sold for \$51.35.

His advertisement said, "The Coolerator makes food taste better and last longer and makes taste-free ice cubes in only five minutes."

For those that could not afford presents, the American Legion collected donations for Christmas baskets for the needy. A large number of citizens and businesses participated in the drive, making baskets containing fruit, candy, nuts and toys, which were distributed to 150 grateful families that season.

Holiday opportunities for the family could be found throughout the city leading up to the big day.

One could attend the Elementary School Christmas Pageant, of which the writer of the program said, "Is a bevy of innocent, fresh humanity all tucked out in their holiday finery and performing their respective parts in the program with pleasure and zest. These small pliable human beings undoubtedly possess unsuspected possibilities."

The Isle Theater had a special presentation of the Christmas Special, "PEPPER," costing only 10 cents a child, or mom and dad could head to a series of free dances at the Pipe Lake Pavilion. The Methodist Church, meanwhile, presented a Nativity Scene on December 20, which was open to the public. Accompanied by Christmas Music, those attending were asked to bring a can of fruit or vegetables, which were later presented to the Hospital for their use.

For others, there were local parties. The Legion held an invitational dance for 70 members of the football team and faculty. One local party, however, ended with a minor tragedy.

A group of friends met at the home of "Chicken Ole" Runquist, north of town, for a bit of Christmas cheer. When he tired and took a nap around 11:00 pm, he would later awake to find his trouser pockets had been relieved of \$11. The police were notified at 5:00 am and promised to make an effort to find the culprit.

On Christmas morning, the "Island City" rose to a warm 37 degrees, the warmest Christmas in years. It never got below freezing once during the day and would rise to 43 degrees on the 26th. It was a great relief to the weather which hit the "Island City three days earlier.

Tuesday had been met with freezing rain which glazed city sidewalks. The Advocate would say of the day, "People moved in a world of slow motion and seized with frequent intervals of erratic arm movement. If candid camera could have recorded the first steps of all those who stepped from their houses in the morning, something

## Ribbon Cutting!



A ribbon cutting was held on Tuesday, December 13th for Bona Casa. They hosted a Christmas party for the Chamber of Commerce. It was an opportunity for them to train the servers in a "soft open" learning feature and flow of the POS system. They plan to open the dining area January 4th. Pictured from left to right are Cumberland Chamber member Krista Johnson, Chamber of Commerce President Stacy Rischette, Bona Casa Owners James and Andrea Manning, Chamber members Troy Lynch, Jenni Thorp, Ben Stevens, Louis Muench and Emily Schutte.

## Breakfast with the Grinch!



The 2nd Annual Breakfast with the Grinch was held on Saturday, December 17th at Peter and Annie's Coffee Shop Cafe.

unique in entertainment could have been offered to a waiting world."

Finally it was Christmas morning, which may well have started for many at a local Church service. They could be found as early as a 6:00 Mass at the McKinley Catholic Church or a 5:00 am service at Augustana Lutheran. It was then a time to open presents and entertain family and friends for a dinner of turkey or perhaps a beef roast, which could have been purchased for only 16 cents a pound at the City Meat Market earlier in the week.

For all our residents, however, it was a time to push the depression and one's troubles away for a day. It was Christmas and a time to count our blessings, for what we had and for life in the "Island City."



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