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## Cumberland Man Charged with 5th OWI

Ryan L. Peet, 35, of Cumberland, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence-5th or 6th offense, operate a motor vehicle while revoked, and failure to install ignition interlock device.



Ryan Peet

An officer with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on December 23, 2022, at approximately 11:54 pm, he was on routine stationary patrol near West Messenger Street near Wilson Avenue, in Rice Lake, when he observed a vehicle traveling westbound on West Messenger Street, approaching his location. The officer observed the vehicle had a defective headlamp.

The officer reports that, upon passing his location, he observed the vehicle traveling in the eastbound (wrong) lane of travel as it continued westbound on Messenger Street. The vehicle continued in the eastbound lane after going past the intersection of Messenger Street and Wilson Avenue.

The officer reports he began to follow the vehicle and observed it to slowly return to the westbound (correct) lane of travel. The officer reports the vehicle then, once again, deviated from its lane of travel and was traveling in the eastbound (wrong) lane of travel. The officer reports he activated the emergency lights on his patrol squad when he observed an oncoming vehicle traveling in the eastbound lane. The officer reports the vehicle he was following returned to its correct lane of travel when he shined the patrol squad's spotlight on the vehicle.

The officer reports he conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on Messenger Street near Cornell Avenue, in Rice Lake. The officer made

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## 2022 Year in Review July-December



Colton Smith and Sean Annis

**July**  
(6) Sean Annis, a Cumberland native who owns the original Northwoods Brewpub in Osseo, just south of Eau Claire, was convinced that he should open a Northwoods Brew Pub in Cumberland. The restaurant is serving beef brisket, pulled pork and other smoked meats Monday through Saturday in the restaurant space on the clubhouse's second level. A four-year employee of Northwoods, Colton Smith, has moved from Osseo to Cumberland and will be managing the place, which he says will be open year round, not just during the golf months. Smith, who is "almost 19," has big plans for Northwoods Cumberland. You can dine in or take out, even getting his staff to run the food down to your boat at the golf-course docks on Beaver Dam Lake. "We do dockside pickup," Smith said one day last week. "We've got a six-seater golf cart. Call up, or order online, and in 20 minutes, we'll bring you your food right down to the dock." He's even exploring delivering food to the folks who hang out at the Beaver Dam sandbar. And he's considering having live music.

Among the six inductees into the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame this past September, is 2011 graduate, Sam Clark. Clark was a talented three-sport athlete, who accumulated 11 letters during his high school career. Clark attended UW-Milwaukee following high school graduation, where he joined the Club Football Team and went on to an outstanding career. He was a First Team All-American punter as a junior and a First Team All-American quarterback as a senior. He graduated with the most passing yards (3,344) in National Club Football history. This led him to

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## Looking Good!



The new Cumberland Healthcare campus is on track to open on March 21st. The new facility will be a wonderful asset to the community for many years to come. Tours will be scheduled for March 13, 14 and 15 for various groups. Watch the Advocate for future updates.

## 1915; Advocate Pleads for More Parental Control

By Mark R Fuller

Author James Lehman, who worked with troubled teens with behavior problems, once said, "When kids focus on excuses, parents need to focus on responsibility." The May 13, 1915 Advocate seemed concerned the parents of the "Island City" needed a reminder of their duties following a series of incidences the previous week. In a front-page article, the paper called for parents to keep a "Little tighter reign on their children."

The most serious of the offenses had come the previous Sunday afternoon, after R. P. Ellingson had left his automobile at the boat landing, while taking a boat ride. While gone, a number of high school students had stolen the vehicle as the Advocate concluded because they felt, "The car needed exercise."

After one crew of young men took a drive and returned to the original location, a second group left

for a drive, only to see the automobile break down on Hopkins hill.

This led to police involvement with charges to be determined for those involved. The paper indicated a certain amount of anxiousness should accompany the offenders as City Statute 1636-52m read, "Any person who shall take, use and operate any automobile, motorcycle, or other similar motor vehicle without consent of the owner, shall upon conviction be punished by imprisonment in the county jail or work house for not more than a year or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court."

If this wasn't enough, two days later a less serious incident involving two high school seniors led to another Advocate observation about the city's youth.

This came after the two seniors had pretended to

faint in their classroom causing a small panic by their teacher. They were both given a three-day suspension from school by the Principal following the incident.

The paper would give their thoughts on the offenders saying, "The seniors, whose education has cost the community hundreds of dollars, did this for the express purpose to bother one of the teachers. The punishment was extremely light, considering the deliberate nature of the offense and the age of the young men involved. If persons with twelve years of schooling behind them are so utterly devoid of decency, they should be put to work at a plow or making boxes."

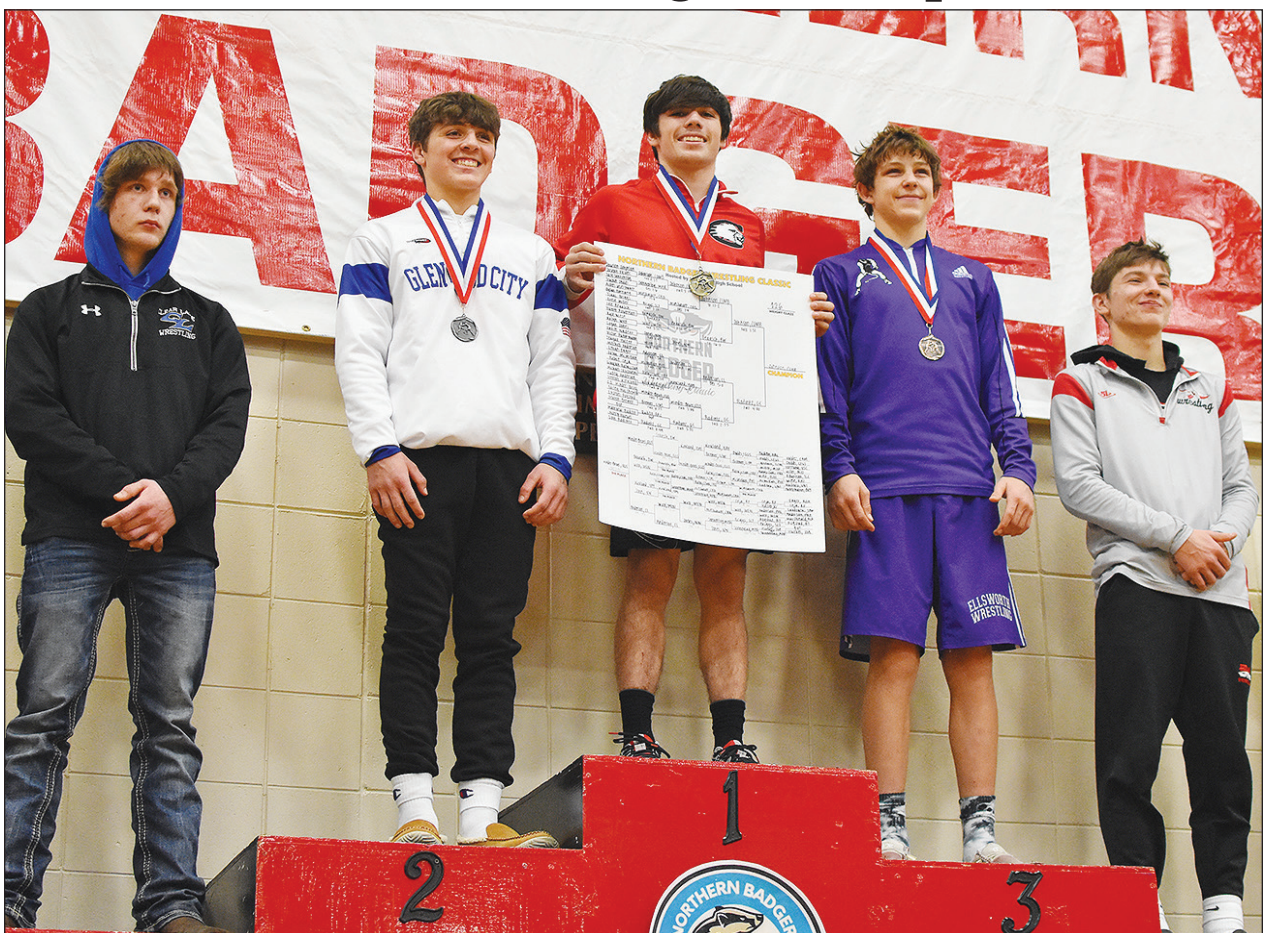
That same evening a high school student was caught riding a bicycle on the sidewalk and taken before Judge Wright, where he was assessed a fine of \$1.00. This caused Mayor Frank Aleo to remind our citizens in the

Advocate that, "There is a city ordinance prohibiting bicycles or motorcycles on city sidewalks. Violations of this ordinance have been frequent, by men as well as boys, and instructions have been given for the enforcement of this ordinance."

Now it may have been just one of those weeks or perhaps the Advocate had received some success with their strong statements of concern about the transgressions by our youth. Either way, I could not find any further major offenses by Cumberland youngsters that spring.

Having given their thoughts and with other things to cover, it was time for the paper to move on. The following week's Advocate instead focused on the details of a special matinee at the Unique Theatre for women on May 22, featuring a film on fittings of Gossard Corsets.

## Northern Badger Champ!



Two time defending State Champion Dawson Johnson remained perfect on the year raising his record to 24-0 taking the 126 pound title at the prestigious Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament held in River Falls last weekend. Johnson beat Ian Radintz of Glenwood City in the finals 7-3. Radintz has only 2 losses on the season both to Johnson. Congratulations and good luck the rest of the season Dawson! Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

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## Thomas St. Angelo Public Library to host Kiersten Vetsch

"The Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland is having a home organizing program on January 18 at noon. Join Kiersten Vetsch, certified KonMari consultant for decluttering tips and demonstrations. Learn how to find things more easily, keep your home clean and create that calming space that we all need. Lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Please register. 715-822-2767, [cupl@cumberlandpl.org](mailto:cupl@cumberlandpl.org)."

## Ice Age chapter plans annual meeting Jan. 14

The hardy volunteers who have built and maintain the more than 60 miles of Ice Age Trail in Polk County will hold their annual meeting on Jan. 14.

The Indianhead chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance will meet at the visitor center at Interstate Park, 1275 WI-35, St Croix Falls, WI. A social hour at 9 a.m. will precede a 10 a.m. business meeting. Chapter members will meet new volunteers, review chapter finances and activities, and get trail updates. Awards for 2022 will be presented.

Joe Snyder of St. Croix Falls will be the featured

speaker. He'll talk about hiking and camping in the Banff-Lake Louise area of Alberta, Canada.

Those who are interested in the Ice Age Trail but who are not yet members of the chapter are welcome. Those with questions may contact Barb Ceder at 715-410-8069 or at [Barbara.ceder@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.ceder@gmail.com)

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a hiking trail following Wisconsin's glacial terrain. It extends for 1,200 miles across the state, with about 700 miles developed offroad. Interstate Park serves as its western terminus.



Terry Goodrich submitted this photo of a unique Eagle shape which formed after a snowstorm in Barronett.

## Cumberland Man...

contact with the driver and lone occupant in the vehicle who he identified as the defendant, Ryan Peet. The officer reports Peet initially received a credit/debit card from his wallet and then produced a Wisconsin Identification card. Peet stated he did not have a driver's license.

The officer reports that, while he was speaking with Peet, he observed Peet's pupils were extremely large and reacted slowly to his flashlight. The officer also observed Peet was unable to sit still. The officer asked Peet when the last time was that he used methamphetamine. Peet stated he last used four or five days earlier, which he later changed to two days prior, and then three days prior.

The officer reports he confirmed Peet is on active felony probation for OWI and drug related charges. The officer conducted an ACT

79 search of the vehicle. The officer did not observe an ignition interlock device in the vehicle when he searched it.

The officer reports he requested Peet to perform standardized field sobriety tests. Peet agreed to perform the field sobriety tests, but did so in an unsatisfactory manner. The officer observed signs of impairment when he administered the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, and when Peet performed the walk and turn and one-leg stand tests. The officer reports he also observed signs of impairment when he administered the modified Romberg test, including swaying, eyelid tremors and Peet's estimation of the passage of 30 seconds over an actual time period of 24 seconds.

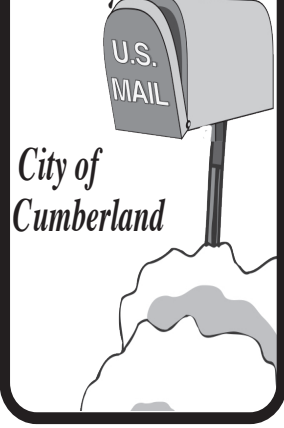
The officer reports he placed Peet under arrest for operating while intoxicated and transported him to a medical center where they

collected a blood sample from Peet. In the process of obtaining Peet's blood sample, the officer observed two track marks on Peet's right arm that appeared to the officer to be fresh. The officer reports he took possession of the sealed and packaged sample of Peet's blood.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence-5th or 6th offense, Peet may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years or both. For operate a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than one year in jail. For failure to install ignition interlock device, he may be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$600 or imprisoned for not more than six months or both.

His arraignment is scheduled for February 9, 2023.

**Reminder to City Residents! It is your responsibility to keep your mailboxes cleared for mail delivery**



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**Ruby's Pantry**

**Saturday, January 7**

Distribution will be held at Cumberland Fire Hall as a drive through Pantry. Everyone Welcome!

**Please do not arrive before 6:30 AM**  
**Registration from 7 to 9:15 AM**  
**Distribution from 8 to 9:30 AM**

**NEW PRICE! Donation \$25**  
**Cash Only - No Checks Please**  
 Due to the continued increase in truck fuel costs, Ruby's Pantry is increasing the per share donation amount to \$25. We apologize for the inconvenience.

This month, Cumberland's Ruby's Pantry will again be a drive through Pantry at the Cumberland Fire Hall. The Fire Hall is located behind the Elementary School. You will be directed to line up in the 3M parking lot. Please follow our parking directors. Fast Track guests will also be in the 3M lot but in a different line. If you have your donation receipt in hand, turn your flashers on when you pull into the lot. Our traffic directors will be able to identify you quickly and get you to the correct line. We will do our best to be speedy. Please be patient.

**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, January 5**  
 Glazed drumstick, waffles, carrots.  
 MS/HS: Three meat calzone.

**Friday, January 6**  
 Pizza, coleslaw, broccoli. MS/HS: Fish sandwich w/cheese & chips.

**Monday, January 9**  
 Chicken nuggets, fries, dinner roll, green beans. MS/HS: Pizza.

**Tuesday, January 10**  
 Chicken alfredo, breadstick, broccoli.  
 MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

**Wednesday, January 11**  
 French toast sticks, cheese hashbrowns, sausage, carrots. MS/HS: Turkey & cheese sandwich w/chips.

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**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, January 5**  
 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:45-5:30 pm HS Boys V/JV BB practice • 5:30-8:30 pm CHS Wrestling Home vs Multiple • 5:30-7 pm HS Boys C BB practice • 5:45-9:15 CHS Girls BB at Hayward • 7-9 pm CHS Hockey vs Altoona at Barron

**Friday, January 6**  
 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:30-5 pm HS Girls BB practice • 5:45-9:15 pm CHS Boys BB home vs St Croix Falls

**Saturday, January 7**  
 9 am-3 pm CHS JV Wrestling at Eau Claire • 10 am-3 pm CHS V Wrestling at Cadott • CCE: 1:00-3:00 pm Pickle Ball

**Sunday, January 8**  
 CCE: 6:30-8:30 pm Open ES Gym for Soccer

**Monday, January 9**  
 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:30-5:00 HS Girls BB practice • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 5:45-9:15 pm CHS Boys BB Home vs Spring Valley C game @ 7:00

**Tuesday, January 10**  
 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:45-5:30 pm HS Boys V/JV BB practice • 5:30-7pm HS Boys C BB practice • 5:45-9:15 pm CHS Girls BB Home vs Ladysmith • 7-9 pm CHS Boys Hockey at Amery • 8:30-10 pm CCE: Adult Co-Ed Volleyball

**Wednesday, January 11**  
 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:30-5:30 pm HS Girls BB practice • 3:45-5:30 pm HS Boys V/JV/C BB practice • 5-6 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickle Ball

**COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS**

**THE CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER!!!**  
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**Come and let our "very" qualified and friendly staff demonstrate for our new "state-of-the-art" cardio and weight equipment!**  
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 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or [sbrid@csdmail.com](mailto:sbrid@csdmail.com)

**Buying and Selling on Facebook**  
**January 17, 2023 • 5:30-7:30 pm**  
 Everything you need to know to successfully list and sell on the Marketplace.

**Cut the Cable Bill**  
**January 31, 2023 • 5:30-7:30 pm**  
 Thinking about getting rid of another monthly bill? TV lovers have more budget-friendly options these days than they may realize. This class will teach you how to ditch cable and satellite TV - and save a bundle - without giving up your favorite shows or features. Learn how to use the devices you have to watch your favorite shows, rent/buy movies, view photos on your flatscreen TV and much more! This is a VERY fun class that fills up fast.

All classes are offered by Sara Raimann who has been teaching Community Education technology classes for over 20 years along with running a successful computer store. Since the pandemic started it changed how her classes are taught to the community. Sara has been very successful with teaching classes online using ZOOM technology. Cost of each class is \$20. If interested in registering or any of these great classes, please contact Susan Bridger, Community Ed Director, 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or email: [sbrid@csdmail.com](mailto:sbrid@csdmail.com).

**2023 Hike/Snowshoe Event @ 10:00 am**  
 ⇒ 01/21/23 Explore Beaver Dam/Cumberland w/Lori Hopkins (meet East of Cumberland @ landing just West of the brush dump)

**QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS?**  
 Please contact Susan Bridger CCE Director  
[sbrid@csdmail.com](mailto:sbrid@csdmail.com) / 715-822-5121 ext. 403

# Northwoods Notebook: Hopes and wishes for the new year

By Larry Werner

Last week's Advocate offered its annual recap of the year past - excerpts from stories that appeared in the paper during 2022. It's a tradition of newspapers to look back in the last edition of the year to the past year's highlights.

It's good to look back, remembering the 12 months we lived together. As you read through the summary, I'm sure you thought, as I did, that another year flew by in a flash. In this first edition of the year, here are some things that should happen in 2023 and a few of my hopes for the next year:

The new hospital: Out there along the road to the golf course, the new Cumberland Healthcare is rising. It is scheduled to open this year, giving our community a state-of-the-art facility. The hospital has even hired a five-star chef to head up food service. Jenö Herman, whose Bistro 63 closed last year, will be doing the cooking at the new hospital, and it's my hope the general public will be able to eat in the dining room to enjoy Jenö's magnificent food. It's also my hope that the new hospital will attract top medical specialists so people like Ann and me don't have to travel to the Cities when our conditions call for specialty care.

Downtown: We've got a few empty storefronts again, and at least one of them will be occupied by an exciting new business. Jessica Longtine, who, with her husband, bought the old Schneider drug store building a few years back, has confirmed that her dance and yoga business, The Lodge Cumberland, will be opening in 2023. The Longtines gutted the building after acquiring it, but had some difficulty getting contractors to finish the inside. But she says things are happening, that the paper covering the windows will come down in 2023, revealing a place for yoga, dance and other community events. I hope she offers line-dancing lessons.

I'd also like to see new businesses in the buildings vacated by Island City Provisions, Radio Shack, Rolling Cones ice cream and Creative Identity, Joy Neva's printing and design business that she moved into an empty storefront bought by Sam and Jenee Heer, who filled the old Idlewild Outfitters building with their Roots Coffee Co.

Library Lake: Tom Schroeder, longtime president of the Beaver Dam Lake Management District, has indicated in his occasional column that more work will be done this year cleaning up the lake, a jewel of our downtown that began to look like a swamp because of all the cattails and other plants that grew out of the silt that flowed into the lake with storm water. Storm sewers have been re-directed into settling ponds on all corners of the lake, and grants have allowed dredging that will continue this year. The rundown houses that greeted folks coming into town from the west were bought, demolished, and replaced with parkland. I'm hoping we'll see benches and picnic tables and perhaps a real band shell on this Library Lake Park this year.

A city trail system: Perhaps you've read that Scoutland, the beautiful camp in the woods north of the 3M plant, has been given an old railroad bed that is now a hiking trail running south from the camp toward Norwegian Bay. Some local folks are hoping that this could be the start of a trail system through and around town for hiking and biking. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to walk or bike on an off-road trail through our beautiful city and even around Beaver Dam Lake?

A new roof: As you know, Enrichment Through Culture (ETC) has been trying to raise money to replace the old and leaky roof on the Cumberland Arts Center. Rain and melting ice flows onto the back steps

and damages the walls of the former church. I'm confident this generous community will come through with the donations needed, just as it did in 2015 when ETC raised money for a first-floor restroom and renovation of the lower-level restrooms. Perhaps a year from now, we can celebrate the new roof with a community party inside a dry Ruppel Family Theater.

A new civility: Finally, it's my fondest wish that we have less angry discourse and more civil discourse. The past few years in our community and throughout the country have been an us-versus-them time. Politics have never been uglier or more polarized, and I admit to cutting off friendships with people who think differently from me. This hope for civility is inspired by a Christmas letter written by Mary Metzger, a Cumberland friend. I'll conclude this column with some words from Mary, who writes poetry when she's not playing with her cat, Foxy:

"Perspective is a person's point of view. And during this isolating time of Covid, my companion is Foxy, a gift just before Covid, from my kids. So there are only two perspectives at our house: mine and the cat's. It has occurred to me that in this age of divisiveness that I might apply this lesson of looking through the cat's eyes to others that I know. In other words, I have to allow myself to get into somebody else's mind and see what they see. Maybe others see something I can't see. So sometimes, if I believe that most people I know are really good souls, regardless of whether I agree with them or not, I need to try to search out their perspective. Sometimes this may not be possible, but we have to try to have a meeting of minds and try to understand people of good faith, with their eyes."

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

## Sudoku Puzzle #4152-D

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- Carryall
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- Still asleep
- Smoldering coal
- Brief lighting cessation
- Negligent
- Votes to accept
- Source of energy
- Hearty meat dish
- Game-show regular
- Allows
- Provide support to
- Basil sauce
- Simpleton
- Texan Houston
- Stubby
- Common malady
- Prepare to propose
- False moniker
- Dense mist
- Back then
- Incomparable
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- Sweltering
- Wiped clean
- Adrift
- Flat breads
- Create
- Microscope component
- Conspicuous
- Roulette bet
- Whirling current
- Chatty ox?
- "\_\_\_ we forget ..."
- Has dinner
- Does a cobbler's job
- Mild expletive
- Dance movement
- Cold-cuts shop
- Accidents
- Tales
- Baby grand, e.g.
- Promo producers
- Mink wrap
- Minor disputes
- Flies alone
- Pose a question
- Jerk
- Sharpest
- "The Agony and the \_\_\_"
- Sly glance
- Insult
- Molar's coating
- Spelling error
- Auction
- Applied
- Allow to borrow
- Collect
- \_\_\_ out (barely manages)
- Fender nick
- Climbing vine
- Afternoon gathering
- Bible craft

DOWN

- Celebrity
- Ear projection
- Gossip bit
- Freeway divider
- Tropical tuber
- \_\_\_ and flow
- Deadlock
- Nudged
- Swig
- Pace



## Barron County Snowmobile Trails Now Open

Barron County snowmobile trails opened on Saturday, December 31st. Volunteers have been out working very hard to make this happen - so a special thank you to you if you were involved with signing, brushing, cutting, trimming, grooming, chain sawing, lopping, or anything else to help get them ready. The best way to show your thanks is to respect the trails and adhere to the following important reminders:

- The trails are still not great - you may encounter downed limbs, branches, or maybe even a fallen tree. Please help us all out and do your best to remove it. Please ride responsibly and keep speeds reasonable. You WILL encounter hazards on the trail.
- Many swamps have not been groomed to avoid sinking the groomers. The first ones down the trail will need to blaze a path, and will require higher than average levels of skill. Please do NOT go around these areas and trespass. If you are not comfortable doing this, turn back around.
- Lakes are not safe for travel. It is recommended to stay off the lakes.
- If you encounter a groomer, do not pass them until the groomer stops and you are waved on. Passing a moving groomer is extremely dangerous and disrespectful.
- Stay on the trail at all times.

Be safe, ride sober, and if you haven't already, join a snowmobile club! Here are some photos from today.

Lastly...trail 12 from the intersection of 33 east of Cameron all the way to the Rusk County line will be closed because of bridge repair.

Also, the Tuscobia Winter Ultra is still going to take place this weekend, so anyone riding on the Tuscobia should expect to encounter race participants on the trail.

**THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE**

**WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS**

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

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# Opinion



## Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Well, it's 2023 and another snow storm is on the way. I can remember many times through the years hearing "you don't know what a real winter is....." I'm sure you have all heard it as well. I think we are well on our way to a "real winter." My roof has already been shoveled off once and it's only January 1st. The snowmobilers should be excited to have the trails open for more than a couple of weeks. It sure seems like a good old fashioned winter is here. Might as well embrace it and get outside and enjoy some of the snow. A real plus to all the snow is that our lakes, streams, ponds and swamps all need the water.

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Did you make a New Years Resolution? That is one thing I have never done. It seems to me you are setting your self up for a let down. It seems foolish to set goals because of a date on the calendar. If you need to drop a few pounds start exercising a little more or eating a little less when your belt begins to get a little tight. If your going on a trip start saving a few months before you leave or spending a little less on frivolous things. Anyway to each their own. If it works, great!

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The Packers dismantled the Vikings Sunday afternoon in Green Bay. A kick return touchdown and a 75 yard pick six helped fuel the route. It just seemed like one of those days if you're a Viking fan. Been there, done that, got the t-shirt. With the win the Pack just needs to beat the Lions next Sunday again in Green Bay to get into the Play-offs. The Vikings, meanwhile, need to forget it and move on. Minnesota finishes up the regular season at Chicago. Have a great week!

## LETTERS Editor

### We Need More Community Input

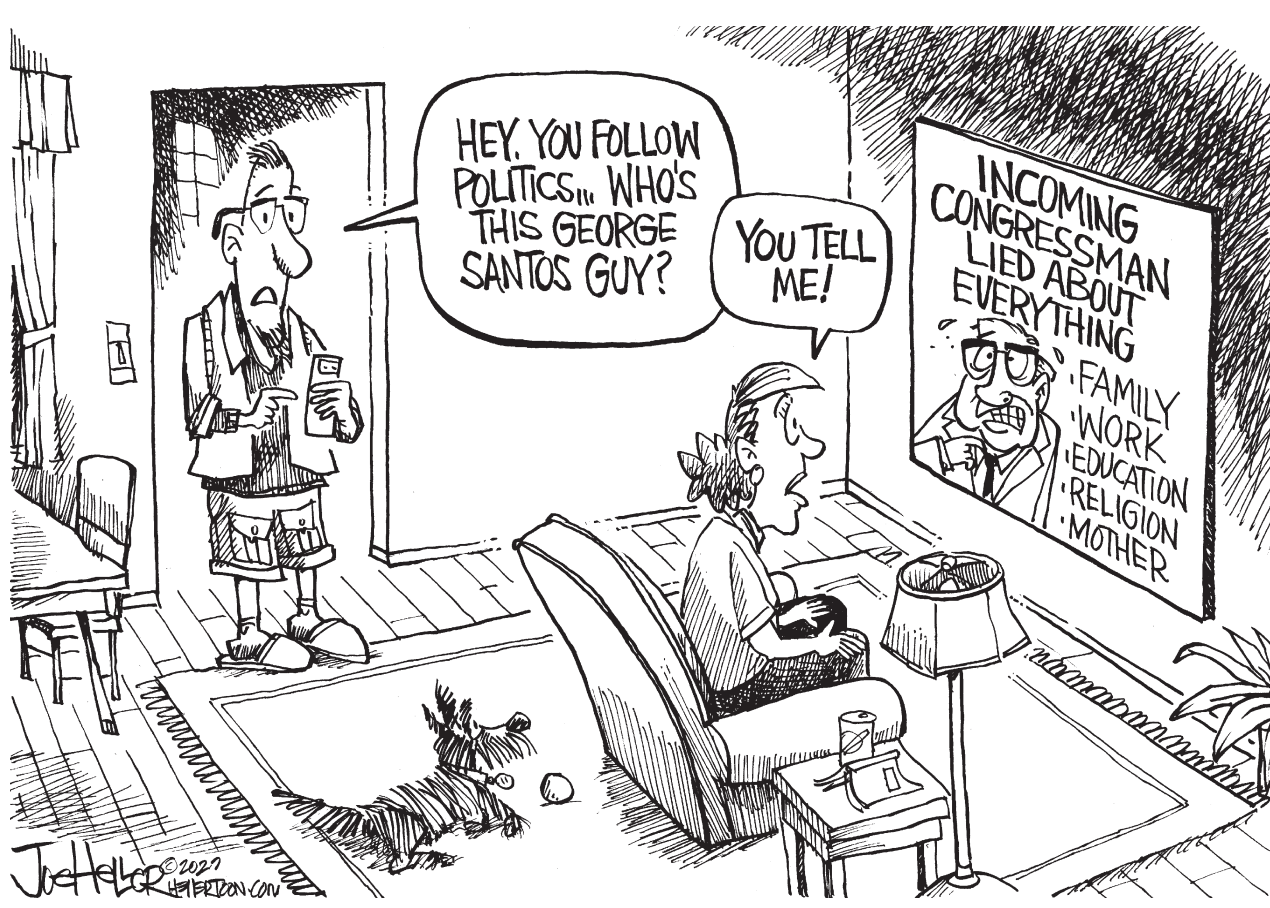
To the Editor:

In all likelihood, at this month's meeting, our school board will approve a referendum to be voted on by residents in April. The proposal will likely be in the \$25 million dollar range and, with interest rates continuing to rise, will cost property tax payers nearly \$2 million per year. After being approved by the school board the school will provide information regarding the proposal before to the April vote. The question is, will the district share all the information, or only the information that paints the proposal in a positive light? While we do need to find a way to fund renovations to the high school and another gym would be very helpful, the community should have all the information so voters can make an informed decision come April.

Putting more tax burden on a community like Cumberland is no small ask.

Each increase to our mill rate or assessed values further discourages private investment in the community. There is a lack of affordable housing in Cumberland and higher property taxes will make housing even less affordable. We need to balance our needs for school improvements with the other needs of our community and voters should be provided with all relevant information. While the school will highlight lower mill rates, they will likely omit the reality of higher assessed values. Property values have increased significantly in the past 3 years, so while mill rates have declined, tax bills and the amount of funding going to our schools have not decreased. The school district will also make sure everyone is aware that district tax payers are not

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## Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

### “Themes emerge in a year’s worth of columns”

MADISON, Wis. -- Part of the fun of writing a regular column is being able to look back at recurring themes. Here's a look at 2022 with an eye toward grouping my "frequent flyer" subject areas, which collectively demonstrate I am both an economic optimist and an incurable geek.

Energy and resiliency (8 columns) – Finding innovative, efficient ways to power society and the economy was already front-and-center with climate change, but Russia's invasion of Ukraine rang another alarm bell with oil and natural gas disruptions. Next-generation nuclear fission, nuclear fusion, "green" hydrogen, electric vehicles and electrified highways, EV charging stations and storage technology were all on my list. Using technology to clean and protect water was covered, as well, especially in the context of setting Wisconsin research and industry apart.

Nuclear fission has its critics. Nuclear fusion has its skeptics. And yet, there is little doubt that electricity demands will continue to grow, fossil fuel consumption will likely decline, and alternatives such as solar and wind have logical limits... Nuclear energy need not compete with renewables, but it can augment them in a world that needs both climate

remedies and reliable power." Entrepreneurism and the tech workforce (8 columns) – The double-edged sword of remote work in Wisconsin was examined, opportunities and strategies for entrepreneurs were highlighted, and success stories in communities, sectors and within young companies were covered.

Sample passage: "While the COVID-19 pandemic led to a rise in remote work across many business sectors, the number of remote job postings for tech jobs has climbed nearly three times as fast... That means a job posting in Appleton, Madison or Milwaukee might just as easily be filled by someone elsewhere in the state, the Midwest or the world as someone living within those labor markets. Conversely, jobs posted in San Francisco, New York City or Texas – three enduringly hot job markets – might well be filled by someone in Wisconsin looking for higher pay without needing to move."

Angel and venture capital (6 columns): Wisconsin is still behind the venture capital curve when compared with the Big Four states – California, New York, Massachusetts and Texas – but it's slipping into a respectable position as investors outside Wisconsin discover attractive deals here. While 2021 investment totals of \$868 million may not be soon repeated, 2022 will

finish as the state's second-best total on record – despite gloomy predictions.

Sample passage: "Even in hard times, promising young companies can get funded if the investment opportunity is compelling. Google, PayPal, Airbnb, Pinterest, Uber, Dropbox, Slack and WhatsApp are all examples of companies born during past financial downturns. Maybe your company is next."

Pressures on economic growth (6 columns): How do economic stresses, at home and abroad, affect businesses and workers in Wisconsin? That theme extended to the perils of inflation, supply chain troubles, general workforce shortages, interest rate hikes and recession rumblings.

Sample passage: "Wisconsin could fare somewhat better if and when recession hits... because many manufacturers have backlogs that could carry them a while, supply chain woes are beginning to ease in some sectors... tourism is humming along, and some signs point to people migrating to Wisconsin to escape quality of life issues elsewhere. That may attract people who can work remotely, or largely so."

Spurring innovation at the federal level (5 columns): This theme was born in late 2019, when the work of some major policy research cent-

ers suggested that America's economy would be a lot better off if more tech and related manufacturing could be found in the Heartland. No disagreements there; I've written about it often ever since. Columns in 2022 focused on legislation to bring more semi-conductor manufacturing on shore and attracting National Science Foundation research "hubs" that align with Wisconsin strengths.

Sample passage: "The coming months will be a critical time for Wisconsin's congressional delegation to put partisan and regional differences aside as decisions are made to seed tech innovation "hubs" in cities outside the nation's major metros on the east and west coasts. A failure to make the case that Wisconsin is a logical place for such a hub could miss one of the federal government's biggest economic development initiatives since World War II and make it more difficult for the state to compete for talent and private investment dollars."

Nearly 20 other columns covered a mix of topics, so not everything fit into neat subconscious themes. For those readers who occasionally found one of those mis-sives interesting, thanks and more to come in 2023!

Still is president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He can be reached at [tstill@wisconsintechcouncil.com](mailto:tstill@wisconsintechcouncil.com).

# A Look Back

### 10 Years Ago January 9, 2013

Claire and Marj Johnson have made a significant personal donation in the amount of \$300,000 as the impetus in helping to construct a new on-campus, multi-use facility. Their generosity and future-focused financial contribution will continue to provide quality educational opportunities for the Cumberland School District and community for many generations to come.

### 20 Years Ago January 8, 2003

Jim Betulius, the Business Manager for Profile Products, Inc., presented Mark Fuller with the 2002 High School Baseball Field of the Year Award. The award was presented at the American Baseball Coaches Clinic in San Diego, CA. Profile is the leader of sports field management in the United States, producing the conditioner for over 75 percent of the major league fields. Cumberland was chosen for the work it has done in producing one of the finest fields in the midwest.

Steve S. Ritchie has recently joined the staff at Coil's Realty Service in Cumberland. Ritchie is a Rice Lake native and has been in sales for 20 years with Wolverine World Wide and has practiced real estate in Birchwood and Spooner.

### 30 Years Ago January 6, 1993

Fire Safety poster contest winners were Jamie Johnson, second grade; James Rinzel, third grade; and Joe Miller, fourth grade. Runners up were Ann Capra, Nicole Burke and Jamie Jensen.

Five hundred ninety-two students have been named to the honor rolls at Chippewa Valley Technical College in Eau Claire for the first semester. The student from Cumberland is Michael Wasko.

### 40 Years Ago January 5, 1983

The Cumberland Fire Department responded to a call Sunday evening at the John Severson residence, north of McKinley. According to Fire Chief Bob Mack, the origin of the fire is unknown, and there was no extensive damage.

### 50 Years Ago January 4, 1973

Sergeant James Perham, Cumberland, was presented the U.S. Air Force commendation medal at Vandenberg AFB, CA., by Captain Howard Taylor, his commander. An air traffic controller, he was decorated for his meritorious service while assigned at Cam Ran Bay AB, Vietnam.

The winning of gold and silver Olympic medals by John and Ben Peterson of Comstock was included in

the top 10 sports stories in 1972 in Wisconsin. Their achievements were considered number six on the list.

### 60 Years Ago January 10, 1963

The first baby of 1963, and winner of a number of prizes given by local businesses, was James Benson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Benson of Cumberland and was born January 5.

### 80 Years Ago January 7, 1943

Over 19 inches of snow fell here during the month of December, according to the records maintained at the Cumberland Light Plant.

Len Mayer was the top man in the bowling league last week with a sparkling 613 as he led the Mayer-Rose crew to a three straight wins over Erickson Lockers. Tony Cifaldi ran up the highest count ever scored on the present local alleys when he rolled a 723 during Christmas week in open bowling.

### 90 Years Ago January 5, 1933

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# Court News

## Barron County Circuit Court

### Traffic Court

Edward A. Anderson, 59, Amery, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Ethan J. Bigler, 17, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Christopher L. Candler, 40, Rice Lake, OWI, \$874.50. Dalton T. Carter, 19, Cumberland, OWI, \$874.50. Eithan M. Farrar, 19, Rice Lake, failure of occupant to notify police of an accident, \$389.50, failure to keep vehicle under control, \$213.10 and possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$263.50. Jay A. Gjehaug, 58, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. James W. Kittleson, 67, Barron, OWI, \$874.50. Kyle L. Krmarzick, 49, Brooklyn Park, MN., passing in no-passing zone, \$213.10. Robert D. Matsch, 23, Chetek, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Adam J. Metcalf, 41, Dickens, IA., OWI, \$735.00. Elsa L. Moede, 18, Cedarburg, speeding, \$175.30. Payton I. Neubert, 21, Cumberland, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Jayme E. Randall, 37, Haugen, OWI, \$1,050.50. Rosendo Rendon, 59, Eagle Pass, TX., OWI, \$1,050.00. Beth W. Rusch, 42, Black Earth, WI., speeding, \$200.50. Ronald A. Stewart Jr., 38, Rice Lake, operating while suspended, \$200.50, operating a motor vehicle without adequate muffler, \$175.30 and cracked/damaged vehicle windshield, \$175.30. Helen R. Teegarden, 33, Spooner, OWI, \$874.50. Elijah L. Tetner, 19, Clayton, OWI, \$811.50. Brian J. Wardon, 62, Prairie Farm, OWI, \$1,050.50.

### Complaints

Brian L. Steffen, 62, of Almema, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV with PAC. His court date is scheduled for January 18, 2023. Samantha N. Sweeney, 22, of Glen Flora, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for February 8, 2023. Joseph R. Stoeberl, 52, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly

conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for December 28, 2022.

Brayden L. Larson, 22, of Almema, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for January 18, 2023.

Ariel M. Christianson, 19, of Spooner, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date is scheduled for January 18, 2023.

Kaitlyn M. Sigmund, 18, of Saron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date is scheduled for January 18, 2023.

### Criminal Complaints

Jennifer C. Weidinger, 29, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court hearing is scheduled for January 23, 2023.

Brian M. Begley, 37, of Durand, has been charged with possession of cocaine and retail theft. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for February 1, 2023.

Brandie A. Saavedra, 29, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 4, 2023.

Madeline E. Sanchez-Delgado, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for December 28, 2022.

James M. Watts, 34, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance was scheduled for December 27, 2022.

Braydon L. Larson, 22, of Almema, has been charged with criminal damage to property. His initial appearance is scheduled for January 18, 2023.

Jeslissa A. Reynolds, 34, of Chetek, has been charged with OWI, possession of THC, operating while revoked and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for January 4, 2023.

## Cumberland Man Charged With Causing Injuries to Passenger in Single Vehicle Crash

Criminal charges have been filed against Blake Siebert of Cumberland after the court found probable cause regarding a single vehicle crash that occurred in Barron County in September 2021.

On September 6, 2021, shortly after 1 am, the Barron County 911 Center received a call of a single vehicle crash at 12th Street and Highway B, east of Cumberland. Cumberland Ambulance, along with deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department, Cumberland Fire Department, North Memorial Helicopter and Cumberland Police Department all responded to the scene.

Investigation showed that the vehicle had failed to stop for the stop sign on 12th Street at Highway B and rolled into the ditch. The vehicle was in the north ditch of County Road B and upside down. A deputy was able to observe that there was a male inside the vehicle hanging upside down and unresponsive. Another male who was on scene was attempting to assist the deputy. A third male was lying

on the ground outside of the vehicle and identified himself as Siebert, 17, at the time.

The criminal complaint filed against Siebert states that the passenger inside the vehicle was extricated from the vehicle and airlifted for medical care at a hospital. Medical records show that the minor male passenger also suffered a severe traumatic brain injury secondary to a motor vehicle collision.

When interviewed, Siebert allegedly stated that they came to the intersection of County Road B and 12th Street going too fast. He indicated he saw the stop sign and slowed down to approximately 40 miles per hour and then sped up and could see the road was turning and went straight into the trees. He said they were "going too fast" but no more than 60 miles per hour.

While being interviewed for a second time, Siebert stated he was out with two other friends and they were out driving around and ended up on a specific roadway where they would rev up their engines and fishtail on the road.

Siebert also claimed to have been followed by another vehicle and claimed to be trying to get away from this vehicle. Siebert also stated that when he came up to the intersection of County Road B and 12th Street, he came upon a warning sign for the stop sign at that intersection. Siebert did acknowledge that he was going approximately 70 miles per hour when he saw the warning sign for the stop sign but claimed to not have seen the stop sign at the intersection. Siebert also said that he slowed down to about 55 to 60 miles per hour and tried braking and that was all he remembered until he unbuckled himself and got out of the vehicle. Siebert indicated that the fastest he was going was approximately 110 miles per hour but said that was when he sped up to get away from the vehicle that was following him.

According to the criminal complaint filed against Siebert, it states that Siebert admitted to smoking marijuana five hours prior to the

crash. A sample of Siebert's blood was obtained and sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab for testing and the results showed the presence of THC in his blood.

Siebert is charged with Class F Felony use of a Vehicle with Controlled Substance in Blood-Great Bodily Harm, Class I Felony Reckless Driving-Cause Great Bodily Harm, failure to keep vehicle under control and failure to stop at a stop sign.

In October 2022, charges were filed against Siebert. Siebert appeared for a hearing in November 2022 and the Honorable James Babler ordered a \$5,000 signature bond for him. On December 13, 2022, he appeared for a preliminary examination hearing. Judge Babler heard testimony from Barron County Sheriff's Deputies and A.D.A. O'Boyle filed a copy of the crime lab report with the court. Judge Babler found probable cause to bind the case for further proceedings. Siebert is to appear again in March 2023.

## Ladysmith Man Charged with Attempted Child Sexual Assault

Joshua Chandler, 38, of Ladysmith, has been charged with attempted child sexual assault, after he traveled from Ladysmith to Hayward in attempt to meet a 15-year-old female.

In a criminal complaint filed, an investigator for the LacCourte Oreilles Tribal Police Department was operating as a female child on an undercover online profile social media app and was contacted by a man with the screen name of "Josh." The man was later identified as Joshua Chandler.

Chandler messaged the undercover officer posing as the 15-year-old female about her age being 15. According to the criminal complaint filed against Chandler, it alleges that when he was told that the child was 15, he responded with, "Your 15? As in your age is 15? The investigator (the 15-year-old) confirmed that she was 15 years old. Chandler talked about the illegality of having sexual intercourse with an underage girl.

During the course of the conversation that Chandler had with the "female", he mentioned that he could be arrested and asked if she was a

cop numerous times throughout the conversation. The criminal complaint states that the conversation continued with Chandler discussing that sometimes cops pose as children to arrest people for this. He messaged with the undercover officer about "hooking up" stating that "I don't know I mean if you're down to hook up I'd be fine what that."

As the conversation continued, Chandler said he would bring condoms and also that he would be driving a silver van. Chandler then discussed with her when they should meet and it was decided that they should meet around 4:00 am at the Seven Winds Casino.

Officers from the Hayward Police Department, and Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Police Department arrived at the casino and took up positions where they would not be seen but could respond in a timely manner. The officers at the scene noticed a silver van pull into the parking lot and drive around while parking in random spots. The criminal complaint goes on to say that the driver could be seen holding their phone up and then driving closer to the casino. The

officers then moved in and arrested Chandler.

During the arrest, Chandler stated he did not understand why he was there and what he had done wrong. Inside his vehicle, officers found a cut straw commonly used for snorting drugs and numerous ripped-up pieces of tin foil as well as three white pills (later identified as Tramadol). Chandler was immediately transported to the Sawyer County Jail.

When officers interviewed Chandler, Chandler said that "it was a KIK thing" and that was there to meet a girl who said she was 15.

According to the criminal complaint, Chandler denied wanting to have sexual intercourse with the child and also told officers that he did not know his KIK account information. An officer then read the KIK screen name of the person talking to the undercover officer, and Chandler corrected the officer's pronunciation of the name on the KIK account.

When Chandler was asked why he would drive from Ladysmith to Lac Courte Oreilles reservation at 3:00 am, Chandler said that he

needed to pick up his kids this morning. Chandler said that it didn't mean he was going to do it in the end and that he was going to chat and hang out with that girl.

Charges filed against Chandler include Charges of Class C Felony Attempt 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, Class C Felony Use of a Computer to Facilitate a Child Sex Crime and Misdemeanor Possession of Controlled Substance.

On October 26, 2022, Chandler appeared for a bail bond hearing and the Honorable John Yackel ordered a \$10,000 cash bond for him with conditions prohibiting him from having any contact with juveniles under the age of 17, or possession of any electronic devices for purposes accessing the internet.

In November, at a preliminary examination, Judge Yackel found probable cause to bind over the case against Chandler for further court proceedings. A motion from the defense council to modify Chandler's bond was granted, and his cash bond was reduced to \$6,000.

He is scheduled to appear again in January.

## Man Charged with Attempt Child Enticement to a 14 Year Old

Stephen Booth, 40, is being charged with him attempting to entice a 14-year-old female to meet with him and engage in sexual activity. Booth reserved a hotel room in Shell Lake for the meet.

An investigator, for the Washburn County Sheriff's Office was operating an undercover (UC) online profile and received a message from a male with the username "DaddysKinkRoom." The user was listed as a 40 year old male from Davenport, IA.

While messaging, the male asked the UC if she was 18, and asked if she was into older guys. The UC said that she was.

The UC asked the male

if he minded that she was younger. The male messaged back stating, "Yes I'm ok with it."

When the UC advised she was actually 14, the male stated, "Yummy."

According to the criminal complaint, it states that several pages of the messages were details of sexually graphic messages that the male sent to the UC over the course of several days.

The UC then obtained search warrants for the online accounts that the male had contacted her through.

The male told the UC that he was shooting to meet her in two weeks and asked what town she lived in so that he could get a motel room. The

UC told him Shell Lake, Wisconsin.

The UC told the male that she realized she didn't even know his name and wanted to meet him so bad. The male told her his name was Steve and sent a screenshot from the website where he booked the room, which indicated a check-in date of November 25, 2022.

The UC was able to locate a male named Stephen Booth, with an address of Davenport, IA. She also obtained a photo of him which appeared to match the live camera photos that the male had sent to the UC.

On November 21, 2022, the UC went to the motel in Shell Lake and confirmed that

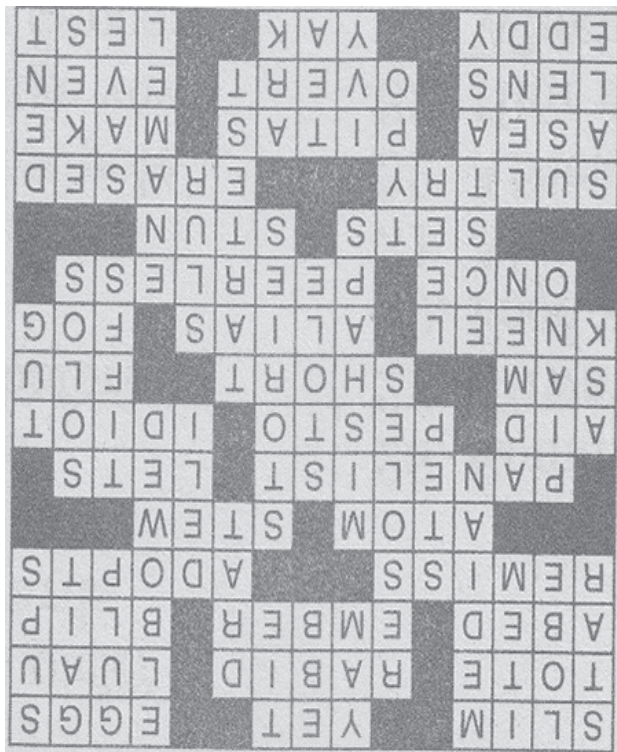
Booth had booked a single king-bed room for November 25-27, 2022.

Booth is charged with Class D Felony Attempt Child Enticement, Class H Felony Causing Child Under 13 to View/Listen to Sexual Activity, Class C Felony Use of a Computer to Facilitate a Child Sex Crime, Class I felony Exposing Genitals, Class I Felony Exposing a Child to Harmful Materials, and Class I Felony Exposing a Child to harmful Descriptions.

Online circuit court records show that Booth is scheduled to appear in Washburn County Circuit Court on January 23, 2023, regarding the charges.

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### Sudoku Solution #4152-D



## Sled Safe, Practice Ice Safety And Stay Sober On Snowmobile Trails This Season

Wisconsin is home to more than 25,000 miles of snowmobile trails, giving riders plenty of room to enjoy winter in Wisconsin. Those trails pass through private lands, state properties, forests and harvested corn fields. It's a unique network that spans most of the state, and snowmobilers are reminded to stay safe and respectful while on the trails. Sledging safe means sledging sober.

In the early months of 2022, there were 14 fatal snowmobile crashes, with 10 involving alcohol. Alcohol affects your risk perception and reaction time. If you choose to consume alcohol, wait until after you've safely returned home – it could save your life.

"Excessive speed, alcohol use and inexperience contribute to snowmobile crashes. Remember to ride responsibly and look out for yourself and others. Sober riding is always the best policy," said Lt. Jake Holsclaw, DNR Off-highway Vehicle Administrator.

Also, remember that no ice is safe ice. Before you venture out, contact local sport shops to ask about ice conditions locally on the lake or river you want to cross.

More safety tips Wisconsin's recreation safety specialists recommend you take these other precautions to stay safe on the trails this winter:

Slow down. Speed is a contributing factor in

nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. Drivers should proceed at a pace that will allow ample reaction time for any situation. Drive at moderate speeds, and drive defensively, especially after sunset.

Carry a first-aid kit and dress appropriately. Your first-aid kit should include a flashlight, knife, compass, map, and waterproof matches. Always wear a helmet with goggles or a face shield to prevent injuries from twigs and flying debris. Wear layers of water-repellent clothing and make sure you have no loose ends that might catch in the machine or tangle in equipment.

Avoid traveling across bodies of water when uncertain of ice thickness or

water currents. Rapidly changing weather and moving water in streams and lake inlets also affect the thickness and strength of ice on lakes and ponds. Snow cover can act as a blanket and prevents thick strong ice from forming.

Stay on marked trails or, where allowed, on the right shoulder of the road. Be alert for fences, tree stumps and stretched wire that may be concealed by snow.

Never travel alone. Most snowmobile accidents result in personal injury. The most dangerous situations occur when a person is injured and alone. If you must travel alone, tell someone your destination, planned route, and when you will return.

# Sports

## Boy's Basketball Team Plays in Rice Lake Tournament

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team traveled to Rice Lake last week, where they split a pair of contests in their Holiday Tournament. Both games were competitive to the very end, with the Beavers defeating Eau Claire Regis 47-46, while dropping a 57-56 decision to the Altoona Railroaders. Cumberland's record moves to 4 and 1 on the year as they entered a game in Chetek on Tuesday against the Bulldogs. This Friday the Beavers host St. Croix Falls in a 7:00 pm start.

Regis played better than their 0 and 6 record would indicate in the Beavers opening victory. "We didn't play to our level most of the night as you could tell we hadn't played in a couple of weeks. I was proud of our resilience down the stretch, however, and our ability to find a way to win the game," said Coach Corey Berghammer.

Some of that rustiness could be seen in their shooting, where the Beavers only hit 39 percent of their shots from the floor. They came through when they needed to, however, with Jax Effertz hitting two clutch free throws with two seconds left on the clock to erase a one-point deficit and claim the one-point victory.

Effertz had another big game for Coach Berghammer with a team-leading 21 points and eight rebounds. His evening included a three for five performance from beyond the arc.

Vaughn Johnson added eight points and Gavin Gores seven. Gores added a

team leading 12 rebounds to his evening.

The following night, the Beavers took on the 3 and 6 Altoona Railroaders and battled gamely, but came out on the short end of a hard fought one-point contest. "We played pretty even most of the game, but they executed down the stretch better than we did. We had too many wasted possessions on offense and gave up too many uncontested baskets on defense, all things that we need to fix before we get back into conference play," added Coach Berghammer.

The difference in the game was one more made three-pointer by the Railroaders. They were 10 for 22 beyond the arc, while the Beavers were nine for 21. Cumberland was 11 for 16 from the free throw line.

The Beavers put three players in double figures with Vaughn Johnson leading the way with 18 points, including making an excellent four for four on his three-point attempts. Gores added 15 points, while Effertz scored 12. Monty Peterson had a team-leading five assists, while Effertz added a team-high eight boards.

With a couple games under their belt, after almost a two-week absence from playing, the Beavers will take their strong 4 and 1 record back into Conference play where Cameron, Northwestern and the Beavers are all undefeated. They will take a break from the HON, when they host Spring Valley in a 7:15 start next Monday night.



Vaughn Johnson lofts a floater in the lane during the boys win over Eau Claire Regis at Rice Lake. Johnson had 8 points on the night.



Monty Peterson drives through the lane as # 5 David Olson looks for a possible pass or rebound in the Beavers win over the Ramblers.

## Girl's Basketball Team Drops Non-Conference Tilt to Medford

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team played a non-conference tilt against Medford last Thursday, which ended in a 53-27 defeat. The contest was part of a Chippewa Falls McDonell Christmas Tournament, in which Cumberland's second game against Bayfield was cancelled.

"We are setting small goals each game and the girls are improving and getting more confidence despite the score," said Head Coach Kim Weber.

Macy Beecroft led Cumberland with 11 points,

while Orion Thompson added six. The Beavers continue to play without leading scorer and rebounder Teagan Monson, who still recovering from an injury suffered in the first game of the year.

This week the girls hosted Grantsburg in a make-up game on Monday and played at Webster on Tuesday. Thursday, the team finishes their week with a trip to Hayward. The next home game is Tuesday, January 10, when Cumberland host Ladysmith in a contest starting at 7:00 pm.

## Northwest Icemen Fall to WSFLG 2 to 1

The Northwest Icemen Co-op Hockey Team was in action in Siren last Thursday, dropping a hard fought 2-1 decision to the Blizzard. The Icemen were back in action on Tuesday in Park Falls before returning to the Barron rink this Thursday for a contest against Regis/Altoona/McDonell. Their only game next week

is a Tuesday match-up in Amery.

The Blizzard broke a 1-1 tie with a goal in the third period to pick up last Thursday's victory. The only goal by the Icemen in the contest came on an unassisted score by Riley Elwood in the first period. The Blizzard outshot the Icemen 35 to 22 in their victory.



Gavin Gores lays in two of his seven points in the boys win over Eau Claire Regis.

### Sports Calendar

**Thursday, Jan. 5**

Wrestling home vs LFGS 5:30

Hockey vs Altoona @ Barron 7:00

Girls BB @ Hayward 7:00

**Friday, Jan. 6**

Boys BB home vs St. Croix Falls 7:00

**Saturday, Jan. 7**

Wrestling @ Cadott 10:00

**Monday, Jan. 9**

Boys BB home vs Spring Valley 7:00

**Tuesday, Jan. 10**

Hockey @ Amery 7:00

Girls BB home vs Ladysmith 7:00

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# An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

## 2022 The Best of Times/The Worst of Times!

Hello friends,

This is my annual summing up of the last years experiences in the outdoors, which in reality I have been writing for 33 years and with the love I have for my job and with the current, steadily fading numbers on my retirement I will be writing for another 33. One other thing, thank the folks who run this column in the newspaper that you are reading it in and shop local.

Let's skip the 8-ice fishing, winter camping trips that I went on and just say that they were all fun and I am looking forward to lots of them between now and ice out.

It's April 1st, I am in Canada and my girlfriend Michelle Chiaro, her 16-year-old daughter Kylie and my daughter Selina are overseeing the Ruby having pups project. One of the pups became stuck in the birth canal and these three ladies saved the day and long story short, Ruby gave birth to "Red" who would become my 8th golden retriever.

It was mid-April when I was on my annual turkey hunt with Selina. She just finished her 7th semester at UWSP with a double major, a minor, Vice President of the Fisheries Society and a job in the Aquatic Biomonitoring Lab. About all I can say is this girl knows how to take care of a full schedule and put an annual hurting on the local turkey flock and what's crazy is she always whacks big birds.

It was also in mid-April that Michelle and I started our annual pilgrimage of baiting bear in the forests and marshes of northern Juneau County. Michelle loved baiting bear as I do and it was always because of the outdoor adventure.

Also in April, Michelle and I began planting our gardens which were designed to feed 6 people with a host of veggies to feed us year round in several ways.

On June 12th Michelle became ill, several people in the medical field who loved her thought it was something like a virus, as did Michelle who was a 26-year ICU nurse. On June 14th, Michelle's condition worsened and I called an ambulance that took her to Hess Memorial Hospital in Mauston. I was told Michelle was very ill and she was immediately put into a coma and that moment I was told there was a strong possibility that she would not come out of it. No matter how I triumph or how many years pass, I will never get over the loss of Michelle Chiaro.

July 2022. Family, friends, neighbors, readers of this column and people in the newspaper industry, literally at least 500-different people did their best to comfort me and I am thankful for that.

Though to this day I am a wreck, I will heal as that is the only option. My main cure other than what I just mentioned was to immerse myself into bear baiting and hobby farming. Until 3-months after Michelle passed all I could do was move my body or sit by my campfire. If I sat in my house, I lost it.

Our gardens were planted for six with the plan of four workers, I lost all workers as Michelle's children went to Arkansas and then California to be with her family.

Though I was not going to do it, three influential people in my life talked me into going on our annual fly in fishing trip to Shultz Lake near Red Lake, Ontario. That trip also would help with the healing.

The bear baiting was probably my biggest soul saver and I know she was with me. Hard work and hard thinking got me into the best physical shape I have been in, in at least 20-years.

September, I am in my bear stand, it is my 12th afternoon in a row of sitting in a tree. I think it was Michelle who helped, a large boar had crossed a swamp behind me and was about to enter a willow thicket 100-yards away. My shot hit its mark and I had a downed 310-pound, "dressed" boar.

My other big challenge of the year was a solo elk hunt near Bozeman, Montana. This would be a public land hunt and I did it before I was too old to do it. I arrived three days before the season, scouted, built a very comfortable base camp down low and a very basic camp up high. I found elk two days before the season opened and slept in major grizzly bear country up high.

On opening day, a blizzard hit my camp just as I was heading up to my stand in the darkness. As night became day, I saw three elk but could not determine if one had big enough antlers to be a legal shooter. An hour later four cows came through and behind them was a beautiful 6x6 with a huge body. I put three rounds from my 300 BAR in his chest and I had my bull.

Once again and a hundred times since June 15th, I know Michelle was with me.

I am not exceptionally happy anymore but I am



Selina Walters harvested her 9th turkey last spring.



Michelle Chiaro was an incredible mother, nurse and soulmate.

rebounding and working hard in KAMO and also helping to start an Outdoor Youth Club in Necedah. We just had our 3rd meeting and this kids/adults organization is going to do good things.

I will get my laugh back and someday I will see Michelle Chiaro again!

Sunset

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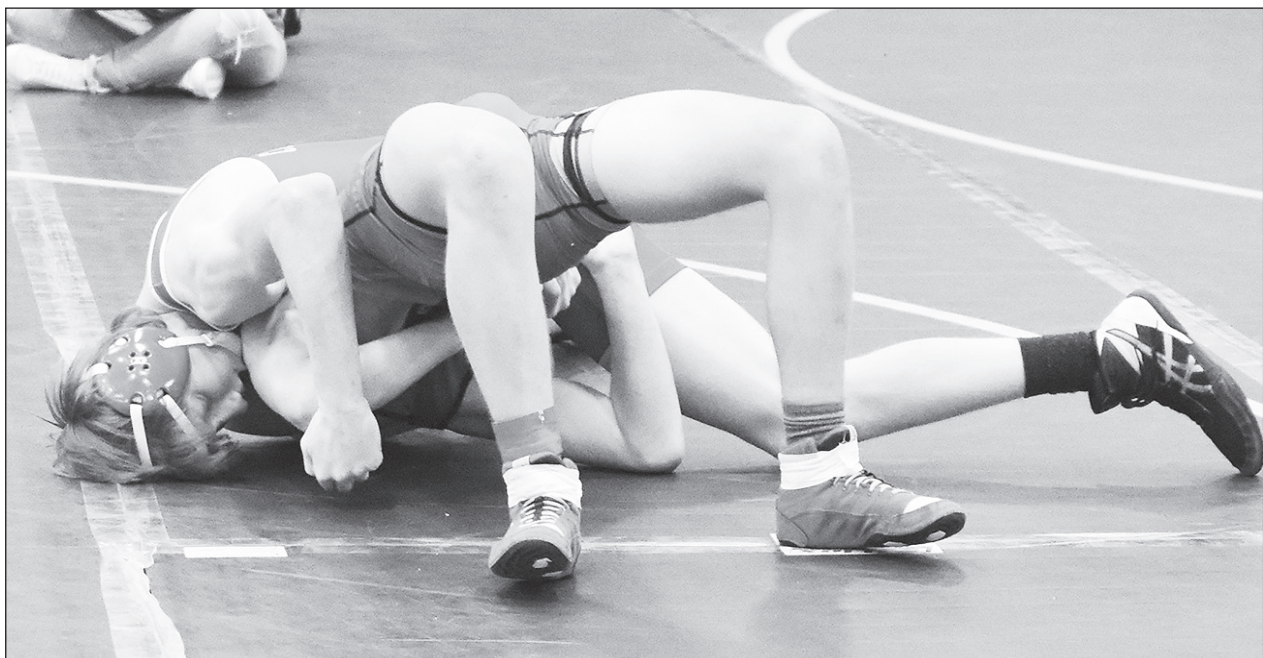
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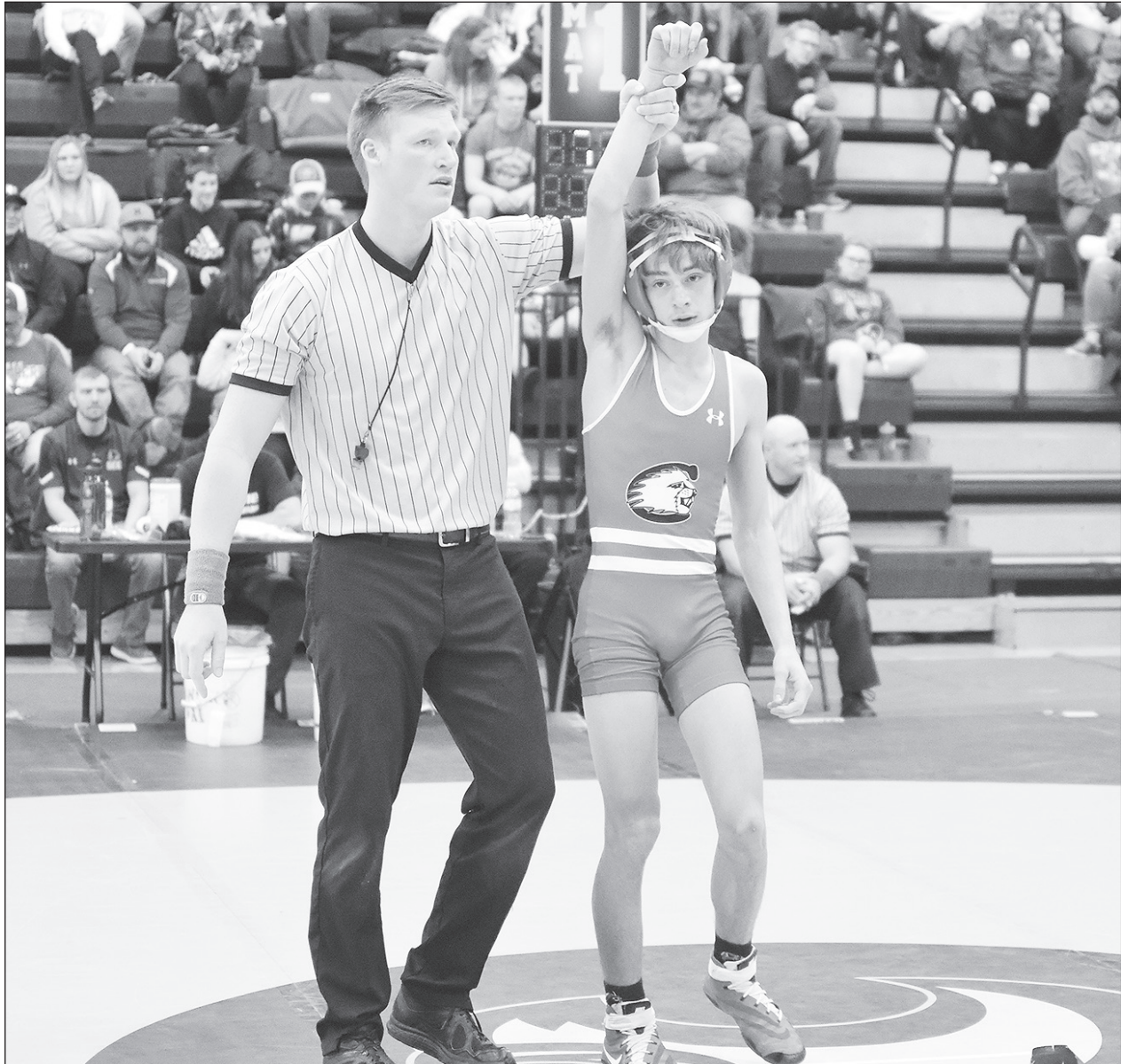
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### Northern Badger!



Harrison Ruppel had a good showing picking up 5 wins at the Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament last weekend in River Falls. Photo by Dakota Morfoot



Cooper Schramski ran his record to 20-6 with a solid 4th place finish at 113 pounds last weekend at the Northern Badger in River Falls. Photo by Dakota Morfoot.

### Cumberland Wrestling Team Participates in Northern Badger

The Cumberland Beavers Wrestling Team traveled to River Falls last week where they participated in the 40-team Northern Badger Wrestling Tournament. Cumberland had a nice showing, finishing fifth out of 15 schools in D2 action, while finishing 14th in overall total point totals. Cadott took home the D2 Team Championship, while Menomonie was the overall top scorer in the tournament.

Cumberland's Dawson Johnson continued his undefeated season by taking the 126-pound title with an exciting 7-3 victory in the finals. Johnson moved to 24-0 on the year with three pins, a tech fall, and his final victory over Ian Radintz of Glenwood City, whose only two losses of the year are to Johnson.

Coach Justin Peterson also had a strong showing from Sophomore Cooper Schramski, who moved to 20 and 6 on the season with a bye, four wins and a pair of losses to finish in fourth place at 113 pounds. Schramski's two losses came to wrestlers who finished just ahead of him in second and third place. Brayten Casey of Menomonie was the weight class champion.

Other top-10 finishes

came from Harrison Ruppel (145), Noah Hile (120), and Jack Chafer (285).

Ruppel won five matches over the two days, including four by pins. He bounced back nicely from a second-round loss to the eventual champion at 145-pounds, Dominic Leintz, who won the overall weight class title. Ruppel would raise his overall record to 15 and 10 and finish in seventh place in the tournament.

Hile would hike his record to an excellent 16-5 mark by finishing ninth among the 28 wrestlers at 120-pounds. Hile was 4 and 2 over the two-days, picking up two pins and a pair of tech falls along the way.

The final top ten finish came from Jack Chafer. Chafer raised his overall mark to 18 and 6 by going three and three in the 285-pound weight class.

The Beavers finish is impressive, as they did not wrestle a senior in the tournament. The young squad will next be in action this coming Thursday, January 5, when the Beavers host Hayward and Luck/FredERIC/Grantsburg/Siren in a match starting at 5:30 pm. Saturday January 7, the team then heads to Cadott for their Varsity Invitational.

### Cumberland Mixed Up Bowling League

Week 13 – December 28th

<b>Beginning of 2nd Half</b>	Mark Peichel-186
Cumberland Bus - 4	Tommy Yousten-169
Club Cumberland - 4	<b>3 High Scratch Series</b>
Corner Bar # 2-1	Tommy Yousten - 486
Corner Bar #1 - 1	Mark Peichel - 450
<b>3 High Scratch Games</b>	Jordan Peichel - 446
Jordan Peichel - 187	

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# Look Back...

Europe and the country of Hungary, where he played a year professionally for the Nyiregyhaza Tigers.

Between 2015, and 2018, Leva Oustigoff, 60, of Cumberland, and former Manager at St. Croix Casino, filed false tax returns by failing to report over \$130,000 in income derived from money he embezzled from the St. Croix Casino Turtle Lake. Oustigoff was general manager during this time. Oustigoff used the money for personal expenses, including remodeling and construction on his personal residence. The unreported income amounted to a tax loss of just over \$40,000.

(13)Joining the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame at this past September Banquet at the Das Lach Haus will be 2012 graduate and 11-time letter winner Brady Rose, who left his mark in four different sports during his high school career.

Rose became a starting outfielder for the Beavers Baseball Team as a freshman, before turning his attention to track, where he would become a Sectional qualifier. An outstanding student, Rose was a member of the National Honor Society and this combination of athletic and academic achievements earned him a Football Scholarship to the University of Sioux Falls, a D2 school in South Dakota.

There, Brady would have a stellar career with the Cougars, starting three years as the teams H-back and becoming one of the best receivers in School history. He was named All-NSIC twice and recorded 191 catches for 2,431 yards and 20 receiving TDs in his career. He added 523 rushing on 108 carries and four scores. He was named an

Academic All-American and graduated with a 3.83 grade point in Business Administration.

(20) Bret Toftness is arguably the best golfer to ever come out of the "Island City." That says something, because the city has had a love affair with golf since its beginning. For this and his accomplishments in basketball, Bret will join five others as Inductees into the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame on September 17. He started his golf career at the age of five with a set of cut-off clubs made by his father. "He was a natural from the beginning," said his father Tom. He won several Youth Tournaments and by the age of 12, he had already cut his handicap from the white tees to 12. During that summer, Bret shot his first sub-40, with a 38 and by the summer of his 13th birthday, he shot his first par round of 72. This was as a 13-years old.

Two Cumberland Football graduates played for the North in the Wisconsin Football Coaches Small School All-Star Football Game held in Oshkosh last weekend. The North defeated the South 25-7 in the contest, scoring two fourth quarter touchdowns to put the game out of reach. Gavin Jarchow and Isaac Runstrom both played at the linebacker position in the game, while Cumberland Head Coach Corey Berghammer was also a member of the coaching staff. Jarchow recorded five tackles, including one for loss, while Runstrom added two and one-half tackles in the game.

(27) The Spot Bar was the recipient of 50 People & More Who Care's quarterly grant. Kathy Otto was extremely grateful and said the money would be used to replace a very old furnace that went out last winter.

Another of this year's inductees into the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame is 1973 graduate, Roger Thompson.

Thompson lettered 10 times during his four years with the Beavers, four in baseball and three each in football and

basketball. He would serve as a team captain in both basketball and football and be a member of the 1971 Basketball State Tournament Team. "I can still recall the thrill of running onto the court in Madison," said Thompson.

Last month Noah Sellent, a senior from Cumberland High School, attended the 79th session of Badger Boys State held at UW-Eau Claire campus. This was a week long program sponsored by the American Legion Department of Wisconsin. This was the first session held since 2019 and just for the 2022 session seniors were allowed to apply due to the cancellation of the 2021 session. While seniors were not eligible to attend Boys Nation or earn the Samsung Scholarship, their participation in the program was otherwise identical to Junior students. This was important to note because they told Noah had he been a junior he would have been selected to go to Boys Nation. Only two participants are selected from each state and with 718 young leaders from across the State of Wisconsin attending, this would have been a great honor. Noah graduated from Cumberland High School in the Spring of 2022 as a high honor student, athletic scholarship recipient at Anderson Thompson Post 98 in Cumberland, and Heart 'O North All Conference 1st Team in soccer. Noah will be majoring in Exercise and Sports Science at UW-La Crosse this fall. **August**

(3) On Friday, July 29, three new Cumberland Police Officers were sworn in at the City Hall. They were: Officer Jason Zimmerman, Officer Anthony Brunner and Officer Mackenzie Strohm.

Born and raised in Cumberland, Nikki Fox is excited to be back and serve her hometown community at Skinner Funeral Home and surrounding areas. Knowing from a young age that funeral care was the path for her, Nikki

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TIE-BREAKER (Please indicate game score)  
**Houston vs Indianapolis**

Entries Must be postmarked, dropped off at the Advocate or emailed to: news@cumberland-advocate.com (please mark "Football" in the subject line) by Friday of each week.  
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**Week 17 WINNERS!**

**1st Place**  
 Dean Bergstrom 13

**2nd Place**  
 Doris Laursen 12\*

**3rd Place**  
 Anthony DeBruzzi 12\*

**\*TIE BREAKER**



By Judy Pieper

currently paying off any existing debts owed by the school. However, what they will leave out are the additional tax dollars levied against district tax payers as a result of the 2016 operating referendum, which increased the district tax load by \$2.1 million per year, and continues forever. As a result of the successful 2016 referendum, the school has, on average, had a significant budget surplus in recent years. According to the District's annual report there is more than \$15,000 of funding for each student enrolled in the district this year. That \$15,000 per student is higher than most districts and far exceeds the cost of education for a typical private school. I share this data to make the point that Cumberland is a well-funded district, and we should make sure

we know how the money is being spent before voting to provide even more funding. Before asking for more funding most districts will assemble a community group to formulate and consider the details of a referendum. Cameron assembled a "Citizen's Task Force" to evaluate the need for a referendum. Somerset assembled a 28-person "Community Facilities Planning Committee" prior to creating a recent referendum and most districts do something similar to gain input from other community stakeholders before considering a large referendum. In Cumberland, the Superintendent works with consultants to create the language for the referendum and then it is approved by the school board. After board approval, the board will

share information with the community. It seems the district believes there is no need for community committees in Cumberland. The lack of an open process is concerning, and all voters should carefully consider how it will impact the entire community before supporting more tax dollars for our school. While supporting education is something we should all get behind, we should make sure that our tax dollars are being used to benefit the students. We need more transparency and more opportunity for community involvement before the school board approves another referendum.

*This letter has exceeded the 500 words and has been paid by the submitter.*

**Michael Furseth  
Cumberland**

It's 2023!! When I was younger (many years ago) I never thought I would make it this long. Like every old-timer says, "if I knew I would live this long I would have taken better care of myself." Actually, I can't complain too much. I feel pretty good most of the time, and if I make it another 20 years, I will celebrate my 100th birthday.

I know it's just another day, but opening a new calendar makes a person stop and think about things, doesn't it? Duane and I had a very good 2022 - especially in our garden. We had such an abundance of everything that we were able to share with friends and neighbors. Our strawberries and raspberries were unbelievable. And the apples were great. We ate lots of them and I used still had lots to freeze. I'll tell you what, though, fresh apples make much better pies than the frozen ones do.

One of our best decisions this past year was buying a Prius. We were spending over a hundred dollars a week on gas for our other car, and now we spend about thirty dollars every ten days or so. We were wondering how the Prius would handle on snowy roads, and I can tell you that it is no different than any other sedan. We bought it from Scott Bellefeuille and couldn't be happier with it. Duane took it to Florida and bought 26 gallons of gas on the way down. Unbelievable.

Some of our family decided to become restaurant owners in 2022. Jim and Summer Marsh bought The Landing on Long Lake; Suzy and

Ryan Lehmann bought Bistro 63; and Miriah Lehmann and Jeremy Olson bought Lakeview. Duane and I spend a lot of time at Suzy and Ryan's restaurant - it's right next door, you know. They re-named it Sal's on 63 and the food is so good. And, we stopped by Lakeview and had the Mexican plate special last Thursday with Miriah. I think we will be there on Thursdays a lot. It was delicious.

Lynn Thon hosted a family Christmas party at her home on New Year's Eve. Guests were Kurt, Jamie, Noah and Alex Anderson and Kaitlynn and Jessica Holmen; Garrett, Kandice, Kane and Pierce Thon; and Duane and me. Lynn had bought matching pajamas, slippers and Santa caps for all of us, and we wore them all day. It was fun - and very comfortable. She had lots of good food and there were gifts for everyone. It was a good way to end the old year.

Okay, moving on to new stuff - You know, of course, that the Shallow Lake fishing contest will be held on January 21st. There will be prizes for three categories of fish as well as cash prizes and a free drawing for kids 12 and under who are present. I am sure Bonnie will be e-mailing more details for the next couple weeks.

The annual meeting of Barronett Lutheran will be held on January 29th this year. If you are a member of Barronett Lutheran, please plan to join us that day. We will be voting on board members and other issues. After the meeting the women's group will be hosting


a pot-luck lunch in the church basement.

What did you think of the Viking/Packer game? I thought that the very best - and most exciting - play of the day was when the Packer player ran the ball back about a hundred yards for a touchdown after the kick-off. (Please excuse me if I have the terminology wrong there. I enjoy watching football, but I'm not all that sure about what they call all the plays.) I certainly hope that either the Packers or the Vikings will be going to the Super Bowl this year.

I am very sorry to report that Merl Overvig passed away at his home in River Falls on Wednesday, December 28th, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Merl was such a strong, determined man - he was walking a mile a day up until a week before he passed away.

Shirley will be holding a celebration of life event for Merl on his birthday, which is May 18th. He was a good neighbor, a close friend and an all-around great guy. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Please keep Shirley and the family in your prayers for comfort as they go through this time of sorrow.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Did you make new year's resolutions that you would like to share with us? Let me know. Remember, the ice fishing contest is January 21st, and the annual meeting for the church is January 29th. Oh, and the monthly meeting of Town of Lakeland is at 7:00 p.m. on January 10th at the Town Hall. Have a wonderful week.



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Help the Cumberland Fire Dept. by keeping hydrants clear after snowfalls this winter!  
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**Friday, January 6**  
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**Monday, January 9**  
Beef & tator tot hot dish with mixed vegetables, assorted bread, fresh grapes.

**Tuesday, January 10**  
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, steamed broccoli, breadstick, fruited Jell-O.

**Wednesday, January 11**  
Roast pork, mashed potatoes w/gravy, candied carrots, assorted bread, vanilla pudding.

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**Full Time Custodial Position**  
 Second shift: 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. 8 hours per day (summertime will be day shift) benefits available. A minimum of a high school diploma is required.  
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graduated from Cumberland High School in 2016, and then went on to complete her studies at the University of Minnesota, ultimately receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Mortuary Science in the Spring of 2020. She gained four years of experience at Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapels during her time in the cities, both as a student/intern and eventually, a licensed director. Although she loves most aspects of the job, her favorite part is meeting with families.  
 Joining the inductees at the September 17, 2022 Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet, will be 1961 graduate, Bob Chubb. Chubb was a three-sport letter winner in high school, participating in football, basketball and baseball. He was a sophomore on the 1958 Conference Champion Football Team and a junior on the 1960 HON Champion Baseball team. He served as a Captain in both football and basketball. "I owe a lot to two great coaches I had in high school. Elmer Beran was a great instructor, while Jim Dimick was very inspirational. Both ended up with Hall of Fame careers," Chubb said of the two men.  
 (10) Joining the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame at the September 17 Banquet is 1972 graduate, Sam David Donatelle.  
 Donatelle was a successful three-sport athlete for the Beavers earning 11 letters during his high school career. This included four as a member of the basketball team, three in football and two each in golf and baseball. Additionally, he was an honor roll student, a class officer, and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1970, as a member of the Cumberland Scouting program.



**2022 Miss Cumberland and Court.**  
 (24) Presenting Miss Cumberland and Court 2022 are 1st Princess Paityn Butzler, 2nd Princess Keira Butzler, and Miss Cumberland Emma McNulty. Junior Royalty are Emerson Muench and Haven Effertz.  
 On Tuesday, August 17, Cody Hase, 29, of Cumberland, was sentenced to five years in prison and 10 years of extended supervision for a crash that occurred on September 30, 2020 that killed one person. Hase attempted to pass a car in a no-passing zone on Highway 48, in the Town of Stanfold, west of Rice Lake, when he hit an oncoming van-head on. The driver of the van died due to injuries from the crash.  
 (31) Congratulations to all of our Cumberland School District Staff who reached a service milestone. 10 years-Anne Nyhus; 15 years-Jennifer Eggleston and Steve Mann; 20 years-Alraina Meyer, Jessica Olson and David Olson; 25 years- Lori Mewes; 30 years- Beth Sommerfeld and Jean Taylor; and 35 years- Mary Miller.  
**September**  
 (7) The Cumberland Beavers opened up the 2022 Conference Football season last Friday night in Chetek, with a 38-15 victory over the Bulldogs, improving their overall record to 2 and 1. The Beavers now prepare for their home opener this Friday night against the Spooner Rails, who dropped a 46-0 decision to the Conference favorite Northwestern Tigers last week. Spooner is also 2 and 1, however, on the year. The running game Coach Berghammer referred to finished with 169 yards on 33 attempts, led by Edward Chafer's 72 yards on only five carries. Roman Ranallo added 52 yards on 13 attempts, while Ryker Allen had 41 yards on four rushing attempts. Chafer, Ranallo, and quarterback David Olson all had rushing touchdowns on the night.  
 The Beavers added another 112 yards passing as Olson completed six of 14 passes, two of which went for scores. Those six-pointers came from Jax Effertz and Vaughn Johnson, with Effertz leading the Beavers with three catches, good for 57 yards.  
 (14) On Friday, September 9, St. Anthony's Catholic Church held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new church building. The \$1.22 million dollar project is expected to be completed in late spring or early summer of 2023.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**NOTICE STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE FOR ADULT OR MINOR 14 OR OLDER**  
**CASE NO. 2022CV000337**  
 In the matter of the name change of Jordan Darius Long by Petitioner Roberta Lee Bellecourt and Co-Petitioner Raymond Dean Bellecourt.  
 Notice is given that a petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above from: Jordan Darius Long to: Jordan Levi Long. Birth Certificate: Jordan Darius Long.  
 It is ordered this petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Barron County, State of Wisconsin: Hon. J.M. Bitney, Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI 54812, January 31, 2023, 10:00 am.  
**Dated: December 27, 2022**  
**By:**  
**James C Babler, Circuit Court Judge**  
**J.M. Bitney, Circuit Court Judge**  
**Maureen D. Boyle, Circuit Court Judge**  
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**NOTICE**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm a Caucus will be held in the Town of Cumberland for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Town Chairman, Two Town Supervisors, Town Clerk and Town Treasurer. The Caucus will be held at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue).  
**Holly Nyhus, Clerk**  
**Town of Cumberland**  
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**BALSAM LAKE MINI STORAGE**  
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 PUBLIC AUCTION will be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 11:00 am at the Cumberland Mini Storage, Cumberland, WI 1-800-236-3072.  
 Personal effects, household goods & misc. items belonging to the following:  
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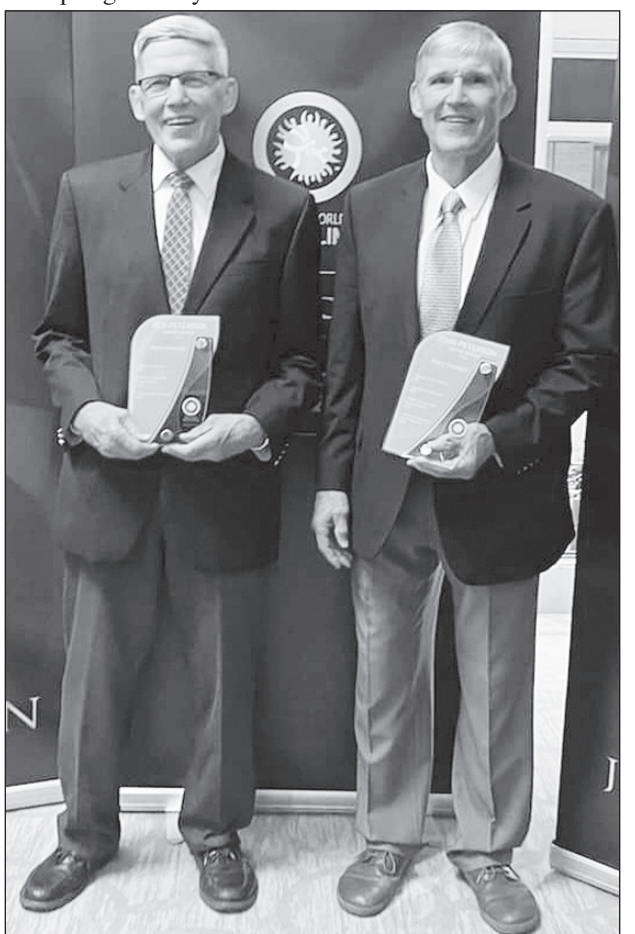
**NOTICE TOWN OF LAKELAND**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Supervisors for Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following the Town Caucus at the Town Hall located at 791-29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.  
 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, the Town Caucus will immediately precede the monthly board meeting. The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and can also be found on the Town's website, townoflakelandwi.com.  
**Danielle Maxwell-Parker**  
**Clerk, Town of Lakeland**  
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**NOTICE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND**  
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular monthly board meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:00 pm in the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.  
**Holly Nyhus, Clerk**  
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**NOTICE STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION)**  
**CASE NO. 2022 PR 111**  
 In the Matter of the Estate of Jeanette H. Nieman Case No. 2022 PR 111.  
 An application for informal administration was filed The decedent, with date of birth December 11, 1937 and date of death October 8, 2022 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2462 3rd Street Cumberland, WI 54829.  
 All interested persons waived notice.  
 The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 3 2023.  
 A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Hwy. 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin Room 2700.  
**/s/ Deanne E. Alsbury**  
**Registrar in Probate**  
**December 19, 2022**  
**Jonathan R. Cuskey-Coe, Cuskey & Stephens, S.C.**  
**24 West Marshall Street**  
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**Cumberland Federal Bank, FSB**  
**NOTICE TO MEMBERS**  
 The By-Laws of this bank provide that the Annual Meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday of January and that at such meeting each holder of a share account shall be permitted to cast one vote for each \$100 or fraction thereof of the participation value of his share account. Each borrower member shall be permitted as borrower, to cast one vote. No member shall cast more than 1,000 votes.  
 Notice is hereby given, therefore, that the Annual Meeting of this bank will be held in the office of the bank in Cumberland, Wisconsin on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm.  
 At this meeting, two directors shall be elected for a term of three years and such other business transacted as may properly come before the meeting.  
**Sam Donatelle, Chairman**  
**Shay Horton, President**  
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**Ben and John Peterson**  
 A big congratulations to Cumberland High School graduates and Olympic Wrestling Champions Ben and John Peterson. The two brothers were inducted into the United World Wrestling Hall of Fame at ceremonies held in Bel-

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grade, Serbia on September 9, 2022.

(21) The Cumberland High School Marching Band started the competitive portion of their season with a convincing win at Baldwin last Saturday night. Cumberland took home 1st place and the Best Colorguard Award in Class "A" topping Champlin Park and Onalaska High Schools. CHS was 3rd overall of the eleven schools. Next weekend the band travels to Irondale High School where they will face some of the best bands in Minnesota.

Several former Cumberland athletes continued to find success on their college sports teams last weekend. At Northern Michigan, Ania Hyatt and her teammates are 10 and 2 in volleyball. Hyatt has contributed 44 kills to the Wildcats team as a red shirt sophomore.

The UW-Eau Claire Football team had a bye last week and is 1 and 1 in early action. Defensive Back/linebacker Sam Schradle is among the teams leading tacklers, racking up 10 in their loss to Central Iowa two weeks ago.

Senior Payton Rose had another big day last week in the Lindenwood Lions 37-3 victory over Keiser College out of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. He grabbed seven passes for 180 yards and a touchdown as he closes out a tremendous career this fall.

Someone just starting his career is Jack Martens, a red-shirt freshman at the University of South Dakota. He had a big day last Saturday, grabbing two passes for 79 yards and his first college touchdown in the Coyotes 38-21 win over the Cal Poly Mustangs.

Finally, Kobe Berghammer continued his outstanding career at UW-Oshkosh as he led the 2 and 1 Titans to a 41-8 victory over Millsap College out of Mississippi last Saturday by running for three touchdowns and passing for two more. Berghammer completed 17 of 26 passes in the victory.

The 2022 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees are: Brady Rose, Bret Toftness, Sam Clark, Roger Thompson, Sam Donatelle, and Bob Chubb.

James and Andrea Manning are the new owners of Bona Casa. Andrea was born and raised in Cumberland, and is the great-granddaughter of Tom and Anna Ricci, the original owners of Bona Casa. When asked what made them decide to buy Bona Casa, Andrea said it has always been a dream to buy it. It has always been a special place to her and her family. A lot of memories were made at Bona Casa. Andrea also said her and her husband wanted to come back to Cumberland, and start their own family. As far as the recipes go, everything is going to stay the same. It's been the same recipe forever. They are going to do some redecorating, and go with a 50's theme, as Bona Casa first opened in 1957. The take out hours will stay the same, and they are hoping to open on Sunday's once they are up to speed, and they want to have the dining room open by the first of the year.

Cumberland Federal Bank Vice President Barry Ranallo was awarded a diploma on August 12, 2022, at commencement exercises during the 77th session of the prestigious Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Ranallo also received a Certificate of Executive Leadership from the Wisconsin School of Business Center for Professional and Executive Development for completing the rigorous GSB leadership curriculum.

(28)The Cumberland High School Marching Band traveled to Irondale High School in New Brighton, Minnesota on Saturday night where they placed 3rd in Class "AA" and 5th overall of the twelve groups that participated.

## October

(5) Cumberland Senior Golfer Brigitta Maas qualified for Monday's Golf Sectionals at Hidden Greens in Solon Springs by shooting a 105 at the WIAA Regionals in Osceola last Wednesday. Hayward was the team champion in Osceola, while Cumberland made a good showing finishing sixth out of 12 teams. Cumberland was only 12 shots from qualifying for Team Sectionals this past week. Cumberland's next best individual score came from Lexi Peterson, who shot a 114. Cumberland's lone representative Brigitta Maas shot a solid 108 to finish her high school career.

Dick Nerbun was awarded the WADA Service Award for Cumberland School District at the home Cross Country meet on 9/28/22. Dick was instrumental in helping to move the Cumberland CC meet out to the Timberland Hills Ski Trail. He spent countless volunteer hours helping to remove trees and brush near the start area and trail system, he walked the course many times with a GPS mapping system so he could trail map of the course, and he helps to set up the course for every home meet and drives the lead vehicle as well. Dick also is at just about every home sporting event that we host. Thank you Dick Nerbun for your continued support of Cumberland Athletics.

(12) On Monday October 10, 2022 at 7pm the Barron County 911 center received a call of a one vehicle rollover on 16 1/2 Ave near 19 3/4 St, just north of Cameron.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with the Cameron Fire Department, LMC Ambulance, Cameron Police Department, Mayo Ambulance, WI State Patrol and 2 Life Link Helicopters responded to the scene.

Initial investigation shows a vehicle occupied by a 16 year old male was travelling west on 16 1/2 Ave at a high rate of speed and lost control causing the vehicle to roll several times. In the vehicle were 3 juvenile female ages 15, 14 and 14. Two females were flown to Regions Hospital in St Paul and are in critical condition. The third female was transported to LMC and later flown out to a Marshfield Hospital with serious injuries.

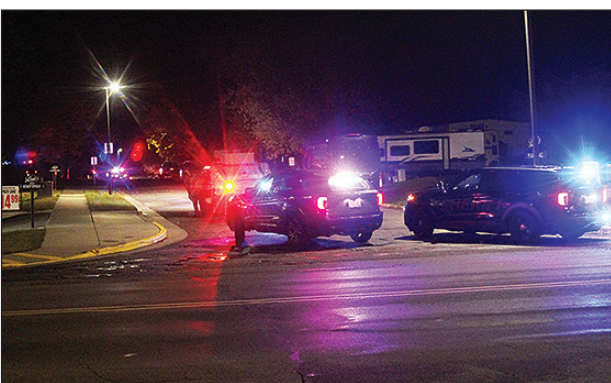
The male driver was treated at the scene for minor injuries. As a result of the initial investigation the 16 year old was taken into custody on charges of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled substance causing injury and is currently being held in the Eau Claire Secure Detention Facility. This case is being sent to the Barron County District Attorney's Office for review.

This crash remains under investigation by the Barron County Sheriff's Department and is being reconstructed by the WI State Patrol.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families involved.

At 7:30 a.m. the Barron County Sheriff's Department was advised by the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office that one of the 14 year old females involved in the crash from last night has passed away.

(19) On October 16, 2022, at approximately 6:45 PM, the Cumberland Police Department was advised of an intoxicated disorderly subject located at a residence in the City of Cumberland. 27-year-old Devin Baldwin, retreated into the residence and began breaking out the windows of the residence. He then armed himself with a knife and made threats to Officers on scene, stating "you're going to die tonight". Officers were aware that Devin Baldwin is currently on probation for a similar incident that occurred in 2020, involving him discharging a firearm. In that case, Devin Baldwin was convicted of 2nd Degree Recklessly



Standoff on Jeffery Blvd.

Endangering Safety, Attempted Battery to a Law Enforcement Officer, and Battery to a Law Enforcement Officer.

Devin Baldwin eventually exited the residence and was taken into custody at approximately 10:15 PM.

Joshua C. Copas, 37, Cumberland, is charged with theft of mail. The indictment alleges that while an employee of the U.S. Postal Service, he stole items of mail which had come into his possession for the purpose of being conveyed by the Postal Service. Specifically, the indictment alleges that between April 7 and May 30, 2022, Copas stole Menards' rebate checks from the mail.

If convicted, Copas faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. The charge against him is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service.

(26) The Cumberland ETC Fine Arts Center has announced a new fund-raising campaign called "Repair The Roof." The arts center is located in the old St. Mary's Catholic Church on 2nd Avenue across from the elementary school. The building was constructed in the early 1900s. In 2000, the building was extensively refurbished into the Ruppel Family Theater and a downstairs gallery and dressing room space. Today it is the town's center for theater, art, and music. Recently, a generous donation has kickstarted fund-raising for desperately-needed roof repair. Brenda Jensen, a 1993 graduate of Cumberland High School, and her husband, Chad Iverson, have donated \$10,000 to the repair fund, with the provision that it be used as a matching grant for other donations. Brenda is the daughter of Mike and Paula Clay. ETC had earlier received a \$1,500 grant for the roof fund from Barron Electric and another \$1,500 from an anonymous donor.

The Cumberland Cross Country Team participated in the WIAA Cross Country Sectional in Phillips last Saturday and Junior Carly McCreary has qualified for this Saturday's State Tournament in Wisconsin Rapids. Carly is Cumberland's first female runner to advance to the State Meet since the WIAA switched girls to a 5k from the original 4K. "The last girl to advance to state was in Liz Braml in 2011 and I am excited to see what Carly can do this Saturday," said Cumberland Head Coach Wilbur Rosenow.

## November

(2) On 10/20/2022 the Cumberland Police Department received a complaint from a parent of a Cumberland School District student advising that their child had been given a phone number from a subject believed to be in their 40's and felt that it was an attempt to solicit their child.

Upon receiving this information, the Cumberland Police Department immediately began an undercover investigation into the matter. Over the course of the next 7 days the Cumberland Police Department chatted with the subject posing as a 15-year-old and exchanged over 940 text messages. At the start of the investigation, Officers identified the male and learned he was 43-year-old, registered sex offender, Michael D Keller. Throughout the conversations, the subject stated multiple times that he wished to be in a relationship with the juvenile but at no time ever mentioned or suggested any sexual contact between the two.

On two separate occasions the subject drove to the City of Cumberland to meet with what he thought was a 15-year-old. On the second attempt to meet with the juvenile, which occurred 10/27/2022, Michael Keller was immediately taken into custody on Cumberland School District property. Michael Keller is currently being held in the Barron County Jail awaiting formal charges from the Barron County District Attorney's Office. The Cumberland Police Department has referred the following charges for Keller: 1 count of a Sex Offender Registry Violation, 3 counts of Felony Bail Jumping, and 2 counts of Misdemeanor Bail Jumping. The Cumberland Police Department was assisted by the Barron County Sheriff's Department during the arrest.

Cumberland Senior Siri Hyatt has been named to the HON First Team All-Conference Volleyball squad. It is the third year in a row that Hyatt has received All-Conference honors.

"Siri was a key member of the volleyball team during all four years of her career and has been a tremendous all-around player and wonderful leader," said Head Coach Erin Miller. She was also named this year's team MVP.

The Cumberland Football Team had six of its members placed on the HON All-Conference Team for this fall. The Beavers finished with a 5 and 2 record in conference play in third place. Named to the First Team were Edward Chafer as an end/flanker, Jack Chafer as a linebacker, and David Olson as a defensive back. Edward Chafer led the HON in receiving with 44 catches for 444 yards, many of those yards coming on short shovel passes from Olson, as he used his excellent speed to outrance opponents to the perimeter. A constant long-distance threat, he played the season with a banged-up shoulder and his use had to be monitored throughout the season. Also named to the Second Team were Jax Effertz at both end/flanker and defensive back, Roman Ranallo at linebacker, and Bryce Colburn as a defensive lineman.

Effertz caught 26 passes for 238 yards and had a dazzling punt return for a touchdown in HON play, while adding a pair of interceptions on defense. Ranallo had a strong junior season, rushing for 404 yards as the team's main inside running threat on offense, while starting as a linebacker on defense, where he showed the ability to play run or pass. Colburn, meanwhile, was honored for being a key contributor on both the offensive and defensive lines for the Beavers.

Cumberland Junior Carly McCreary was one of 149 participants at the D3 State Cross Country Meet held in Wisconsin Rapids last Saturday. McCreary qualified by finishing fourth at the Phillips Sectional the previous week.

Blake S. Siebert, 18, of Cumberland, has been charged with use of a vehicle with controlled substance in blood-great bodily harm and reckless driving causing great bodily harm. If convicted for use of a vehicle with controlled substance in blood-great bodily harm, Siebert may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned not more than 12 years and six months or both. For reckless driving causing great bodily harm, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than three years and six months or both.

Nineteen-ninth Cumberland graduate Jamie Olson will be one of six coaches that will inducted into the State Wrestling Hall of Fame this weekend at the annual State Clinic in Green Bay.



Jamie Olson enters the Wisconsin Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Olson had an outstanding career in Cumberland, for which he was elected into the first Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Class in 2014. He won 11 letters in high school and was All-Conference in three sports, a State Wrestling Champion, and a First Team All-State Baseball player. Olson has been the wrestling coach at Boyceville since 1998, where he has won multiple Conference Championships and had numerous State Champions and State Team appearances.

(9) The Cumberland School District was well represented last week at the Wisconsin State Music Association Honors Concerts. Freshman trombone player, Carter Fauske, was a member of the All State Band and Freshman vocalist, Nadia Benson, was a member of the All State Choir. This year, over 850 students auditioned for the privilege of being in one of these ensembles. Young musicians selected for these ensembles discover new levels of individual and group performances. Most importantly, the effort and dedication required of each participant results in a lifelong memory of initiative, achievement, and commitment to excellence as both musicians and future leaders. It should be noted that Cumberland Students who participate in the State Honors Project are provided a scholarship by the ETC Community Choir. The donations that the Community Choir receives at their annual Christmas Concert have been used for this purpose for over 30 years.

(16) Cumberland Healthcare is pleased to welcome Kate Beecroft, ANPN, FNP-C, to our professional staff. Kate received her Master of Science in Nursing at Walden University with a specialty in Family Nurse Practitioner.

Kate is a native of Cumberland and was an RN before deciding to further her career as a nurse practitioner. Kate lives in Cumberland with her husband and four children.

Kate's professional interests include family and emergency medicine. Kate will primarily be working in the emergency department.

## December

(14) Construction has begun on a new apartment building being built behind Synergy on the west side of Cumberland. The 14 unit building will feature 13 2 bedroom apartments and 1 bedroom 1 bath apartment. Construction should be completed by July or August 2023.



A Barron Electric lineman works to restore power after the December 14th snowstorm.

(21) Last week's big snow storm, 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.

Two Cumberland Healthcare providers will be transitioning to NorthLakes Community Clinic (NLCC). Behavioral Health Therapist Karl Ader and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Jay Jevne will continue to provide similar services to patients in Cumberland but as part of NLCC.

The change increases access to behavioral health services and psychiatric med management in the Cumberland area due to NLCC being a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). As a FQHC, NLCC accepts everyone regardless of their ability to pay and accepts most insurances, including Medicare and Medicaid. Patients who are underinsured or uninsured may also qualify for a sliding fee scale, further reducing barriers to care.

To start, the providers will continue operating out of the same location within Cumberland Healthcare. Once the new healthcare campus opens, services will transition to where physical therapy is currently offered.

The Cumberland Fire Department was called to 2101 Polk Barron Street, Monday morning, December 5th, for a structure fire. An indoor woodstove in the basement is believed to be the cause of the fire. The home was a complete loss along with all belongings.

