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Kristen and KC Larson welcome you to the new White Willow Market Company

## *Northwoods Notebook:* An empty space becoming a place for makers *By Larry Werner*

If you walk our main street, as I do daily, you know there are too many empty storefronts in our downtown. The pandemic, the death of two shop owners and other factors have left some gaps in the central business district over the past year.

One of the businesses that closed was Mainstream Boutique, which, for many years, was the place for women to go for moderate-priced clothing.

I've always liked that building – its rustic, up-north look with the stone and dark-wood façade. So, as it happens, did Kristen and KC Larson, which is why the young couple bought the building last summer. Then, they tried to rent to another business after the owner of the dress shop declined to sign another lease.

But in the middle of a recession, no one wanted to rent the space.

So Kristen, a teacher in Luck, and KC, an engineer with DCA Manufacturing in Cumberland, decided to open a shop that will feature hand-made gifts, products made by what they call "makers," what I would call crafters.

When they're not working their salaried jobs, the Larsons are makers of hand-made signs, which they'll sell in the White Willow Market shop, along with

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## Sarona Man Charged with Sexually Assaulting Teenager; Conspiring to Murder Teen and Mother



Russell Wilson, 54, of Sarona, is guilty of repeatedly sexually assaulting a teenager over three months then conspiring to murder the teen and her mother.

After a three-day trial, on March 24, 2021, the jury found Wilson guilty of engaging in repeated sexual assault of the same child, third-degree sexual assault, conspiracy to commit first-degree intentional homicide, and solicitation of first-degree intentional homicide. It only took the jury an hour and a half to find Wilson guilty.

Barron County Judge Bitney presided over the trial. Wilson faces the potential of 82.5 years of confinement, and the sentencing date has not been set yet. Wilson chose not to testify in his trial.

In November 2015, the sexual assault charges were levied, and he pleaded not guilty due to mental disease in April 2016. A jury trial was then set for November, but he changed his plea to guilty that October.

He was sentenced to 40 years split between prison and extended supervision in December 2016.

In June 2020, Wilson appealed, and the Court of Appeals reversed the conviction and the case returned to Washburn County Circuit Court. The Court of Appeals

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## Three Vying For Two Seats On The School Board



Nancy Keeler

***1. Tell us a little about yourself and your relationship with the Cumberland School District.***

Tell us about self and relationship with Cumberland School district. I am Nancy Keeler, married to Brian Keeler and we have two grown sons Scott and Gary Keeler. We have lived in Cumberland for over 40 years. I grew up in a western suburb of Chicago, Western Springs, and went to college at UW Lacrosse. I had taught kindergarten for eight years at Turtle Lake and 5th grade one year for Turtle Lake School District. I home schooled my own boys 21 years and they both went on to be very successful in college and their present careers. I have substitute taught in Cumberland, Rice Lake, and Cameron for five years. I also was a GED examiner for WITC. Now we are small business owners in Barron County for 23 years as landlords. I love kids of all ages and I love learning and to encourage and help kids thrive. Because I am a teacher, I also have a heart for the teachers and would like to encourage them in whatever way the school board could.

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Rick Rieper

***1. Tell us a little about yourself and your relationship with the Cumberland School District.***

I have just completed my first term on the Cumberland School Board. As a lifelong resident of the Cumberland School District (CHS Class of 1984) I am grateful for the investment the residents of Cumberland have made to the Cumberland Schools.

As a former graduate, I am forever grateful for the community and our school system and the opportunities that are provided to our children. I believe as a resident of this community I have vested interest in the community and our youth.

I believe my professional background makes me uniquely qualified to be a positive addition to the school board. After graduating from Cumberland, I attend WITC, Rice Lake and became a police officer, serving the City of Cumberland as your current Chief of Police and Barron County residents for the past 30 years.

I believe community involvement is the responsibility of all. I feel I have the best interest of our youth at heart.

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Jennifer Olson Hyatt

***1. Tell us a little about yourself and your relationship with the Cumberland School District.***

Hi- I'm Jennifer Olson Hyatt, and I'm pleased to be running for re-election to the Cumberland School Board.

I grew up and went to school in Cumberland, where I had many opportunities to excel as a student and an athlete. I graduated Class of '89, then went on to UW-Milwaukee, where I played Division I volleyball and did undergraduate work in English, Linguistics, and Education, after which, I earned an MBA from the University of Cincinnati. Thereafter, my husband and I moved to Colorado Springs, where I did nonprofit and corporate work in Public Relations, Development, Strategic Partnerships, and Business Development.

In 2002, we returned to Wisconsin to be closer to family, raise our kids, and get back to the small town 'roots' we both enjoyed growing up. With the move, I started a business making memory quilts for clients across the US and internationally. As our kids have gotten older, I've

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## School District hosts public meeting on upcoming Referendum

On Monday, March 29th, members of the community gathered for the final public meeting about the upcoming School Bond Referendum in the Middle School commons.

The meeting got off to a similar start to the last, with Steve Mann, District Financial Officer, welcoming and thanking the people for attending the meeting. He then turned the meeting over to the team that has been chosen to oversee the project: Paul Aplikowski, Wold Architects and Engineers; Gary Zifko, Kraus Anderson (construction management) and Lisa Voisin, RW Baird (Financing).

Paul from Wold Architects gave a walk through the planned changes and details of the new site plan. Gary from Kraus Anderson described the phases of construction and some of the challenges the plan faced. and Lisa from RW Baird gave a breakdown of the tax impact and bond issue financing. She again stated how exceptional it was, in her experience, to find a School District with zero bond debt. The presentation again included an animated video showing the planned changes and construction phases.

Mann again took the floor and explained the "Cost per Student" (CPS)for the referendum. The approximate cost per student will be $1,900 per year for the life of the bond. This figure was arrived at using the Department of Public Instructions figures and calculations. In the past, Steve explained, our district has been in the middle of the CPS range when compared to other districts in CESA #11. The new figure puts us near the top of the CPS range, but we are still within it.

Education Director Jamie Shaffer was then asked to address the question of student and district rankings. Jamie explained that: "In 2018-2019, the last year evaluations were given, CSD ranked 187 out of 419 school districts across Wisconsin. Although this seems simple, it is not an apples to apples comparison. Districts have differing demographics and are 'weighted' differently based specifically on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in the district."

"For this reason," she continued, "CSD measures success by growth of the

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# Happy 100th Birthday Virginia "Lolly" Oslund

April 6, 2021



## THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE

## Ruby's Pantry

**Saturday, April 3rd**

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Everyone Welcome!

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### Attention Ruby's Pantry Guests!

Cumberland's Ruby's Pantry will 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.

## Happy Easter!

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*For Cumberland School Board*

*Creating a safe place for our children to learn*

*Authorized and paid for by Rick Rieper*

## Vote Tuesday, April 6th Nancy Keeler for Cumberland School Board



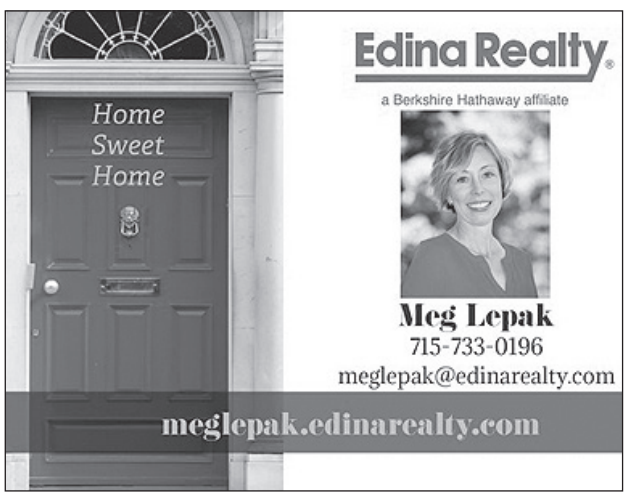
- ★ 9 Years Public School Teacher
- ★ 5 Years Substitute Teacher
- ★ 21 years home-schooled my children
- ★ 40-Year Resident of Cumberland, WI
- ★ 23-Year Small Business Owner
- ★ I am an avid supporter of quality education and sound fiscal spending
- ★ I do not support the 32 million dollar referendum

## Please VOTE Tues Apr 6th Re-Elect Jennifer Olson Hyatt

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**Maundy Thursday • April 1st**
6 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

**Good Friday • April 2nd**
6 p.m. Worship

**Easter Sunday • April 4th**
9 a.m. Worship with Holy Communion

All services will be held in the Great Hall

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## CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

In order to protect the health and safety of our Students, Teachers, Staff and families, Cumberland School District will be following the guidelines for social distancing for the upcoming school year. Also, all students, teachers and staff will be required to wear face coverings at the times when social distancing is not possible.

Thank you for your continued support of the *Cumberland School District.* #CSDGoBeavers

### Upcoming Events

**Friday , April 2nd & Monday, April 5th**
NO SCHOOL DISTRICT WIDE • Spring Break

**Tuesday, April 6th**
Spring Election Day • Please be sure to vote!

**Cumberland School District Employment Opportunity**

**HS HEAD BOYS' SOCCER COACH**

Qualified individuals should send a letter of interest and district application form to :

**Lorne Majewski, Athletic Director**
**1000 8th Avenue**
**Cumberland, WI 54829**

Application can be found on district website www.cumberland.k12.wi.us or available at the District Office.

**Application deadline: Until Filled**

Cumberland School District is an Equal Opportunity Employer

## ETC PRESENTS Island City Music

ETC's board of directors has decided to resume its outdoor summer concert series on Library Lake.

The concerts are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on 10 Tuesdays, beginning with June 15.

If you have a group interested in performing, or you're a business interested in sponsoring, email Larry Werner at lhwerner47@gmail.com.

***We're looking forward to another summer of music on the lake!***

*ETC is located at 1595 2nd Avenue • Cumberland, WI (across from Cumberland Elementary School)*

***Information regarding ETC events can be seen at www.cumberlandetc.com or you can "like" ETC on Facebook or watch the Advocate***

## RENT-A-SCOUT

The Cumberland BSA Scouts are raising money for a "High Adventure" summer camp to learn to sail in St. Thomas. The Sailing trip is scheduled for June **6-12, 2021.**

SCOUTS BSA

**Do you have a chore or odd job you'd like taken care of?**
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### CHOOSE FIT

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(Classes will be cancelled if weather doesn't cooperate!)
**Classes will begin on Wednesday, April 5th**
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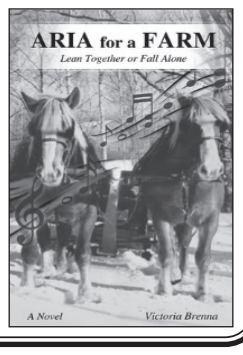
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## MEET LOCAL AUTHOR VICTORIA BRENNA



**Thursday, April 8**
**5-6PM**

**Village Chambers at 114 Martin Ave E Turtle Lake, WI**




Join the Turtle Lake Public Library in welcoming local author, Victoria Brenna, for a socially distanced meet-and-greet.

*Masks will be available for those that do not have one.*




1948 CUMBERLAND RED SOX — 1 — Wimpy Reitz, pitcher; 2 — Clarence Capra, first base; 3 — Harley Prindle, catcher; 4 — Chet Wickman, pitcher; 5 — Bob Catlin, outfield, right field; 6 — Roy Wickstrom, third base; 7 — Bob Nesvold, shortstop; 8 — Barney Thompson, catcher, outfield; 9 — John Engesether, left field; 10 — Bud Nesvold, second base; 11 — Jack Ritchie, equipment manager; 12 — Ingle Jerde, coach, player; and 13 — Don Nesvold, center field.

**The 1948 Cumberland Red Sox Team.**

## April Brings Another Baseball Season to the Island City

*by Mark R. Fuller*

As we've seen in past articles, the residents of Cumberland have had a love affair with sports since the first inhabitants came to the city. Baseball was one of the earliest activities with games being played against surrounding communities going back to the 1890's.

This continued throughout the 1900's as every town and area around them had their own team. These individuals became the Mickey Mantles and Hank Aarons to those who attended the games. Sunday was a time to head to church and then to the ballpark.

Maintaining these teams over a period of time largely fell to a player or two, whose love of the game went beyond the norm. George "Gramps" Risberg was one of those individuals, both playing and managing the McKinley team from 1909 until the late 1940's.

"Gramps" started playing for McKinley at the age of 12 and by 19 was the regular catcher. He would go on to own a large farm a mile west of McKinley, but besides his farming duties, his wife would say, "There isn't anyone who lives for playing ball like he does."

A Barron County League in the 1940's consisted of a Northern and Southern Division. The North contained teams from Arland, Almena, Pipe Lake, Cedar Lake, Silver Lake, Clayton, Chetek, Comstock, and two teams from Cumberland. The South was comprised of Shell Lake, Barronett, Lewis, Timberland, Indian Creek, and McKinley.

The two Cumberland teams in 1948 were called the Cumberland Lakers and Cumberland Red Sox. The businessmen of the city sponsored the two teams, who would play each other four times that summer.

The first of these two contests took place on May 16, as the Red Sox defeated the Lakers 8 to 7. Clarence Capra led the winners with three hits as Chet Wickman took the pitching victory. Tony Cifaldi and Sam Bearheart had three hits each for the losers.

The next meeting of the two Cumberland squads was scheduled for July 5. The Advocate introduced the match-up by saying, "The two teams have a genuine feeling of enmity between each other."

The game ended in another Red Sox victory, a 14-5 drubbing of the Lakers. Bob Nesvold would have three hits and score four times in the victory. Ollie Chartraw had three hits for the Lakers.

The teams would split their two final games of the summer, the Lakers sqeaking out a 13-12 victory with the Red Sox taking the finale, 24-5. In that last victory, Don, Bob, and Bud Nesvold all hit home runs in the contest.

The following summer, the two teams would merge. Combining the two squads worked well as the Islanders qualified for their first ever State Tournament. Although bowing out quickly, good things were on the way. A left hand pitcher from the Pipe Lake Team, Al Peer, and a 16-year-old pitcher from Silver Lake, Ken Barrows, were about to join the Cumberland team. The Islanders would win three State Titles in the next seven years.


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**School Bond Referendum**

# Vote No on April 6

**Wrong time. Wrong reasons.**

A 24.9% increase in the Cumberland School portion of your real estate taxes and an overall tax increase of 9% are excessive. These added taxes will be in place for 25 years. Improving the facilities does not address the issue of improving the education. Cumberland High School ranks 367 out of 453 Wisconsin High Schools. Standard test scores in math are 37% and 30% in reading proficiency. Cost per pupil of $14,058 is higher than all but 36 of the top 200 Wisconsin High Schools. Gyms and theaters don't fix the problems. Our student teacher ratio is already a very good 14 to 1 ratio.

**Vote for Nancy Keeler for the School Board**



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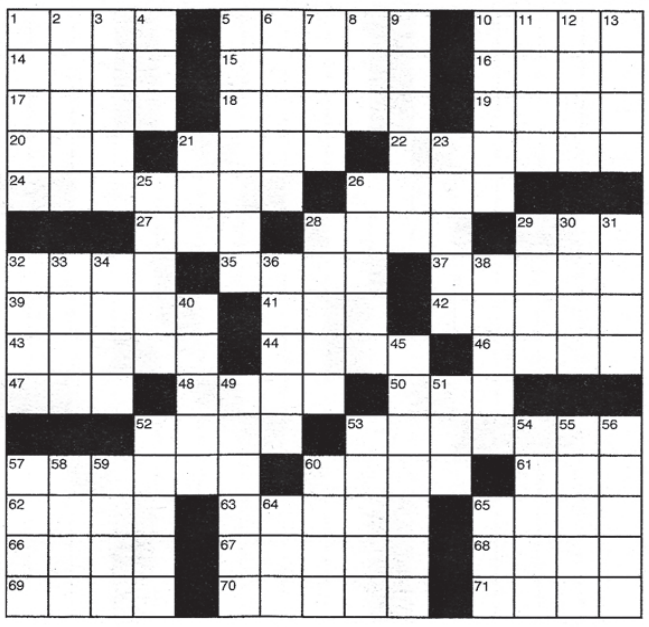
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5 Heathen
10 Middle East dweller
14 Seaweed substance
15 Eastern religion
16 Heredity component
17 Your title
18 Burned
19 Fence opening
20 Fore-and-aft sail
21 Wields
22 Spear-like fish
24 Jacqueline Kennedy___
26 Air (prefix)
27 Pallid
28 Omelette need
29 Prisoner of war
32 Dalai __
35 Endow
37 Atmosphere layer
39 Swelling
41 Fox hole
42 Present time
43 Improvise a speech
44 Branch of learning
46 Modest
47 Pacific Standard Time
48 Ashen
50 Liberal (abbr.)
52 Resound
53 Historical northern France
57 Jab
60 Juicy
61 Miner's goal
62 Liberal
63 Expression of regret
65 Eve's husband
66 Composer Johann Sebastian
67 Celebrate
68 Interbreeding population within a species
69 Hit a fly
70 Inferior
71 Groan

**DOWN**
1 Musical instrument
2 Once more
3 Do a dance
4 Bard's before
5 Cycling
6 Assistants
7 African antelope
8 Advertisements
9 Spice
10 Aggressive feelings
11 True
12 Opposed
13 Was
21 North American country
23 Malicious burning
25 Hindu religious teacher
26 Broker
28 Each
29 Cornmeal cake
30 Fairy tale opener
31 Time period
32 Spring
33 Totals
34 Thaw
36 Western state
38 Former capital of Malawi
40 Taken __
45 Glibly
49 Cuts off wool
51 Slippery frigid
52 Number
53 Walked back and forth
54 Cowboy show
55 Theater
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57 Compass point
58 Unfreeze
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60 Gush
64 Downwind
65 Admiral (abbr.)

## Sudoku Puzzle #4151-D

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# LETTERS Editor

## Masks

**To Previous Writer:**

As a health care professional, who spent at least eight hours every day for 35 years, wearing a surgical mask, I don't remember *ever hearing* a single serious complaint about our personal health being jeopardized by wearing a surgical mask during sterile procedures...ever, including those occasions when either the patient or the practitioner is diagnosed with a communicable disease. During those times, by the way, we would wear two surgical masks! Yes, masks gather moisture and multiples of infectious material, and understanding that, we DISCARD THE MOIST MASK(S) AND DON A FRESH MASK-reasonable solution!

I commend you for publicly speaking out on an issue about which WE ALL feel very strongly; however, casting disparaging remarks will only deepen the divide between those of us who are trying to stay safe and those who deny the devastating consequences caused by a worldwide epidemic! That said, it is my feeling that the CDC has been negligent in instructing everyone regarding mask construction and mask hygiene, and this issue is past due for discussion. Rather than deeping the divide, I suggest you Google MASK HYGIENE, print a copy, and present that document to administrative personnel who, as do you, need to receive critical information on that subject. You might suggest that your athletic department add a box of "paper" surgical masks, and a box of disposable facial cleaning cloths to their standard supplies. Common sense dictates one should dispose the contaminated mask, clean and dry the affected area, and apply a clean, dry mask. It's a matter of applying basic hygiene and remedying the situation, and writer, this is your chance to be part of the SOLUTION and not part of the PROBLEM!

**Nancy R. Thompson**
**Cumberland**

## The Need for Transparency in Decision Making

**To the Editor:**

I will start out by stating that I have lot of respect for the people who work for the school and those that sit on the school board. While I disagree with some of the decisions being made, that does not mean I personally dislike anyone working for the school district.

It's not easy to speak out and be critical of the school's policies. If you do so, you will receive personal attacks. It is unfortunate that there are people who feel that the best approach to this situation is to silence dialog and shame those they do not agree with. I assure you, the group of parents that are pushing back on the school policies also care very deeply about the long-term health and wellbeing of the children attending Cumberland schools. The easiest thing to do is to not get involved. I assume that everyone who is involved has the best intentions even though we might disagree on how to handle things.

So, why do I disagree with school policies? The issue has been building. Although I would rather have a 100% optional mask policy, I could accept the plan adopted in July by the School Board that effectively stated, "wear masks while not socially distanced." The school put a lot of energy into creating and communicating their original policy. However, within a few months of school opening, the rule changed to the "masks all the time" rule. Who/why did the rule change? The school board did not make the changes. Why didn't the change get communicated to parents? There are no answers. The fact that the school said one thing and did another had me annoyed. Then I found out that students were being forced to wear masks while participating in sports. I found this rule unacceptable. Forcing children to wear a face covering while performing a cardiovascular activity is completely unacceptable and not in the best interest of the children. Then I heard from my child that the teacher is telling him that (paraphrasing) "the only reason the school is still open is because of masks." This is a baseless claim and there is no evidence to support it. There are plenty of organizations in Cumberland who have not been wearing masks and the health outcomes have not been any worse than the school's. There is a real danger in teaching children things that are not based in fact. I hope this does not happen, but if another, more deadly, respiratory virus begins spreading in the not-so-distant future, will the children believe they can defend against it by simply covering their noses and mouths with a cloth? Any cloth? Do we want to teach our children that poor quality masks unsuitable for protecting the user from even drywall dust are substantial-enough protection from a respiratory virus?

Then my child and I were personally impacted. My daughter participates in 4th grade basketball. A few weeks back there was a scrimmage game scheduled for 6:00 pm. The players were asked to arrive at 5:30. We arrived at the elementary school a few minutes before 5:30 so I dropped my daughter off at the door before I found a place to park. When she was in the door, my son and I drove off looking for spot. I was

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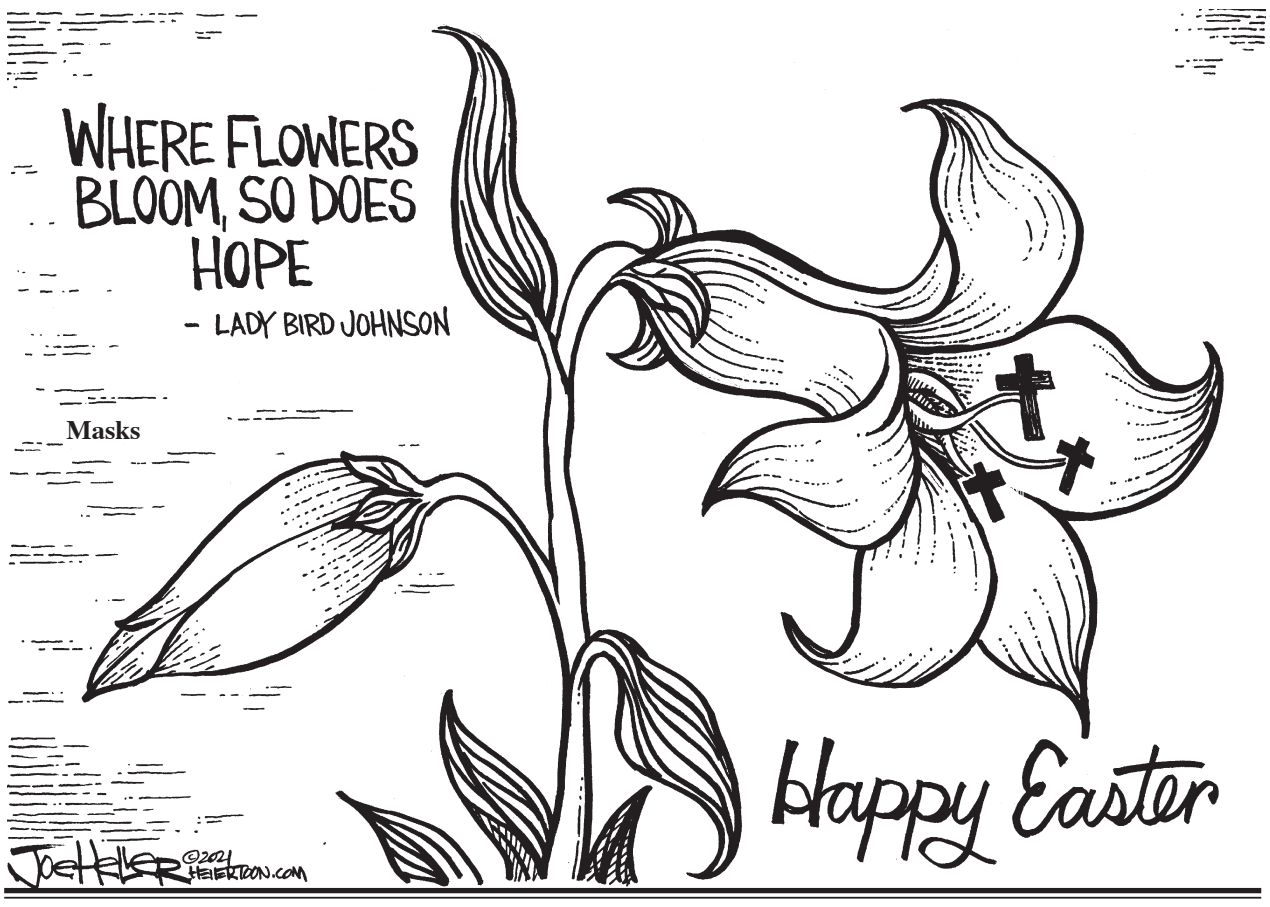
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# Inside Wisconsin

***by Tom Still***

## Keeping talent, young companies in Wisconsin can require homegrown capital

By Tom Still

MADISON, Wis. – Karen Renee's background as a professional court reporter alerted her to a recurring problem and a promising solution: Scheduling of court reporters and videographers can be a hassle for many in the justice system. Building a tech-based platform to facilitate marketing and scheduling for law firms, court reporting agencies and others would save time and money.

With that idea, eCourt Reporters was born in 2017 in Burlington, where the company has built a network that includes 1,800 vetted registrants and users in 49 of 50 states.

Continued growth means raising money, however, which Renee and co-founder Judy Gerulat have found isn't always easy – unless they want to move from Wisconsin.

"We don't want to go to the coasts. We want to grow here, we want to bring our staff and employees and we want them from the Midwest," Renee said in describing how coastal investors typically ask them to uproot and move east or west.

The funding dilemma for young companies such as eCourt Reporters is not uncommon in Wisconsin, where the best and brightest can be tempted to leave because most venture capital is clustered in a few states – California, Massachusetts and New York representing about 80 percent of the U.S. total. Because venture capitalists generally like to be physically close to their investments, they often ask young companies to move in exchange for their infusion of cash.

Building on Wisconsin's existing venture capital network to retain and grow young companies was the subject of a March 24 webinar that featured Renee and three others who discussed a proposal to create a "fund of funds" with a mix of public and private dollars.

"Something like the fund of funds would mean a world of difference," Renee said during the webinar, which was produced by the Wisconsin Technology Council. The event also featured state Rep. Mike Kuglitsch, R-New Berlin; Sam Rikkers, the deputy secretary for the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.; and Jason Fields, an early stage investor who recently became executive director of the Madison Area Regional Economic Partnership.

Included in the state budget bill is a proposal to invest $100 million from the state in a fund that would require a 2-to-1 private match, thus attracting more venture capital to Wisconsin. It would resemble existing funds in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio, three states that have elevated their venture capital profiles in recent years.

Because almost all net new jobs in the U.S. economy are created by companies five years old or younger, keeping those companies and the talented workers they attract is a priority.

Panelists agreed that would be a "double bottom line" for the state of Wisconsin, which could earn returns on the investment just like private investors while benefiting from the growth and retention of companies and workers, not to mention tax revenue from both down the road.

"With that growth will be the growth of jobs and our tax base," said Rikkers, whose agency would have an oversight role under the proposal in Gov. Tony Evers' budget plan. Rikkers emphasized it would be a privately managed fund once established, as the state does not want to get in the way of what private investors do best – size up markets, companies and returns.

While details deliberately remain to be worked out, the "Wisconsin Fund" would establish at least four and likely more recipient funds to manage investments. All state money must be invested in state companies over time. Experience in other states with similar funds indicates the private dollars often follow suit.

That is also true with a previous Wisconsin investment effort, the Badger Fund of Funds, which through Dec. 31, 2020, reported a private investment "multiplier" of more than $3 for every $1 invested by the fund itself. The Badger Fund of Funds was created in 2013 with a state investment of $25 million; it also invests only in Wisconsin companies.

Wisconsin has seen progress over time through initiatives such as investor tax credits and the growth in the number of angel networks and venture funds, but more must be done so that young companies such as eCourt Reporters can stay home. The "fund of funds" proposal can help Wisconsin build on its many assets, such as top talent, first-rate technology and a solid quality of life.

Some may ask, "Can Wisconsin afford investing in such a fund?" A better question is, "Can it afford failing to do so?"

*Still is president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He can be reached at tstill@wisconsintechnologycouncil.com*

# A Look Back

**10 Years Ago**
**April 6, 2011**

A subject or subjects forced entry into the Cumberland Tire building over the past weekend. Property was damaged and several tools were taken. Officers collected several items to be sent to the State Crime Lab for analysis, including fingerprint and DNA evidence. No other information has been provided at this time.

Angela Ritchie of Cumberland, who is a food systems and technology major at UW-Stout, is currently working as a production intern on The Martha Stewart Show. Ritchie's internship began January 3, and will end on May 6. She works with producers on a variety of behind-the-scenes tasks, including helping with the audience, usually members of about 150, and running show related errands for Martha Stewart.

**20 Years Ago**
**April 4, 2001**

There were two threats of a bomb being placed in the Cumberland High School. Fortunately, it was a scare without a bomb or exploding device. According to Superintendent, Don Groth, a message was left in the boys' lavatory indicating a bomb had been placed in the school. The actual message was written on the stall wall, and after determining the message hadn't been left from the weekend, an evacuation was made. The total evacuation time was between 45 minutes and one hour. Groth said local police were called, who in turn called the fire department, and a perimeter was established with fire trucks so no one would enter. A suspect did admit to the offense so no danger existed. Chief Bridger confirmed the apprehension of a suspect and said he expects immediate charges to be filed concerning the threat.

**30 Years Ago**
**April 3, 1991**

Presentation of three Silver Beaver Awards and the Bridge Builder Award highlighted the Chippewa Valley Council's Annual Dinner at UW-Stout. Receiving the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a Scout Council can give to a volunteer for service to youth, was Louis Muench of Cumberland. Muench has served as Scoutmaster of Troop 24 in Cumberland since 1979. He holds the District Award of Merit, and has helped 12 young men in his troop earn their Eagle Rank. His troop consistently earns the Quality Unity Award and the National Camping Award.

City Attorney Dan D'Amico announced his retirement at the meeting of the Cumberland City Council last week. Mayor Hollinger said, "Dan has been the Cumberland City Attorney since 1936 except for a four year span. He has dedicated years of faithful, loyal, and friendly service to the city and its residents."

**40 Years Ago**
**April 1, 1981**

Fifteen High School student musicians from Cumberland have qualified for state competition. They are: Lisa Laddusire, Jill Mayer, Laura Dague, Val Dimick, Larry Brown, Jeanne Holmbeck, Kari Samlaska, Sharon Ellingson, Mary Jacobson, Matt Donatelle, Roberta Hogner, Diane Neby, Phil Amundson, Cheryl Ricci, and Barb Sparish.

**50 Years Ago**
**April 1, 1971**

Police reported a burglary last Wednesday night of the Cumberland Veal & Implement just north of Cumberland. Entry was made by breaking a window. Stolen, was a large quantity of chain saws, snowmobile helmets, and sweaters. Barron County Sheriff Wally Larson is investigating the incident.

The 1970-71 Cumberland High School wrestling cheerleaders are: Joan Talbot (senior), Judi Miller (junior), Susan Gideo (sophomore), and Nancy Fink (junior).

**70 Years Ago**
**April 5, 1951**

John Hines was named to succeed Lew Steltzner as president of the Civic Club, at a meeting of the organization's board of directors of Wednesday. He will take office at the next meeting of the Club on April 17. Hines previously held the presidency of the organization for two terms during 1948-49 and 1949-50, and was succeeded by Steltzner last spring. The directors named John Miller as treasurer, and Curt George as recording secretary. Other members include Dr. J. L. Wykhuis, Howard Jacobson, Steltzner, and Larry Belanger.

**80 Years Ago**
**April 3, 1941**

A new high temperature for the month of March and for the year was set last Sunday with a reading of 49 at the Cumberland Generating Plant Cooperative Government Weather Station. The month, however, was a cold one. There were only five days which had a high temperature reading of 40 or over. For eight nights there were sub-zero temperatures recorded. Snowfall, which brought 1.45 inches of precipitation for the month raised the season's snowfall measurement to 57.2 inches for the season.

**90 years Ago**
**April 2, 1931**

The bowling tournament, which closed last Saturday night, found Frank Sirianni with an average of 178 for 10 games rolled. In the team event, the Cumberland Advocate took first place with a total pin score of 3,005. In doubles, Leonard Hagen and Marvin Reese had scores of 206 and 179 .

# Barron County Circuit Court

## Traffic Court

Sean Z. Davidson, 37, Duluth, MN., operating while suspended, $200.50, and non-registration of vehicle, $175.30. Jeffrey L. Dublo, 52, Wood River, IL., operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, $200.50, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30, OWI, $1050.50, and unsafe lane deviation, $175.30. Ashley K. Elledge, 27, Cameron, failure of operator to notify police of an accident, $389.50, and driving too fast for conditions, $213.10. Valdemar R. Garibay, 56, Dallas, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, $200.50, driving too fast for conditions, $213.10, and operating with PAC, $937.50. Keeley E. Geraghty, 47, Turtle Lake, failure of operator to notify police of an accident, $389.50, and failure to keep vehicle under control, $213.10. Stefan M. Kerr, 28, Rice Lake, driving too fast for conditions, $213.10. Steven J. Konop, 63, Haugen, failure to stop at stop sign, $175.30. Hunter C. Larson, 18, Rice Lake, speeding, $225.70. Graham R. Miller, 29, Cumberland, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30. Jacob R. Rheingans, 42, Chetek, speeding, $295.00, and operating while revoked, $200.50. Jamie L. Dahlberg, 49, Almena, OWI, $1744.00, and operating while revoked, $516.00. Matthew R. Mayer, 23, Prairie Farm, operating a motor vehicle with restricted controlled substance with a minor, $1429.00. Jeffrey C. Patterson, 32, Mendota Heights, MN., operating a motor vehicle while revoked, $579.00.

## Complaints

James S. Holden, 60, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date was scheduled for March 31, 2021.

John S. Rolfer, 56, of Oakdale, MN., has been charged with obstructing an officer. His court date was scheduled for March 22, 2021.

Amy Eichman, 49, of Cumberland, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court trial is scheduled for May 17, 2021.

Nicholas E. Breault, 41, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date was scheduled for March 24, 2021.

## Criminal Complaints

Paul A. Kollwitz, 43, of New Auburn, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 14, 2021.

Wayne A. Curtis, 59, of New Auburn, has been charged with battery and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 7, 2021.

Ryan L. Hansen, 33, of New Auburn, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 7, 2021.

Joshua J. Myhro, 40, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court hearing is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Hailey J. Cronick, 39, of Osceola, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, and possession of THC. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 7, 2021.

Nikki L. Greiner, 41, of Luck, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court hearing was scheduled for March 24, 2021.

Tiara M. Peterson, 24, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession with intent to deliver THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her initial appearance is scheduled for April 7, 2021.

Ethan S. Colman, 26, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 7, 2021.

Corey C. Hayden, 17, of Ricer Lake, has been charged with throwing/discharging bodily fluid at public safety worker or prosecutor. His initial appearance was scheduled for March 22, 2021.

Aaron D. Adams, 27, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance was scheduled for March 23, 2021.

Brett S. Evenson, 45, of Clear Lake, has been charged with 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety, domestic abuse, use of a dangerous weapon, fail/comply-officer/person into custody, intentionally point a firearm at person, and disorderly conduct. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 9, 2021.

Brady J. Blodgett, 18, of Barron, has been charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place, party to a crime, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 9, 2021.

Alexus M. Olson, 21, of Barron, has been charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place, and party to a crime. Her initial appearance is scheduled for March 31, 2021.

Bryan D. Hays, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with violating the bond condition to have no contact with a subject in Barron County. His bail/bond hearing was scheduled for March 25, 2021, and his court hearing is scheduled for May 12, 2021.

Andre A. Doby, 26, of Rice Lake, has been charged with violating the bond condition to have no contact with a subject in Barron County. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for May 12, 2021.

Christopher A. Curtis, 40, of New Auburn, has been charged with attempt misdemeanor battery, disorderly conduct, and violating the provision of the bail/bond in Barron County which prohibits the commission of any crimes while on bond. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 31, 2021.

Kiel H. Slayton, 38, of Chetek, has been charged with computer message-threaten injury or harm, and disorderly conduct. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 6, 2021.

Eric J. Keesen, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with solicitation arson of a building.

Officer Jon Phillips, with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on or about November 15, 2020, he received a report from a male subject, stating that he had received a Facebook message on November 14, 2020, from an individual identified as "Vanessa Larson". The male stated that he did not know "Vanessa" prior to receiving the Facebook message. The male further stated that "Vanessa" offered him sexual favors in exchange for the male to burn down a residence located on North Main Street in Rice Lake. Officer Phillips reports that the male further stated that "Vanessa" claimed that her ex-boyfriend "Eric" lived at the residence. The male reportedly told Officer Phillips that he went along with the conversation for a bit, believing that it was a prank, but that when he woke up in the morning on November 15, 2020, he was concerned it was not a prank, and that someone's life was in danger. The male reportedly stated he thereafter contacted law enforcement.

Officer Phillips reports he spoke with Sergeant Reinikainen, with the same department, about the report and learned that a female subject who lives at the North Main Street residence. She owns this residence and lives by herself. More significantly, the female is the victim of a number of incidents investigated by the City of Rice Lake Police Department involving Keesen. Keesen was involved in stalking her, and repeatedly violated a domestic abuse injunction prohibiting his contact with her or her residence. Officer Phillips reports based upon his training and experience and his review of the profile associated with "Vanessa," it appeared to be an account for a fake fictitious person. In support of this belief, Officer Phillips reports that the profile was created on November 6, 2020, and had very little content.

Officer Phillips reports in his review of the messages between "Vanessa" and the male subject, "Vanessa" wrote at one point, "burn my ex's house down and I'll give you anything that you want. Booty, threesomes, anything. "Vanessa" reportedly also wrote in the conversation that "Eric" delivers mail in the Village of Cameron and the City of Chetek. However, Officer Phillips reports he became aware that the female subject is the one that is actually employed as a small mail carrier for these communities.

Investigator Wolfe, with the same department, conducted an additional investigation in the above outlined report. Investigator Wolfe reports during this investigation, she examined the Facebook profile of "Vanessa" and the messages between " Vanessa" and the male subject. In her review of these messages, Investigator Wolfe again noted that "Vanessa" wrote that her ex-boyfriend, Eric, delivers mail in the Village of Cameron, and the City of Chetek. "Vanessa" provides the hours that Eric purportedly works and what days he would be off of work. From her past investigation, Investigator Wolfe knows the information provided in these messages is accurate with the respect to the female subject's work scheduled for when she delivers mail in the Village of Cameron. Based upon this, Investigator Wolfe reports that she believes whoever made the profile for "Vanessa" must be very familiar with the female subject and her work schedule.

Investigator Wolfe reports she obtained and executed a search warrant for the content of communications associated with the profile for "Vanessa" on Facebook Messenger. On January 7, 2021, Investigator Wolfe reports she received documents in response to this search warrant.

Investigator Wolfe reports in her review of the documents she received, she observed that the Facebook profile was set up with the first name "Vanessa," no middle name and last name "Larson." The account was created on November 5, 2020, and deleted/deactivated on December 21, 2020.

The registration IP address is the same IP address as all captured IP address related to the account. As further explanation to show the significance of this information, Investigator Wolfe reports that she knows that "IP" stands for "Internet Protocol" address and she states as a result of her training, she knows networked computers communicated with each other and identify each other by reference to the IP address assigned to the computer and that every computer that connects to the Internet is assigned a unique IP address at the time it is connected to the Internet. Investigator Wolfe further states that IP addresses are allocated to Internet Service Providers (ISPs) for use in providing Internet service to its customers and the ISP in turn assigns the IP address numbers to subscribers to its service as those users connect to the Internet. An ISP is a business that provides access to the Internet communication network. Investigator Wolfe further reports that ISPs ordinarily keep records of which service subscriber has been assigned which IP address for use in accessing the Internet at any given time and records identifying and containing information about those service subscribers, often or usually including the names(s) of the subscriber/account holder, the billing address for the account, and other information about the subscriber, the payments on the account, and the account details. Accordingly, Investigator Wolfe states that she knows ISPs can identify a particular subscriber account which was assigned a particular IP address at any given time if the provider knows the specific IP address in question and the date or time in question.

The records Investigator Wolfe received in response to the search warrant, showed that "Vanessa" added "Ericules James" on Facebook as a "friend" on November 6, 2020.

Investigator Wolfe reports that she is aware from her past investigations, that the Facebook profile "Ericules James" is an account of the defendant's because she has completed multiple extractions of the defendant's cellular phones, where it was observed that the "Ericules James" Facebook profile was linked to the cellular phones. Keesen has also posted several pictures of himself on the "Ericules James" profile.

In her review of the documents received, Investigator Wolfe reports that she observed several conversations between "Vanessa" and other subjects in which "Vanessa" requested these subjects burn down the female's subject's residence located on North Main Street, in exchange for sexual favors. All of these conversations occurred over Facebook Messenger, which complainant knows is an application where digital messages are sent/received by Facebook users.

Investigator Wolfe reports that she has reviewed data extracted from Keesen's cellular phones from the relevant time period that was collected in relation the above-described investigation and the investigation of other incidents involving Keesen. In this review, Investigator Wolfe reports that she observed multiple photographs of female subjects with blonde hair that do not live in the area. Investigator Wolfe reports that this is a common method and practice for creating and using fake or fictitious social media profiles.

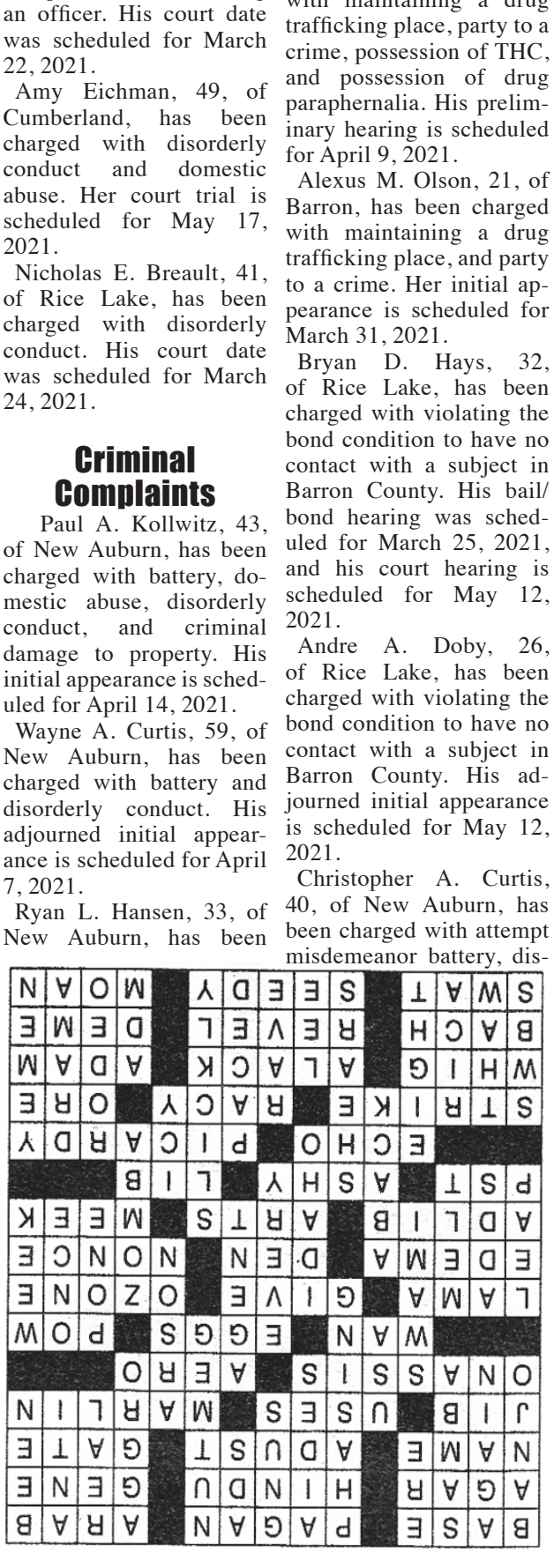
Investigator Wolfe reports that she observed a copy of a conversation between the female subject and "Vanessa" saved on Keesen's cellular phone. Based upon her other investigations into Keesen's stalking behavior with the female subject, and her observation of this saved conversation, Investigator Wolfe concluded that it was highly likely that Keesen was the person sending messages under the fictitious profile for "Vanessa."

On January 14, 2021, Investigator Wolfe reports that she received additional information from Investigator Harti, with the Washburn County Sheriff's Department, pertinent to her investigation into the above described incidents. Complainant knows that Investigator Harti has been involved in an investigation involving Keesen and allegations related to child enticement and the use of a computer to facilitate a child sex crime over "Kik" a social media application. Investigator Harti reportedly completed a subpoena for the "Kik" account used by Keesen during the incident. Upon receipt of this information, Investigator Harti reportedly conveyed a copy of the subscriber records received to Investigator Wolfe. Investigator Wolfe reports that she reviewed these subscriber records and observed that one of the IP addresses associated with Keesen's "Kik" account was the same IP address as identified as being associated with the Facebook profile for "Vanessa."

On February 19, 2021, Investigator Wolfe reports that she had received a response from an Internet supplier regarding a subpoena she had issued to identify the user with and IP address. The IP address associated with Keesen's "Kik" account and the Facebook profile for "Vanessa." Such records revealed that the subscriber's name associated with that IP address is a male subject.

Investigator Wolfe reports she previously learned that Keesen had been staying with the male subject, as a result of her extensive investigations into Keesen's conduct and his whereabouts.

If convicted for solicitation of arson of a building, Keesen may be fined not more than $10,000, or imprisoned not more than six years or both. His initial appearance is scheduled for March 31, 2021.



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# Sports

## Martens named to WBCA Division 4 All Star Team

Congratulations to Jack Martens on being selected to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Division 4 All-Star Team!

Jack was one of 24 seniors selected from the Division 4 schools throughout the state. Martens averaged 20 points a game his senior season.A great honor for an outstanding high school career!

## Sports Look Back April 6, 2011

The Cumberland Track team traveled to Superior on Friday night, where they ran in the Packy Paquette Indoor Invitational held at UW-Superior.

Rice Lake won the boys' title, while Bloomer was the victor in the girls' competition.

Eleven teams participated, with the Cumberland boys finishing ninth and the girls finishing eleventh. Shell Lake was another local participant, finishing tenth in both the boys and girls events, while Spooner and Northwestern joined Bloomer and the Beavers as other HON participants.

Cumberland received one individual title, as senior Hillary Zimmer took the shot put with a fine throw of 32-11. It placed four inches ahead of second place finisher Amber Bird of Duluth East. Zimmer also had a fifth place finish in the 55-meter hurtles, where she ran a 10.02. Jaime Ludwigson of Bloomer, who ran a 8.95, won the event.

Zimmer finished her busy and successful day with a 31.02 in the 220, which was back in the field, won by Ludwigson with a 27.1.

Another busy girl competitor was senior Stephanie Germer, who ran a 8.41 in the 55-meter dash, jumped 13-03 in the long jump, and triple jumped 29.06. Other Cumberland competitors were Angela Denver, Amy Denver, Nichole Nicpon, Joanna Neby, Karli Rix-Nieman, and Natasha Rodriguez. Rix-Nieman ran her first 1600 in 7:13, a "promising first run" said Coach Phil Flottum.

Raya Kosey of Superior won the event with a 5:34.

Neby, meanwhile, trimmed her hurdle and jumping events' times.

"The girls did a nice job, and Hillary's win in the shot was very impressive," said Coach Flottum.

Sam Clark had a nice day for the boys' team, getting fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18-11 and a fifth in the triple jump with a 39-4.

Wally Ellenson of Rice Lake, won the long jump at 20-1, while Derek Mueller from Chippewa Falls took the triple jump with a 40-7.

The other highest finish for the boys came from the 4x200 relay team, who ran a 1:42.31 to finish fifth behind Rice Lake, who won with a 1:37. Running on the team were, Jonathon Helbig, Brady Rose, Quinn Stetler, and Sam Clark.

Many others competed well against the fine field. Rose ran a 7.29 and Stetler a 7.33 in the 55-meter dash, which was won by Quinton Coleman of Duluth East in 6.61. Both finished among the top sixteen runners in the event.

Stetler and Rose both ran in the 220, where Stetler ran a 25.7 and Rose a 25.9. That event was also won by Coleman with a 23.58. Stetler finished eleventh and Rose thirteenth.

"Other runners like Eric Turcott, Logan Narges, and Matt Sheehan ran their first races, while others also did well. We're now looking forward to getting outside," concluded Flottum.

**Sports Lookback, April 3, 1991**

The Cumberland baseball team will open defense of the 1990 HON conference title with a game next Monday against the Ladysmith Lumberjacks. The home game is scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm on Moser Field.

The Beavers stepped up preparation for the opener with a scrimmage on Monday against Ashwaubenon and Prescott. The scrimmage was held at the Metrodome and each team played approximately eight innings.

"Although scores cannot be kept, we played well against both teams," said Coach Mark Fuller.

The scrimmage began at 12:30 and lasted until 6:00 pm. Five pitchers threw for the Beavers with Steve Bergmann, Jamie Olson, Eric Grescner, Brandon Scheurer, and Mike Mysicka all showing potential.

Bergmann, however, will be gone for three games which will hurt the Beavers. "Steve threw well and we will miss him. We will have to patch things together without him," said Coach Fuller.

With Bergmann gone, the starting pitcher will be Jamie Olson. The senior hurler was 6-1 on the mound last year as a junior. He has experienced some arm problems this Spring, which leaves the Beaver coaching staff somewhat worried.

Dave Adasheck has cemented down the catching position with a fine scrimmage, while Dave Olson, Dan Mladnick, Mike Mysicka, and Kevin Zappa will start in the infield. Brandon Scheurer and Eric Greschner will start in two outfield positions while the third position is still up for grabs.

## Icemen MVP



Connor Morrison

**Cumberland Junior Connor Morrison has been named the MVP of the 2020-2021 Northwest Icemen Hockey Team. Despite the team's overall record of 4 and 15, Morrison had a solid year in the net with an overall save percentage of .875. He was the goal tender for each of the team's four victories on the season and had eight more wins in the net his sophomore season. He will be one of the key building blocks on the 2021-2022 team.**

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## All Star!



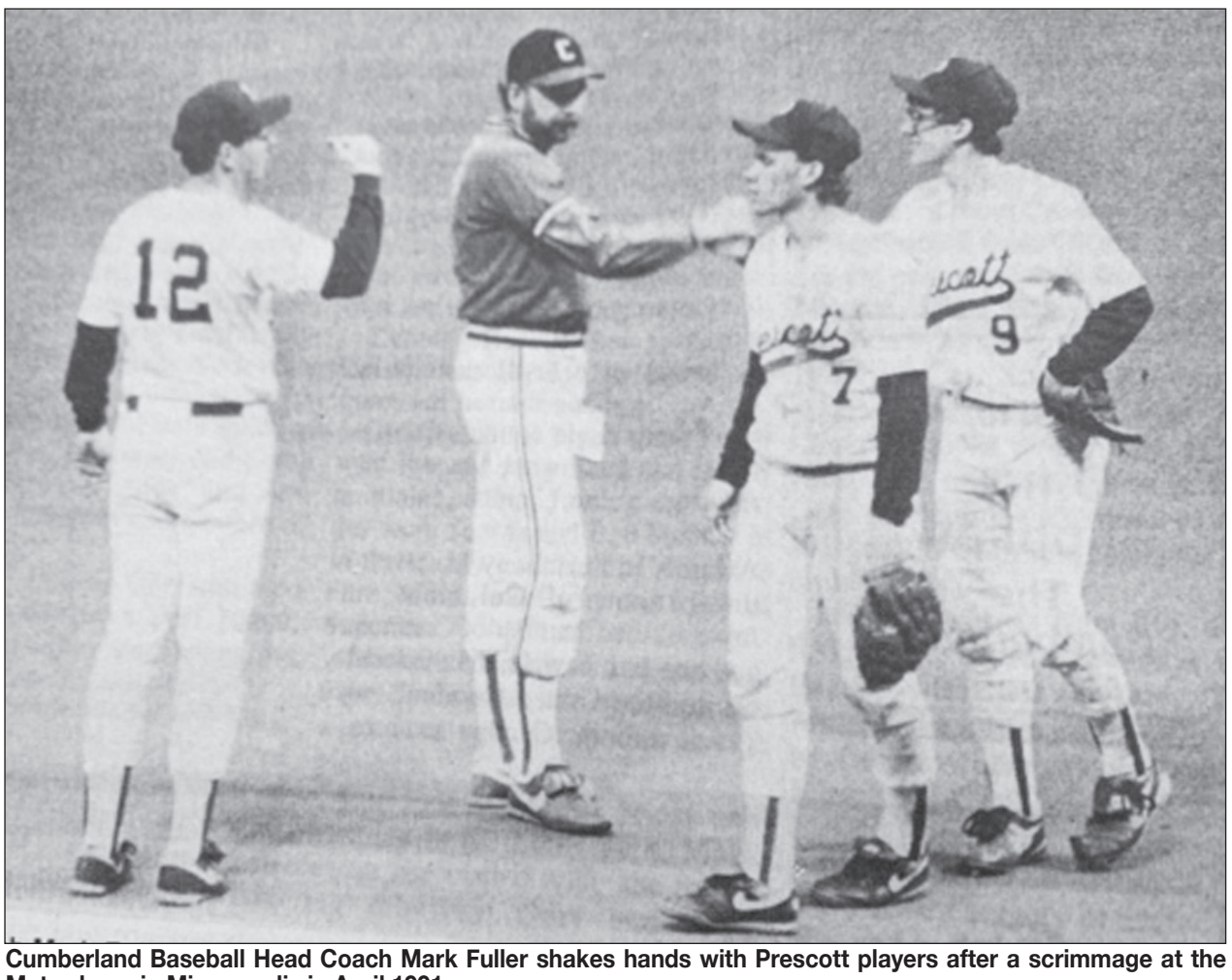
Jack Martens drives to the basket vs Cameron. Congratulations Jack on a well deserved honor!

## Getting Ready!



Hailey Wozniak and Nate Oduor get in some work during an optional track practice Monday night. Spring sports are still a couple weeks away due to the late start date.

## At The Metrodome!



Cumberland Baseball Head Coach Mark Fuller shakes hands with Prescott players after a scrimmage at the Metrodome in Minneapolis in April 1991.

## Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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# An Outdoorsman's Journal

*by Mark Walters*

## Mississippi River Perch Challenge

**Hello friends,**

The last two years in the month of March, I have headed down to Buffalo City which is located on the Mississippi River about 40-miles north of Lacrosse and used my atv to go three miles where I fish some of the backwaters of the Mississippi for perch and walleye. These backwaters are very close to the dam that controls pool number 5, and I have had excellent success shore fishing for perch and walleye that temporarily migrate to it for the spawning season. In all honesty, I have been very excited for this trip for at least a month.

**Sunday, March 21st**

**High, 57, low 30 sustained 40 mph wind**

I have my atv in my enclosed trailer and a four wheeled feed cart to pull behind it with gear. Because all of my gear for this overnight experience will not fit into the cart, I have an Otter Sled strapped to the top of it. As you are about to find out bad luck would soon come my way! I arrived at the public boat landing at Spring Lake where I planned on unloading and taking the pleasant trip down to the dam with my golden retriever Ruby.

As soon as I pulled into the landing a fisherman told me the trail had recently been closed to atv travel. In all honesty, I would have rather been punched in the gut than hear that report. My new plan had me pulling my load exactly three miles and here was the killer. The wind was blowing into my face at a sustained 40-mph and I actually verified that report.

I pulled my load and kept going back to the line I would use, that I created when I hiked 1244 miles of the Appalachian train back in '91. "Eyes that see, ears that hear, feet keep moving, Home is near!"

So, I make the journey and am super excited to catch some huge perch and walleye and when I hike into the backwater, I have some really bad news. The main channel of the river has created a sandbar that has 100% blocked the entrance. In other words, migrating perch and walleye could not get to where I was fishing.

On another front, this was a challenge to myself and I had not brought any food whatsoever, I was going to live on fish. I rigged three poles with worms and spread them out over 60-yards of shoreline and after four hours concluded that I was going to starve.

I knew that I could go to the river, but the sand was blowing so intensely that it looked like it was snowing. Just before dark I moved one pole over to the river and caught a ten-inch perch right off the bat.

In the dark I moved my entire operation over to the river, and though I caught several red horse which are inedible, I did not catch any more perch. A couple other side notes, I did not bring a tent and a light rain began and it was so windy that for the first time that I can remember, I could not light my propane light.

I was super hungry, so I filleted and fried my one perch and it actually made me feel very good.

**Monday, March 22nd**

**High 61, low 44**

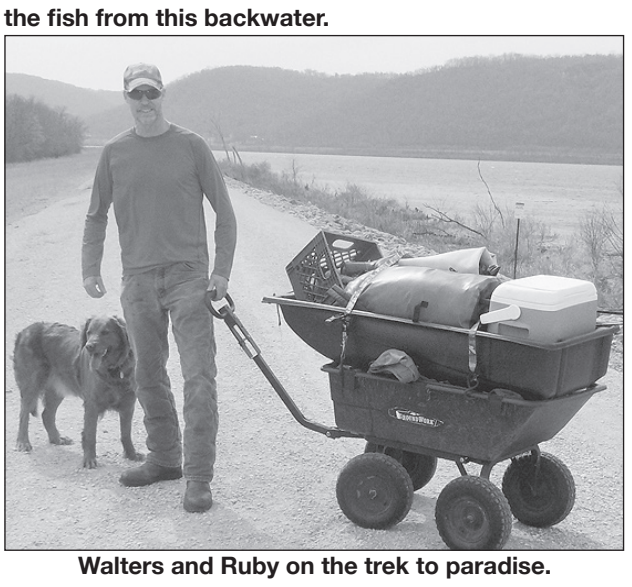
I was up long before the sun and caught one undersized walleye that I really wanted to eat but let go. At daybreak it was the lets watch people in boats show while they watch the crazy guy on shore show! You cannot reach this spot by vehicle or atv so it was all mine. I started catching perch, very slow but I was catching them, and one was almost 13-inches, but unfortunately I lost most of my spot to fishermen that anchored over it.

I fished super hard and loved it and it was amazing to watch the people show. There was one guy that every time someone caught a fish he would watch with envy and literally move his boat within 15-feet of them or me if I caught one.

The other crazy part of this day is that by 3:00 when I loaded the cart, I had caught 44 red horse. I filleted five of the perch and fried them before the hike back and that gave me big energy for the trek.



**The main channel had created a sandbar that blocked the fish from this backwater.**



**Walters and Ruby on the trek to paradise.**

Another side story is that since I thought I was using the ATV, I only had hip boots or cowboy boots, neither are ideal for a long slog, pulling a load. I love the Mississippi, my first job out of high school was as a deckhand on a river boat when I was 18. I tried canoeing up it back in 87 and this trip was just another notch in the belt of positive, life experiences. Live till you can't! **Sunset**

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## *Baseball Practice Underway!*



**The Cumberland Baseball Team is preparing for the upcoming season. The Beavers have high hopes this Spring.**

## DNR Continues Partnership With USDA To Manage Wolf Conflicts

*Timely Call To USDA Remains Best Practice For Livestock And Pet Owners*

With the recent delisting of wolves from the federal endangered species list, some livestock farmers and pet owners are wondering how this change affects Wisconsin's wolf conflict program. While the delisting has prompted some changes, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services (USDA-Wildlife Services) remains the first point of contact for reporting all wolf conflict incidents.

For livestock and pet owners dealing with a potential wolf-involved conflict, swift reporting to USDA-Wildlife Services remains critical for the collection of evidence and the timely implementation of conflict resolution options. Verification of any wolf-involved conflict is still required for reimbursement of damages or loss.

The federal delisting of wolves from the endangered species list has prompted the following changes to Wisconsin's wolf conflict program including:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and USDA-Wildlife Services may now implement an integrated depredation program using both lethal and non-lethal conflict prevention options. Previously, conflict prevention options were limited to non-lethal approaches. Lethal options include the issuance of wolf removal permits to landowners and implementation of wolf removal efforts by USDA-Wildlife Services. Wisconsin's administrative code also allows the landowners and leasees on private lands to shoot wolves in the act of biting, wounding or attacking a domestic animal. Shootings must be reported to the DNR within 24 hours.

To receive conflict prevention assistance and for compensation eligibility, public hunting access during the Wisconsin wolf harvest is required on private lands where wolf hunting and trapping is feasible.

Funding for wolf depredation compensation payments will transfer from the DNR's Natural Heritage Conservation Program to revenue generated from the sale of wolf hunting license and applications.

Claims for missing calves are now limited to reimbursement of up to five missing calves for each verified depredation. (There was no limit in place previously.)

The department will continue to make wolf conflict information available to the public in a timely manner through the DNR's website. Visit dnr.wi.gov and search "wolf depredation."

Notification will also be sent to those who subscribe to the department's wolf depredation update list. Information includes an interactive map with general locations of all verified wolf conflicts, an annual table listing of all reported conflicts and the establishment of wolf caution areas at pet and hunting dog depredations sites.

The department and our partner, USDA-Wildlife Services, remain committed to assisting individuals who experience conflicts with wolves. Wolf conflicts should be reported as soon as possible to USDA-Wildlife Services by calling 1-800-228-1368 (in state) or 715-369-5221 in northern Wisconsin and by calling 1-800-433-0663 (in state) or 920-324-4514 in southern Wisconsin.

## DNR: Wildfire Season Underway

With Wisconsin wildfire season underway, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds Wisconsinites to be fire smart this spring and get their free DNR annual burning permit.

While spring is always much-welcomed after Wisconsin's long winters, seasonal warm and dry conditions can result in increased wildfire activity.

Unlike out west, the spring is the most dangerous time for wildfires in Wisconsin. After the snow melts and before plants, trees and grass turn green, fires can spread quickly.

Debris burning is the leading cause of Wisconsin's wildfires. The 2021 fire season follows a winter with below-normal snow depths. The DNR's fire control officials are focusing on the potential for statewide fire activity as the snow is rapidly melting at the same time.

"Fires caused by careless burning become more frequent this time of year," said Kirby Dernovsek, a DNR Forest Ranger based at the Minong Ranger Station in Washburn County. "Before deciding to burn a debris pile on your property, consider composting yard waste or hauling it to an approved disposal site. Burning debris should always be the last alternative."

Wildfires can happen just about any time of the year, but historically, 60% of all annual wildfires in Wisconsin occur in March, April and May alone.

The DNR suspended all burning permits throughout spring 2020, Wisconsin's peak for wildfires, due to increased safety concerns resulting from COVID-19. This year, the DNR plans to suspend burning based on wildfire risk. However, to promote social distancing, burning permits are not being issued in-person by Emergency Fire Wardens or at DNR service centers.

Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas once the snow cover is gone. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and needles so that burning is done safely with minimal wildfire risk.

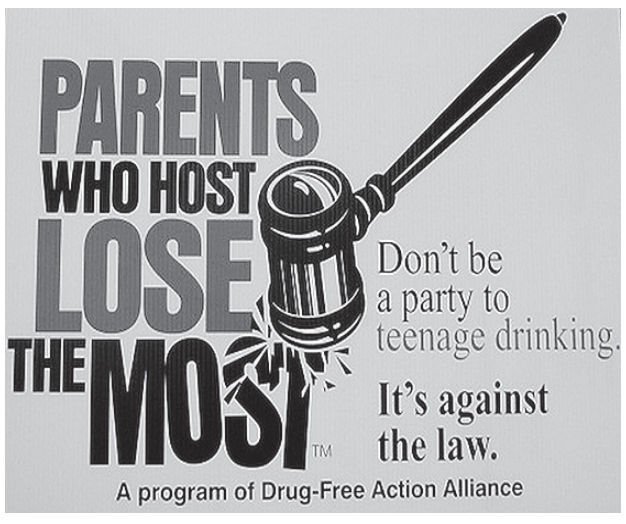
"Learn before you burn," Kirby said. "Always check the daily fire restrictions each day before you burn."

DNR burning permits are free and can be obtained online and instantly emailed or issued over the phone and delivered by the Postal Service within three to five business days. Get your annual DNR burning permit by completing the online application here or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876).

Once an individual has a burning permit, remember to check the fire restrictions in the appropriate county after 11 a.m. each day before burning, including the legal burning hours, size limitations or if burning is suspended for the day. Small campfires for warming or cooking do not require a burning permit.

Because the DNR does not regulate all areas across the state, it's essential to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions.

More information on burning permits, fire danger and preparing for wildfires around your home and property is available on the DNR's burning restrictions webpage.







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# Correspondents

## Barronett News

*By Judy Pieper*

Happy Easter!!!

Isn't it wonderful that, this year, we will be able to be inside the church to celebrate the resurrection of Christ? I hope we never have to go through another pandemic!

Our last Wednesday evening Lenten service was last week. This week Maundy Thursday service and Good Friday service will both be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. (Thursday and Friday) at Barronett Lutheran, and Easter Sunday service will be at the usual time, 9:00 a.m. We are doing everything possible to ensure that all members of the congregation are safe from the virus, and we hope that you will join us for all the Holy Week services.

Members of Barronett Lutheran would like to thank Pastor Todd for all he has done during the quarantine. He sends out DVDs of the services to those who are not comfortable gathering at the church at this time, and he e-mails the services to all of us. This past Sunday, Palm Sunday, he had come in on Saturday to decorate the alter with beautiful palm leaves. And his sermons are so interesting – he usually has a history lesson tucked in there somewhere. This past Sunday he made the old story of Palm Sunday seem new again. I don't know what we would do without him.

Anitia Lehmann called on Sunday evening to tell us about a party on Saturday evening, hosted by Aaron, Erin and Miles Lehmann, to celebrate Charlie Lehmann's eighth birthday. The family gathered at the Hilltop where the kids had a lot of fun playing the games. Anitia said that they won seven stuffed toys out of the crane game. There was also delicious food, lots of gifts for Charlie to open, and a beautiful birthday cake. Other guests were Cheryl Lehmann, Heidi and Cary Diesterhaft, DaShaun Ames and Gary Gannon and his sister, Patty.

On Sunday Kate and Kevin O'Neal drove up from Hudson to visit with Anitia. They brought her Emma's senior pictures. Hard to believe that both Emma and DaShaun will be graduating this year, isn't it?

Geri Pittman stopped by the house for coffee one day last week, and we decided we were bored with everything and needed a women's day out. Well, let me tell you, we had quite a day. We drove over to Stillwater, stopped at a Scandinavian shop, a kitchen shop and a gigantic antique shop. Geri found a rocking chair at the antique shop that went beautifully with her new furniture. We really weren't ready to head home at that point, so we drove to Eau Claire and went to Hope Gospel Mission. We found some glassware that we couldn't resist, and I bought some TV tables. We stopped by Main Street Café in Bloomer for salads and pie on the way home. It was a great day.

Doug Sweet told us about seeing a bear in his northwest field, just above Shallow Lake. That's the first bear sighting I have heard about this spring. He said it was a small one, but I'm sure there are more where he came from. Just one more sign of spring.

Speaking of spring, we all knew, didn't we, that March was not going to come in like a lamb and go out the same way. That little snow squall we had on Saturday evening was just downright annoying. Hopefully it will be the last one, but we just never know here in God's country.

A bunch of the family came to our house after church on Sunday to have a birthday breakfast for Kane Thon, who will be turning six on April 3rd. We had the usual waffles and ice cream with fruit, and we all sang "happy birthday" to Kane even though it was a little early.

Marvin, Marshall and Victor Straw enjoyed a guys' night out at Hilltop on Friday. The ladies of the family were having a girls' weekend, which I hope to tell you about next week.

I hope you like genie jokes because Duane told me this one. A genie came to Wisconsin and stopped at a farmhouse. Inside the house was the farmer and his wife who were both 61 years old, and his 20-year-old daughter. He asked them what they would like him to do for them. The wife said that she loved the farmhouse, but she would like the kitchen to be bigger and to have all the modern conveniences. He waved his wand and the kitchen was immediately huge, modern and full of all the best cookware. The daughter said that she would like her room and furniture to be the same as the one she saw in "House Beautiful." Presto – the bedroom was lovely. The farmer was a little hesitant to ask, but finally said, "Don't get me wrong, I love my wife, but I would really like to have a wife who is 30 years younger than me." The genie waved his wand, and the farmer was immediately 91 years old.

I guess that's all I know from Barronett this week. Please join us at Barronett Lutheran for Holy Week services. If you are new to the area and are looking for a friendly church, come on in – we will be glad to welcome you.

## Sarona Man...

ruled that Wilson had been told that he faced life in prison without the possibility of being released, while the actual maximum was 25 years in prison and 15 years extended supervision.

Wilson was charged in November 2016, with conspiring to commit murder and solicitation of murder. He pleaded not guilty in December.

Over the intervening years, a series of hearings and trial dates were set and then postponed. The sexual assault and murder charges merged into one jury trial last December.

**Homicide Charges**

The plot to kill the teen and her mother took place while Wilson was in the Washburn County Jail.

According to the criminal complaint filed, Wilson asked a fellow inmate at the time to burn down the teen's home, with the teen inside, in exchange for two trucks, and a tractor as a payment, as the inmate would be out of jail soon.

Since February 2002, Wilson is a lifetime registrant on the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry. He was convicted of first-degree sexual assault of a child in Barron County in 1993. He was sentenced to one year in jail with five years in prison imposed and stayed, plus 10 years probation.

**Senior Dining**

**Weekday Breakfast, dining at 5, & the Sunday Community Breakfasts suspended until further notice. Grab and Go only unitl further notice.**

**Thurs, Apr. 1:** Swedish Meatballs, Egg Noodles, Steamed Carrots, Dinner Roll, Toffee Bar.

**Fri, Apr. 2:** Honey Glazed Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Steamed Corn, Assorted Bread, Fruit Crisp.

**Mon, Apr. 5:** Split Pea Soup, Turkey & Cheddar Sandwich on Assorted Bread, Cottage Cheese, Ice Cream.

**Tues, Apr. 6:** Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Breadstick, Diced Peaches.

**Wed, Apr. 7:** Seafood Pasta Salad on Lettuce Leaf, Broccoli and Cauliflower Salad, Fresh Grapes, Assorted Bread, Cook's Choice Cookie.

# OBITUARIES



### Steven B. Lange

Steven B. Lange, age 38 of Eau Claire, passed away unexpectedly at his residence on Thursday, March 18, 2021.

Steve was a friend to many, generous to all, kind, humble, and willing to help anyone in need. He was a beloved father, son and brother. His greatest joy was his son, Jake.

He made his family proud and privileged to know and love him.

Steve was born in Madison, on September 29, 1982, to Patricia and Ronald Lange. His Baptism into the Catholic faith occurred on December 12, 1982 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church in Madison. During his youth, Newman Community Parish of Eau Claire was his family parish. As an adult, Steve joined St. James the Greater Catholic Parish of Eau Claire.

Steve was active in Scouting while growing up and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He graduated from Eau Claire Memorial High School in 2001 and served as Senior Class President. He then attended the University of Chicago and graduated with a BA in Economics and Biology in 2005.

Steve was an accomplished musician in high school and college, performing on piano, French horn, and trumpet. His many performances included two appearances as part of the Eau Claire Memorial Jazz I band at the Essentially Ellington competition in New York City and multiple shows in Chicago as part of the U-of-C Jazz X-tet.

During his college years, Steve interned at Jazz at Lincoln Center with Wynton Marsalis, the Deutsche Bundesbank in Frankfurt, Germany, and the Chicago Field Museum.

Steve was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying hunting, fishing and camping. His special place was the family cabin on Silver Lake.

Post-college, he pursued a career as an Equity Trader for UBS Investment Bank, in Stamford, CT, with project assignments in London and Hong Kong.

In 2008, he married Kirsten Jolivette. Their son, Jake, was born in 2011. They later divorced.

After returning to Eau Claire, Steve worked in various jobs in wealth management, insurance, substitute teaching, and health care. Steve brought his caring nature to work as a CNA in a dementia unit at the Syverson Home and HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital. He diligently explored several careers and higher education for his future. As a volunteer, he served a variety of organizations.

Steve is survived by his son, Jake Lange, of Eau Claire, his parents, Pat and Ron Lange, also of Eau Claire, his brother, Christopher (Rebecca) Lange, of Goffstown, NH, his maternal grandparents, Richard and Maria Kostuch, of Bonita Springs, FL, his paternal grandfather, Robert Lange, Jr., of Stevens Point, and his many aunts, uncles, and cousins, in both the U.S. and Germany.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Mildred Lange, and his paternal step-grandmother, Jean Lange.

A public drive through visitation will take place on Friday, April 9, 2021 from 9:00 am – 10:30 am through the parking lot of St. James The Greater Catholic Church, 2502 11th Street, Eau Claire, WI 54703. The family will greet you under the canopy of the church. Due to the pandemic, a private family memorial mass with Fr. Tom Krieg officiating will take place at the church on Friday April, 9, 2021 at 11 am. Private family committal service will take place at a later date in the Chapel of the Resurrection Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery in Eau Claire. To attend the mass virtually please use the link provided https://youtu.be/jR8CdhmuQ2M

Steve was called to heaven much too soon. We are all better to have known him. We will miss him. We will never forget his smile!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in memory of Steven to the "Steven B. Lange Memorial Fund" at ECCF, 306 S. Barstow St. Suite 104, Eau Claire, WI 54701 or donate online at https://eccfwi.org/memorial/new-fund-honors-the-memory-of-steven-b-lange/ Link to the fund page https://eccfwi.org/fund/steven-b-lange-memorial-fund/

Hulke Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701 is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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## Senior Center Happenings

*By Dave Husby, President of the Board*
*Cumberland Area Senior Citizen's Center*

Monday the 15th of March we opened the doors for the first time in a full year. We offered coffee and conversation to all those that wanted to attend. We had about 20 people attend and all seemed very happy to have the doors open again. There were several comments about the appearance of the facility. Many wanted to open further so card games could again be played and Bingo and puzzles and more. We will again have the facility open for coffee and conversation on Monday every week from 9 AM to 11AM. Bingo will start in April. Watch for dates and times. Come join in the fun.

On a sad note, Lisa, our Barron County ADRC meals site manager has moved on to a full time job. We will miss her smiling face and bubbly personality. The Senior Center will not be serving meals again till a new site manager can be hired. If you or someone you know would like to be the site manager please call ADRC and talk with Darby.

Last year we were supposed to have an election for new Board members. Due to the closing of the facility we decided to continue on for another year without an election. This year we should have an election for new board members. Please consider running for office.

This year the board of directors met and decided that membership dues would not be collected because last year the facility was not open for use. So anyone who joins this year will not be charged for dues. We just hope you come back and bring a friend. See you at the Center.

David Husby

President, Cumberland Area Senior Citizens Center





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# OBITUARIES



## Madie P. Ritchie

Madie Pauline Ritchie, 89, of Cumberland passed away March 25, 2021, at Cumberland Care and Rehab. She was born June 14, 1931 in Cumberland to Arthur Karl and Matilda Jane (Hayes) Nedvidek. Madie married her husband, friend and partner of nearly seventy-three years, Glenn Ritchie, in Pine City, MN on April 23, 1948.

Madie attended Cumberland High School and graduated in 1949. She was employed for many years at 3M, worked as chairside assistant at the Tempesta Dental Clinic and Madie and Glenn also operated a Montgomery Ward Catalog store in Cumberland. Years later, after their children were establishing their own lives and careers, she enrolled at the Wisconsin Indianhead Technical Institute. She commuted weekly to Superior and graduated as a Licensed Practical Nurse in 1977. She was a dedicated healthcare worker for the Cumberland Hospital as well as the ECU. Together, Madie and Glenn loved to travel, camp, and gather with friends on the deck. For 29 years they escaped to Texas where they established a winter home and many new friends. She had a special place in her heart for all babies, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Madie loved fiercely, she served humbly and she loved to cook and bake. There were always homemade sugar cookies available if someone happened to drop in for a visit.

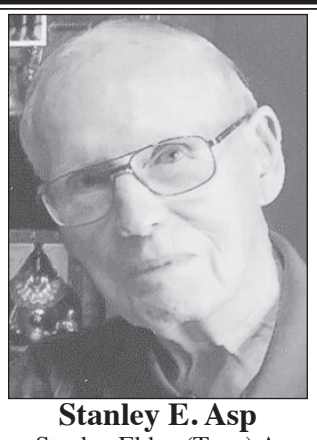
She is survived by her husband Glenn Ritchie; children: Jane (Matt) Stone, Jeri (Thomas) Johnson, Jay (Ruby) Ritchie; grandchildren: Sara (Brian) Neuser, Matthew (Jennifer) Johnson, Amber Ritchie, Cosima Walker, Patrick Ritchie; great grandchildren: Brennan Neuser, Connor Neuser, Cullen Johnson, Delaney Johnson, Eila Jane Johnson; sister-in-law, Gloria (Dusty) Weber; many nieces, nephews, and other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Matilda Nedvidek.

Private family funeral services will be held at 10:30 AM Saturday, April 3, 2021 at Augustana Lutheran Church with Pastor Shane Anderson officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Honorary pallbearers are her grandsons and great-grandsons: Matthew Johnson, Cosima Walker, Patrick Ritchie, Brennan and Connor Neuser, and Cullen Johnson.

The family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the staff at Cumberland Healthcare, Cumberland Care and Rehab and St. Croix Hospice, all of whom delivered expert care with love, kindness and compassion….the exact same care she delivered to her patients many years ago.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Augustana Lutheran Church, St. Croix Hospice or the Endeavors Adult Day Center.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland/ Turtle Lake is serving the family.



## Stanley E. Asp

Stanley Elden (Tony) Asp, 91, of Turtle Lake, passed away at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire on the morning of March 25, 2021. Tony was born on October 27, 1929 in Clear Lake to Arthur and Mary (Torkelson) Asp. He was the fourth of six children. He attended Edgewood school.

When he was young, he worked in the fields of North Dakota picking potatoes and shocking grain.

He proudly served his country in the Army, and was deployed to Europe, where he served as a medic during the Korean War. He had fond memories of this time and frequently commented how beautiful Germany was.

He met Carol Nelson of Cumberland, and they married on August 18, 1956. After their marriage they established their home near Turtle Lake, halfway between their hometowns. Their home was one of the first on Horseshoe Lake. In the years following, they were joined by their children Rick, Joleen, and Jenny.

In 1954 he started his milk hauling business. For the first of these years, he hauled can milk to Stella Cheese. In 1961 he took a chance and bought a bulk milk truck with only one bulk patron. He grew the business to four bulk trucks, retiring at the age of 52. He hauled to Stella Cheese in Clayton and Cumberland, and to Falls Dairy in Colfax.

He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He bonded with his kids by taking them snowmobiling and by pulling them and other neighborhood kids waterskiing. He enjoyed family vacations, trips to area casinos, watching Westerns, and playing cards. He cherished the time spent with his grandkids. He was a lifelong member of Moe Lutheran Church and was a direct descendant of those who helped establish the church.

Tony is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Carol; son Rick (Linda) Asp; daughters Joleen (Marv) Jensen and Jenny (Tom) Hullander; grandchildren Jacob (Katie) Jensen, Rachel (Josh Woods) Steglich, Logan Steglich, and Jamie Steglich; step-grandchildren Jay (Amanda) Jensen, Zach Hullander, and Maddie Hullander; step-great grandchildren Madysan Jensen and Karl Jensen; sister Sharon (Walt) Fall, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Delbert, Harold, and Raymond; and sister Alice.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Moe Lutheran Church in Clear Lake with visitation at the church starting an hour before the service. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, attendance will be limited and masks are required during the visitation and service. Honorary pallbearers are his grandchildren Jacob, Rachel, Logan, and Jamie.



# Church Directory



## "Forgiveness and life"

*by Deacon Steve Linton*
*St. Anthony Catholic Church, Cumberland*

In his dying, Christ conquered sin. In his rising, Christ conquered death.

It seems surreal, unnatural, for us to accept these two facts. It is difficult for us to wrap our minds around the idea that one sacrifice could forgive so much, and that anyone could rise from the dead. Yet, when we consider our own passing from this world, what are the two things we desire most? Forgiveness and the hope of continued life for our mind and soul.

Forgiveness gives us peace and the ability to share in loving and compassionate relationship. Rising into eternal life gives us hope that relationships within our physical existence will extend beyond this life to something more intimate and peaceful in the next.

Forgiveness and life. This is the heart and sole of our Easter Triduum and our celebration of Easter. In his passion, his suffering and his dying, a truly divine Jesus in human form, sacrificed himself freely to expiate us from our sin. He freed us all from the sin which separates us from a relationship with the Father. Through his death on the cross, we have experienced the greatest love that one can show for another and he has given us the one thing we cannot barter, buy, or sell. Forgiveness. In his rising from the dead and his ascension into heaven, witnessed by the apostles and others, he has given us the promise of a new life beyond our present existence.

In the tenth chapter of Acts we hear Peter say, *"We are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people, but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commissioned us to preach to the people and testify that he is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead. To him all prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."*

With great solemnity and joy, let us enter this Easter season with humble and contrite hearts. Let us give praise and glory to God for the gift of His son Jesus Christ!

May the Peace of the Risen Lord be with you all!

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Phone: 715-822-5511,
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Peter Bergeson, Interim Pastor
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Bible Study: 8:30 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
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Timothy Schmidt, Pastor
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Dennis Wright, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-5502
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Weekend Mass: Sun,, 8:30 am

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Masses: Saturday: 4:00 p.m; Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday: 10:30a.m.

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**ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH**
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**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN**
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1 mile East on Hwy. 48
John Miels, Pastor
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483 7th Avenue, Clayton
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**STANFOLD LUTHERAN**
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Pastor John Bergson
Phone: 262-354-4537
Assistant Pastor Gerald Hibbard
Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30a.m.; Coffee time & bible Study

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10 mi. W on Hwy. 48, McKinley
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**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**
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April Nielsen, Lay Leader
Adult discussion forum: 9:15 a.m.; Worship services 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour: 11:30 a.m.

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AA-Mondays at 7 p.m., Augustana Church; Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Senior Citizen Center. Women's inspiration AA meeting: 6 pm Tuesdays at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Community Meeting Room 715-529-9592. tfn

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**715-822-8714**
**2236 US HWY 63**
**Cumberland**
**www.wiscorvandandmarine.com**

## JOB OPENINGS
### Summer Positions with Cumberland Municipal Utility

Applications are being accepted at Cumberland Municipal Utility for two temporary summer positions with the electric, water and sewer departments, with varying hours and rates of pay.
Applicants must be at least 16 years old and hold a valid driver's license.
Applications may be picked up at 1265 2nd Avenue or requested by email at lori@cmutility.com and must be returned by 12:00 P.M. on Friday, April 2, 2021.

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## JOB OPENINGS
### Seasonal Positions with the City of Cumberland

Applications are being accepted for the positions of Laborers for the Street Department. Positions are seasonal and have varying hours and start at $11.00/hour.
Please send completed municipal employment application by 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 14, 2021 to Denise Sando, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, 950-1st Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829 or email to deputyct@cityofcumberland.net.

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**Cumberland School District**
**Employment Opportunity**
**HS HEAD BOYS' SOCCER COACH**

Qualified individuals should send a letter of interest and district application form to :

**Lorne Majewski, Athletic Director**
**1000 8th Avenue**
**Cumberland, WI 54829**

Application can be found on district website www.cumberland.k12.wi.us or available at the District Office.
**Application deadline: Until Filled**
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**Cumberland School District**
**Employment Opportunity**
**English Teacher Job Posting**

**Job Title:** Full-Time High School English Teacher
**Job Description:** Full-time English Teacher position at Cumberland High School for the 2021 – 2022 school year and beyond who is proficient at providing students with learning opportunities to assist students in mastering skills and concepts across a variety of English content courses. Candidates must demonstrate a passion to educate all students, possess the ability to identify and differentiate for the learning needs of students and provide enrichment and intervention as needed. The successful candidate must possess the ability to work successfully and positively with staff in a professional learning community, use formative assessments and data to improve student learning. The ability to use data to drive instructional decisions and collaborate with colleagues is an essential skill for this position. Strong interpersonal skills with students and parents in a school environment must be evident. Prior experience teaching using 1:1 technology for blended/personalized learning to deliver course content preferred. Understanding and proficiency in Google Classroom and virtual learning tools.
**Preferred Qualifications:** Master's Degree in English, or willing to attain a Master's to teach college-level courses..
**Minimum Qualifications:** Candidates should hold, or be eligible for, appropriate DPI certification in English 1300 (required) and/or Broad Field Language Arts 1301. Additional DPI certifications are desirable, but not required.
**How to Apply:** If interested in this position, applications are taken through the WECAN website: https://wecan.education.wisc.edu or mail or email resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and copies of transcripts from all attended universities to:

**Ritchie Narges, Principal**
**Cumberland High School**
**1000 8th Avenue**
**Cumberland, WI 54829**
**rnarg@csdmail.com**

**Deadline: April 16, 2021**
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**Cumberland School District**
**Employment Opportunity**
**Middle School Interventionist**

**Job Title: Full-Time Interventionist**
**Job Description:** Full-time Interventionist position at Cumberland Middle School, effective at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The successful candidate will provide explicit, systematic instruction to students in grades 5-8 to improve their academic achievement. The individual will complete student progress monitoring and maintain records by following the district Response to Intervention (RtI) protocol.

The ideal candidate is a dynamic, innovative, middle school teacher with a strong background in RtI, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Ready Math, the Wonders reading language arts curriculum, and utilizing Fastbridge Learning as a universal math and reading screener and progress monitoring tool.

Candidates must be passionate about supporting student academic achievement. This teacher will work with individual students and small groups to close achievement gaps and help students become proficient in English/Language Arts and Math.

The district's RtI process for providing systematic interventions to improve academic achievement for students will be followed. Interventions will be primarily focused in the areas of reading and mathematics.
**Qualifications:** WI DPI Certification/Licensure at 1088 Pre K to 8 or 1777-Regular Education. Additional certification(s) desired: Reading Specialist 1317 and Reading Teacher 1316.
**How to Apply:** If interested in this position, applications are taken through the WECAN website: https://wecan.education.wisc.edu or mail or email resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and copies of transcripts from all attended universities to:

**Colin Green, Principal**
**Cumberland Middle School**
**980 8th Avenue**
**Cumberland, WI 54829**
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**For more information, please contact**
**Hilary Butzler, Director of Human Resources**
**Cumberland Healtcare, 1110 7th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829**
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**Cumberland School District**
**Employment Opportunity**
**5th Grade Teacher Posting**

**Job Title:** Full-Time 5th Grade Teacher
**Job Description:** Full-time 5th Grade teacher position at Cumberland Middle School, effective at the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The successful candidate demonstrates a passion to educate all students, possesses the ability to identify and differentiate for the learning needs of students, and provides enrichment and intervention as needed. The ability to utilize technology to facilitate learning in a one-to-one environment is also required.
**Qualifications:** Appropriate licensure from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction to teach 5th-grade. 1088,1083 Elementary/Middle-Level Education or 1777 Regular Education is required.
**How to Apply:** If interested in this position, applications are taken through the WECAN website: https://wecan.education.wisc.edu or mail or email resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and copies of transcripts from all attended universities to:

**Colin Green, Principal**
**Cumberland Middle School**
**980 8th Avenue**
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**Deadline: April 5, 2021**
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**Cumberland School District**
**Employment Opportunity**
**Special Education Teacher Posting**

**Job Title:** Full-Time Elementary School Special Education Teacher
**Job Description:** Full-time Special Education teacher position at the Cumberland Elementary School, effective at the start of the 2021 – 2022 school year. Applicants will have excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills. Experience with special education paperwork and procedures, including functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans is desired. Applicants must value the importance of maintaining student rapport and have experience with co-teaching and differentiation. This position entails working with students in grades K-4. The applicant is responsible for case management duties, communicating with parents and staff, writing and implementing IEPs, as well as completing other duties as assigned.
**Qualifications:** A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Special Education License to teach students in grades K-12.
**How to Apply:** If interested in this position, applications are taken through the WECAN website: https://wecan.education.wisc.edu or mail or email resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and copies of transcripts from all attended universities to:

**Jim Richie, Principal**
**Cumberland Elementary School**
**1530 2nd Avenue**
**Cumberland, WI 54829**
**jrich@csdmail.com**

**Deadline: April 5, 2021**
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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY AND SAMPLE BALLOT
**APRIL 6, 2021**
**OFFICE OF THE BARRON COUNTY CLERK**

**TO THE VOTERS OF BARRON COUNTY:**

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Barron County on April 6, 2021 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

**INFORMATION TO VOTERS**

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

**WHERE PAPER BALLOTS ARE USED**

The voter shall make an **(X)** in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall make a mark **(X)** in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall make a mark **(X)** in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

**WHERE OPTICAL SCAN VOTING IS USED**

The voter shall connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

**WHERE TOUCH SCREEN VOTING IS USED**

The voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in casting his or her vote may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

**SPOILED BALLOTS**

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

The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

**AFTER VOTING THE BALLOT**

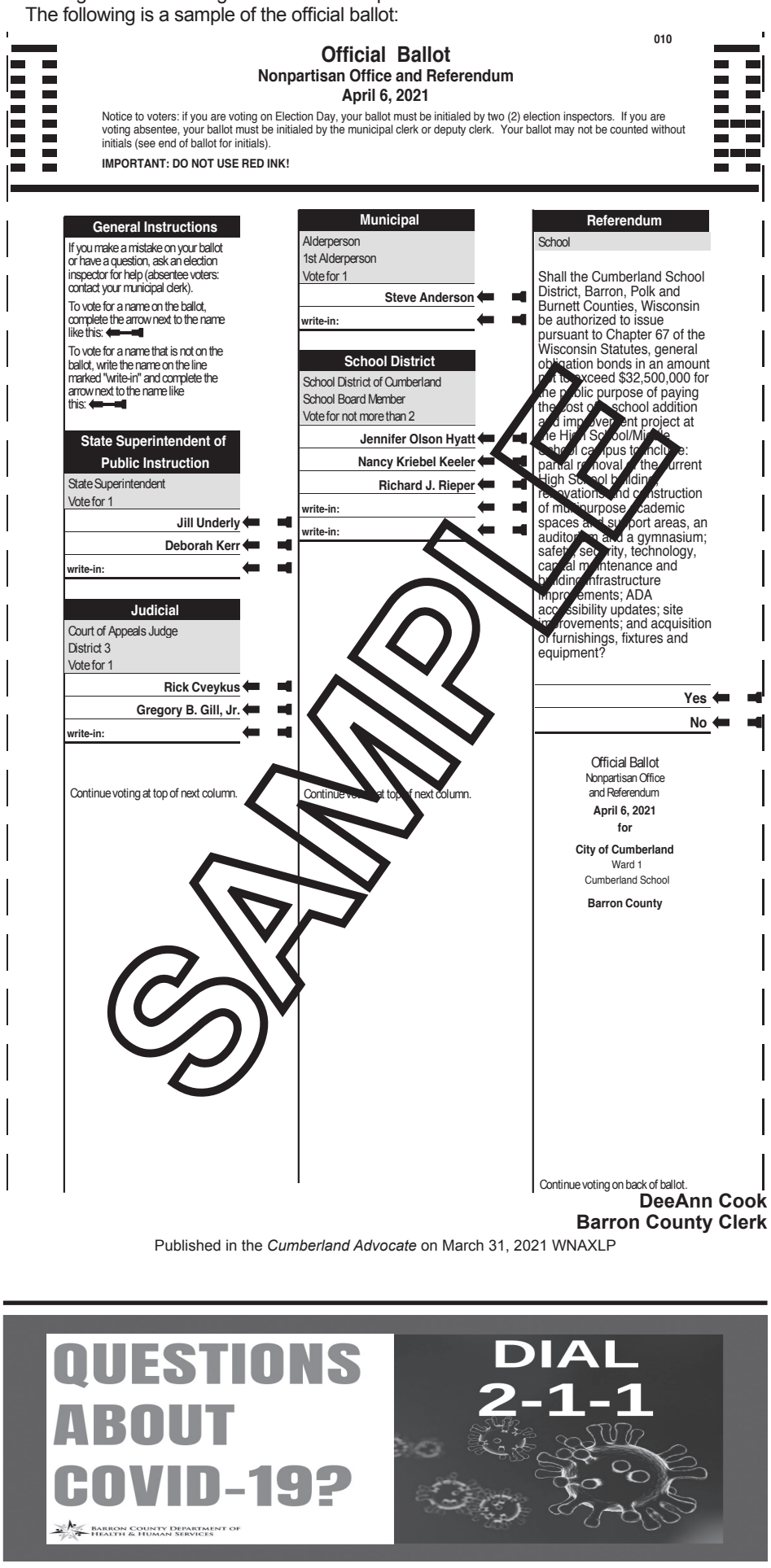
After an official **paper** ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall leave the booth, deposit the ballot in the ballot box, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit, and shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **optical scan** ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official **touch screen** ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:




**DeeAnn Cook**
**Barron County Clerk**

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION
**SPRING ELECTION - APRIL 6, 2021**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN }**
**BARRON COUNTY }**

PLEASE NOTE: The Superintendent of Public Instruction and Court of Appeals District 3 contests will appear on all ballots. The following is a list of municipal and school contests:

**TOWN OF CRYSTAL LAKE**
**TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON**
**Vote for ONE**
Craig Nelson
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR #1**
**Vote for ONE**
Dean Williams
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR #2**
**Vote for ONE**
Michael Frisinger

**TOWN OF CUMBERLAND**
**TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON**
**Vote for ONE**
Jon Chartraw
Tom Brown
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR #1**
**Vote for ONE**
Alvin Hecht
Steven Butzler
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR #2**
**Vote for ONE**
Brian Paffel
Kenneth Kolzow
**TOWN CLERK**
Vote for ONE
Holly Nyhus
**TOWN TREASURER**
Vote for ONE
Francy Braun

**TOWN OF LAKELAND**
**TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON**
**Vote for ONE**
Bill Metnik
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR #1**
**Vote for ONE**
Duane J. Pieper
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR #2**
**Vote for ONE**
Jeneene Rydberg
**CONSTABLE**
**Vote for not more than TWO**
Eric Anderson
No candidate
**TOWN OF MAPLE PLAIN**
**TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON**
**Vote for ONE**
Dale A. Heinecke
**TOWN BOARD SUPERVISORS**
**Vote for not more than TWO**
Thelma W. Johnson
Richard Kohn
Dennis Jenkins
**TOWN TREASURER**
**Vote for ONE**
Kally A. Wagner

**CITY OF CUMBERLAND**
**ALDERPERSON - WARD 1**
**Vote for ONE**
Steve Anderson
**ALDERPERSON - WARD 2**
**Vote for ONE**
Daniel Shoemaker
**ALDERPERSON - WARD 3**
**Vote for ONE**
James Schullo
**ALDERPERSON - WARD 4**
**Vote for ONE**
Doris Laursen

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CUMBERLAND**
Towns of Almena, Bear Lake, Clinton, Crystal Lake, Cumberland, Lakeland, Maple Plain, Stanfold & City of Cumberland in Barron County.
Town of Johnstown & McKinley in Polk County.
Town of Roosevelt in Burnett County.
**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**
**Vote for not more than TWO**
Jennifer Olson Hyatt
Nancy Kriebel Keeler
Richard J. Rieper
**REFERENDUM**
Shall the Cumberland School District, Barron, Polk and Burnett Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $32,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project at the High School/Middle School campus to include: partial removal of the current High School building, renovations and construction of multipurpose academic spaces and support areas, an auditorium and a gymnasium; safety, security, technology, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; ADA accessibility updates; site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment? **YES NO**

**DeeAnn Cook**
**Barron County Clerk**

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS
**Cumberland School District**
**(S.120.06(8)(c), Wisconsin Statutes)**

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Cumberland School District that on Tuesday, April 6, 2021, an election of school board members will be held. The candidates for the school board are as follows (vote for two members at large):

**Jennifer Olson Hyatt**
**Nancy Kriebel Keeler**
**Richard J Riepe**r

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.
Dated this 18th day of January, 2021.

**Adam Skinner, District Clerk**

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## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce is requesting bids from qualified bidders to complete some building repairs on 1295 2nd Ave Cumberland, Wi.

Qualified bidders may contact the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce at 1277 Second Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829, or by Calling 715-822-3378 for details on the work to be performed.

The sealed bids will be received at the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Office at 1277 Second Avenue, P.O. Box 665, Cumberland, WI 54829, no later than April 16th, 2021. The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce is a tax-exempt non-profit organization.

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## NOTICE

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland will meet on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI for a regular meeting.

City Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted 24 hours before the meeting.

**Denise Sando, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer**
**City of Cumberland**

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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Cumberland School District Board of Canvassers will meet in open session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 8, 2021 in the conference room of the administration building, 1010 8th Avenue, Cumberland, WI, to determine the results of the referendum and school board election.

A copy of this notice is the Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and administration building and sent to the *Cumberland Advocate.*

AGENDA
1. Open meeting
2. Determine the results of the 2021 Spring Referendum
3.Determine the results of the School Board Election
4. Adjourn

**Adam Skinner**
**Cumberland School District Clerk**

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## NOTICE
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**
**CIRCUIT COURT**
**BARRON COUNTY**
**SUMMONS PUBLICATION**
**File No. 21TP02**

In the interest of **Z.R.P.**
**D.O.B: 03/08/2019**
**TO:** Unknown Father

You are hereby notified that a Termination of Parental Rights Hearing has been scheduled for April 23, 2021, at 2:00 PM, at the Barron County Courthouse located at 1420 State Hwy. 25 North, Barron, WI 54812, before the Hon. James C. Babler.

The parental rights of a parent or alleged parent who fails to appear may be terminated. You have the right to have an attorney present and you have the right to consent to the termination of parental rights. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may ask the State Public Defender to represent you. If the Court terminates your parental rights, a notice of intent to pursue relief from the judgment must be filed in the trial court within 30 days after judgment is entered for the right to pursue such relief to be preserved.

The approximate conception date of Z.R.P. is between 03-12-2018 and 07-11-2018. Z.R.P. was born in Cumberland, Wisconsin.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 22nd day of March, 2021.

**Andrew J. Harrington**
**Liden, Dobberfuhl & Harrington, S.C.**
**State Bar #1061492**
**425 E. LaSalle Ave.**
**Barron, WI 54812**
**PH #: 715-537-5636**

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# PUBLIC NOTICES ...

**EXHIBIT C**
**NOTICE OF REFERENDUM**
**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**
**APRIL 6, 2021**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that at an election to be held in the Cumberland School District on April 6, 2021, the following proposed Initial Resolution of the School Board will be submitted to a vote of the people:

INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $32,500,000

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Cumberland School District, Barron, Polk and Burnett Counties, Wisconsin that there shall be issued pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $32,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project at the High School/Middle School campus to include: partial removal of the current High School building, renovations and construction of multipurpose academic spaces and support areas, an auditorium and a gymnasium; safety, security, technology, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; ADA accessibility updates; site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

The question will appear on the ballot as follows:

"Shall the Cumberland School District, Barron, Polk and Burnett Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $32,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project at the High School/Middle School campus to include: partial removal of the current High School building, renovations and construction of multipurpose academic spaces and support areas, an auditorium and a gymnasium; safety, security, technology, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; ADA accessibility updates; site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment?"

**EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AND EFFECT OF VOTE**

The referendum election ballot will ask District electors to vote "yes" or "no" on the referendum election question as set forth above.

A "yes" vote on the question is a vote to approve the borrowing of $32,500,000 by the Cumberland School District through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project at the High School/Middle School campus to include: partial removal of the current High School building, renovations and construction of multipurpose academic spaces and support areas, an auditorium and a gymnasium; safety, security, technology, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; ADA accessibility updates; site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

A "no" vote on the question is a vote to deny the Cumberland School District the authority to borrow $32,500,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds for the purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project at the High School/Middle School campus to include: partial removal of the current High School building, renovations and construction of multipurpose academic spaces and support areas, an auditorium and a gymnasium; safety, security, technology, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; ADA accessibility updates; site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment.

In the event a majority of the electors voting on the question vote "yes", the District will be authorized to undertake the school addition and improvement program described in the question and borrow not in excess of $32,500,000 therefor; if a majority vote "no" on the question set forth above, the District will not be so authorized.

**LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES**

Information as to the location of the polling places is available in the District Office at 1010 8th Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin.

**ALL POLLING PLACES WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.**

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk:

Denise Sando, Clerk
**City of Cumberland**
950 1st Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
715-822-2752

Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk, **Town of Lakeland**
PO Box 28
Barronett, WI 54813
715-822-2775

Melanie Miller, Clerk
**Town of Clinton**
1717 9 1/2 Street
Barron, WI 54812
715-418-0210

Patricia Miner, Clerk
**Town of Roosevelt**
2997 County Road EE
Shell Lake, WI 54871
715-468-2468

Deanne Moravitz, Clerk
**Town of Johnstown**
1925 Long Lake Lane
Comstock, WI 54826
715-497-3043

Pamela Gannon, Clerk
**Town of Bear Lake**
2662 16th Street
Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-234-3822

Anna Weaver, Clerk
**Town of McKinley**
125 260th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
715-296-6722

Holly Nyhus, Clerk
**Town of Cumberland**
1876 7th Street
Cumberland, WI 54829
715-357-6154

Lois Hoff, Clerk
**Town of Almena**
PO Box 7
Almena, WI 54805
715-554-3107

Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk, **Town of Maple Plain**
393 26th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
715-529-2741

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
**Town of Crystal Lake**
164 22nd Avenue
Comstock, WI 54826
715-822-8039

Kris Foust, Clerk
**Town of Stanfold**
2817 15th Avenue
Rice Lake, WI 54868
715-475-9363

**All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.**

**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF CANVASSERS**

By no later than 9 a.m. on the Tuesday after the election, the school district board of canvassers shall convene, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, for the purpose of conducting the school district canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.53(3). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

**INFORMATION TO ELECTORS**

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If an elector does not have acceptable photo identification the elector may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles. If an elector is not registered to vote, an elector may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the elector presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

On referendum questions where paper ballots are used, the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall make a mark (X) in the square next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using a tactile ballot marking device (Vote-PAD) to mark a paper ballot, the elector shall obtain from the inspectors, the assistive device and any audio or dexterity aids if required. On referendum questions, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

On referendum questions where optical scan voting systems are used, the elector shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark", "ExpressVote", Clear Access or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an optical scan ballot, the elector shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

On referendum questions where touch screen voting systems are used, the elector shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall touch the screen or use the keypad to select "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote shall not be cast in any other manner. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

If the elector spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector.

The elector may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The elector shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an election inspector for deposit, and deposit any unvoted ballots in the discard box. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The elector shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. Where a central count system is used, the elector shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver it to an inspector for deposit. The elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the elector shall leave the polling place promptly.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

**Sample School Board Ballot**
**Spring General Election**
Tuesday, April 6, 2021

**Notice to Voters**: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

**Instructions to Voters**: If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "**X**" or other mark in the square next to the name. To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name in the space marked "write-in."

| Cumberland School District | |
|---|---|
| **School Board Members**<br>**Vote for not more than two** | |
| ☐ | Jennifer Olson Hyatt |
| ☐ | Nancy Kriebel Keeler |
| ☐ | Richard J Rieper |
| write in: | |
| write in: | |
| | |

SAMPLE

**OFFICIAL REFERENDUM BALLOT**
**April 6, 2021**

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials.

Instructions to Voters

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help.

(Absentee Voters: Contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote in favor of a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "Yes," like this: [X]

To vote against a question, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to "No," like this: [X]

| Referendum |
|---|
| Shall the Cumberland School District, Barron, Polk and Burnett Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to issue pursuant to Chapter 67 of the Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed $32,500,000 for the public purpose of paying the cost of a school addition and improvement project at the High School/Middle School campus to include: partial removal of the current High School building, renovations and construction of multipurpose academic spaces and support areas, an auditorium and a gymnasium; safety, security, technology, capital maintenance and building infrastructure improvements; ADA accessibility updates; site improvements; and acquisition of furnishings, fixtures and equipment? |
| ☐ YES |
| ☐ NO |

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Barry Rose, District Administrator.

**Done in the Cumberland School District on March 31, 2021**

**Adam Skinner, District Clerk**

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**CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**
**Monday, February 22, 2021**
**Regular Board Meeting**
**Middle School Commons, 6:01 p.m. Open Session**

Present: Board – Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone
Video: Gideo;
Administration - Richie, Green & Narges Absent: Rose

President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion.

2. a. Jamie Shaffer curriculum update.
   b. Tami Bowman special education update.
   c. Kristin Olson nurse update.
   d. Lorne Majewski athletic update.

3. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve the 2021 – 2022 School District Calendar. All voting aye, motion carried.

4. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Phillip Warner's resignation as Elementary Vocal Music due to retirement. All voting aye, motion carried.

5. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Renee Rademaker's resignation as Middle School Band Director due to retirement. All voting aye, motion carried.

6. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Laurie Brown's resignation as Indian Children Educational Resource due to retirement. All voting aye, motion carried.

7. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Gideo, to approve Jill Ranallo's resignation as Elementary School Secretary due to retirement. All voting aye, motion carried.

8. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve BJ Brenna's resignation as Head Boys' Soccer Coach and Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.

9. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Brittany Martinek as JV Softball Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.

10. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Brent Sellent as Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.

11. Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings and events.

Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

**Adam Skinner, District Clerk**

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# Are Your Ancestors from Barron County?

If your ancestor settled in Barron County, you may be eligible to obtain a Pioneer or Century Certificate.

The Blue Hills Genealogical Society-Barron County, Inc. (BHGS) issues Certificates to persons who are directly descended from a Barron County, WI, Pioneer or Century ancestor.

Applicants must submit an Application form and qualified evidence to prove direct descent, and to prove:

1. Pioneer ancestor settled/lived in Barron County prior to 1 Jan. 1871, OR

2. Century ancestor settled/lived in Barron County 100 years or more prior to the date of Application.

Applicants must also prove the line of descent from the ancestor to themselves.

The Applicant need not live in Barron County, and the person to whom the Certificate is issued need not live in Barron County. The fee is $10 for each Pioneer or Century Certificate requested. The deadline to submit the Application is October 1, 2021.

Please go to the website at https://bhgsbc.org, and click on Certificate Programs to obtain more information, and see the Application Form and Instructions. Certificates will be awarded at the November meeting of Blue Hills Genealogical Society in Barron, or the Certificate can be mailed out.

Please contact Linda Adams who is the Certificates Chair at 715.205.2860 with any questions, and she will be happy to assist you. Please submit the Application and fee (payable to BHGS-BC) to Linda Adams, PO Box 296, Cameron, WI 54822.

# How to get your Official Vaccine Records

If you have gotten your COVID-19 vaccine and need an official record, you will need to get it from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. The cards given out when you get your shot are not an official record.

To get an official record of your vaccination follow the steps below.

• Step 1. Go to www.dhfswir.org

• Step 2. Near the bottom of the page, in the Public Immunization Record Access section, click on the Public Immunization Record Access link. The site offers immunization record access in multiple languages.

• Step 3. On the next screen, enter your first name in the First Name field and last name in the Last Name field.

• Step 4. In the Birth Date field, enter your birth date using the MM/DD/YYYY format, or use the pop-up calendar by clicking the calendar icon to the right of the field.

• Step 5. Enter one of three choices in the next section: social security number, Medicaid ID or health care member ID, or chart number in the appropriate field.

• Step 6. Click Search. You will see the vaccine record and a list of due or upcoming vaccines.

• Step 7. Click Print to print out the immunization record, if needed. You can use this as proof of vaccination.

If you do not have your social security number or Medicaid number please visit https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/library/f-02487.htm and fill out the form to request your record. The form is available in several languages. For more information on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry visit https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/wir.htm.

# PUBLIC NOTICES ...

**2020 Consumer Confidence Report Data**
**CUMBERLAND WATERWORKS, PWS ID: 60301329**
**WATER SYSTEM INFORMATION**

If you would like to know more about the information contained in this report, please contact Dean Bergstrom at (715) 822-2595.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR INPUT ON DECISIONS AFFECTING YOUR WATER QUALITY**

We want our valued customers to be informed about their Water Utility. If you want to learn more, the Utility Commission meets every third Monday of the month at 4:00 PM, in the conference room at the Cumberland Municipal Utility.

**HEALTH INFORMATION**

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/ AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Environmental Protection Agency's safe drinking water hotline (800-426-4791).

**Source(s) of Water**

| Source id | Source | Depth (in feet) | Status |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Groundwater | 500 | Active |
| 3 | Groundwater | 385 | Active |
| 4 | Groundwater | 295 | Active |
| 5 | Groundwater | 470 | Active |

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, please contact, Dean Bergstrom at (715) 822-2595.

**EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION**

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

• Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

• Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally- occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

• Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

• Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

• Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.

**DEFINITIONS**

| Term | Definition |
|---|---|
| AL | Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. |
| Level 1 Assessment | A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. |
| Level 2 Assessment | A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine, if possible, why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system, or both, on multiple occasions. |
| MCL | Maximum Contaminant Level: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. |
| MCLG | Maximum Contaminant Level Goal: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. |
| MFL | million fibers per liter |
| MRDL | Maximum residual disinfectant level: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. |
| MRDLG | Maximum residual disinfectant level goal: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MEDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. |
| mrem/year | millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body) |
| NTU | Nephelometric Turbidity Units |
| pCi/l | picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity) |
| ppm | parts per million, or milligrams per liter (mg/l) |
| ppb | parts per billion, or micrograms per liter (ug/l) |
| ppt | parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter |
| ppq | parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter |
| TCR | Total Coliform Rule |
| TT | Treatment Technique: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water. |

**DETECTED CONTAMINANTS**

Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The following tables list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in the following tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the tables below along with the sample date.

**INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS -**

| Contaminant (units) | MCL | MCLG | Level Found | Range | Violation | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ARSENIC (ppb) | 10 | n/a | 0 | 0-0 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes |
| BARIUM (ppm) *Sample Date 7/25/2017* | 2 | 2 | .026 | .000-.026 | NO | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits |
| CHROMIUM (ppb) *Sample Date 7/25/2017* | 100 | 100 | 1 | 0-1 | NO | Discharge from steel and pulp mills; Erosion of natural deposits |
| FLUORIDE (ppm) *Sample Date 7/25/2017* | 4 | 4 | 0.1 | 0.1-0.1 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories |
| NITRATE (N03-N) (ppm) | 10 | 10 | 0.73 | 0.10 - 0.73 | NO | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits |
| SELENIUM | 50 | 50 | 1 | 0-1 | NO | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines |
| SODIUM (ppm) | n/a | n/a | 4.80 | 3.20-4.80 | NO | n/a |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| COPPER (ppm) *Sample Date 8/15/2017* | AL=1.3 | 1.3 | 0.1900 | 0 of 10 results were above the action level. | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |
| LEAD (ppb) *Sample Date 8/15/2017* | AL=15 | 0 | 2.00 | 0 of 10 results were above the action level. | No | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |

**RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS**

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| GROSS ALPHA, EXCL. R & U (pCi/l) | 15 | 0 | 1.5 | 0.0-1.5 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| GROSS ALPHA, INCL. R & U (n/a) | n/a | n/a | 2.1 | 0.0-2.1 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |
| COMBINED URANIUM (ug/l) | 30 | 0 | 1.0 | 0.7-1.0 | NO | Erosion of natural deposits |

**ADDITIONAL HEALTH INFORMATION**

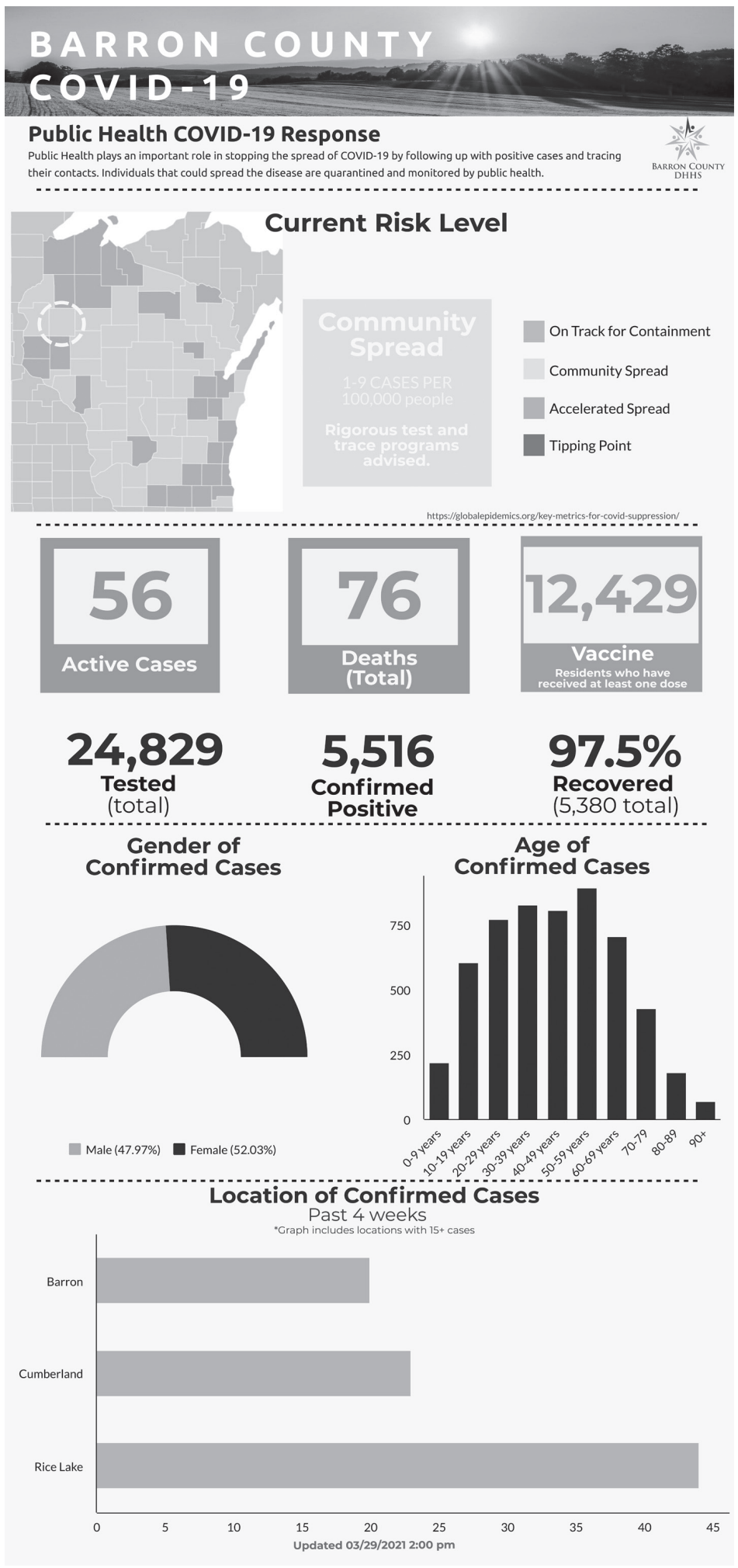
If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Cumberland Waterworks is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

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**HELP CUMBERLAND BOY SCOUT'S**
**Deposit Aluminum Cans in the Scout Bin**
**Behind the City Shop.**



# White Willow...

the products of 14 others who make everything from soaps to earrings to candles and, yes, even clothing. They call their sign business 8-11 Designs.

"We bought it last summer, and Mainstream didn't want to re-sign," Kristen said of the now-empty storefront. "We had it posted for lease. No one was coming in. So we thought, 'Why not put our own stuff in there?' So we're using it as a platform to sell our creations and to support other makers."

It'll be a consignment shop, meaning people can put their hand-made products in the store, and, if they sell, the Larsons will take a cut of the sale price. In the meantime, they have income from an apartment in the back of the building that rented "in a snap," Kristen said.

Ann and I did something like this 20 years ago in downtown Lakeville, Minn., where we were living at the time. A building came available on the main street of that town, and we bought it. We rented the back of the building to a State Farm agent but had trouble renting the front. So we opened a golf shop, which did OK until the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

During the recession that followed the attacks, no one came into the store.

Then, a local woman who made rugs out of old plastic said she was interested in renting the space. Within a few months, she had the products of a hundred crafters in that store, and she sold more in a month than we had in six.

I didn't understand why she was so successful. So I asked a customer. That customer said in a time like that, a time of high anxiety, people wanted "comfort gifts," which she described as something made by hand, rather than something mass-produced.

I shared our story with the Larsons, who talk about the emotional component of their kind of shop, which will be open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, beginning in June.

"We took a leap of faith in following our own dreams starting 8-11 Designs and truly have found a passion and love for it," Kristen said. "We want to use White Willow as an opportunity to inspire and encourage fellow makers to follow their dreams."

Kristen, who grew up in Shell Lake, and KC, who is from Cumberland, also want to play a part in restoring our once-bustling downtown.

"I'm really excited," Kristen said. "We love Cumberland. We want to help build it up and hopefully some other new things come in. We're pouring a lot of love into this."

*Larry Werner's email is lhwerner47@gmail.com.*




# American Legion Post 98 to Host District Meeting

*By Mark R Fuller*

Cumberland American Legion Post 98 will be welcoming representatives from the 58 Posts in the 10th District to meetings at the American Legion on April 10 and 11. Over 5,500 veterans belong to the organizations in the District that come from nine different counties in Wisconsin.

"The affects of Covid makes it difficult to know just how many men and women will be in attendance. We just know that Post 98 is proud to be holding these meetings," said Post Commander, Dennis Free, who has held the position as Commander for the past seven years.

The Women's Auxiliary will hold their own meetings under Cumberland President Sue Jacobson that same weekend. First organized in 1919 to assist the American Legion, the Auxiliary has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans who belong to the State Posts.

Cumberland's American Legion was organized in 1919 with H.L. Goodrich named the first Post Commander. In January 1922, the American Legion Auxiliary was formed with Vivian Dunham chosen as the first President.

Known officially as Anderson-Thompson Post 98, the Unit recognizes two Cumberland soldiers who lost their lives in service to our nation. The first was 1914 Cumberland High School graduate Homer Anderson, who died on the SS Tuscania in 1918. Headed to France when sunk by a German U-boat, it was the first ship carrying American troops to be sunk during WW1. The second honoree is Marine Alex Thompson, who was shot down during a special flight mission over the Guadacanal in 1942.

The 10th District Meeting will consist of a number of County Committee reports, elections, and a roll call of deceased members on Sunday morning. This memorial service will be complete with a Color Guard and a 21-gun salute. There will also be a Banquet on Saturday night, which will be catered in to those in attendance.

"We're very grateful to the "Sons of American Legion" who are helping us clean the barracks prior to the meeting and help with the banquet. This is a great opportunity for us to to show off our Post, its people and the community," said Free. There are approximately 150 members in Post 98.

The Cumberland American Legion Post 98 meets the second Tuesday of each month with a meal and social hour beginning at at 6:00 pm and the meeting starting at 7 pm. All veterans are welcome. The Legion Hall is available to rent for weddings, class reunions, and other events and includes a full bar and kitchen.

# PUBLIC MEETING...

overall accountability score each year for our District and not according to rankings across the state. Since 2011, the year State Accountability Report Cards began, CSD has been making steady increases each year from 65.4 (Meets Expectations) in 2011-12 to 74.6 (Exceeds Expectations) in 2018-2019. Scores were not given in 2019-2020 due to covid closures."

She concluded by saying that, "As a District, we will continue to strive to make increases each year in our overall score by continuing to meet the needs of all students."

The CPS calculation information, as well as the "District Report Cards" are available to the public on the DPI website at dpi.wi.gov.

Steve then commended Superintendant Dr. Barry Rose and the School Board for having the "vision to look to the future" while still being "good stewards of your money" in the present.

Then the floor was opened to questions and comments. Unfortunately, not every speaker identified themselves. Comments have been attributed when possible.

The first question asked if this project had already been in the planning phases at the time of the last referendum. His concern was that the voters had approved the last referendum which included money to tuck point the front and do repairs to the roof and HVAC - what happened to the money?

Mann responded that the need for this referendum grew out of an intensive study of the district's infrastructure in an effort to identify present and future needs. That study has been in progress for almost ten years. The needs addressed at the time of the last referendum were very real at the time. It was after the last referendum that the deterioration in the high school facility needed more than just "tuck pointing" to make right. The district then made the decision to place the monies earmarked for high school repairs in to a "Fund" for later use, and turned their minds to the project now being proposed for this referendum. All the other work approved under the last referendum has been completed. In fact, Steve pointed out, having that money as a "Fund Balance" makes the district more attractive to Bond issuers and will help us get a better rate if the referendum passes.

Another question involved available parking and the fear we are losing too many spaces to the new building design. After the question was posed at the last meeting, the district looked at aerial photos and counted the number of existing spaces. Then, going to the proposed site plan, they counted the number of planned spaces. The result was that, with the moving of the bus drop off to the new area along 8th St., and the removal of the district office, we are net neutral on parking for school days. The new bus drop off area will actually add parking availability for evening or weekend events. Also, as other businesses in the area move to their new spaces, there will be the possibility to acquire more space for parking as well.

Toni Ann Knutson wanted to know how many seats were planned for the Auditorium/Lecture Hall space. The answer was the costs were based on the proposal of 600 seats.

Jim Coil referenced the referendum of the middle '90s which allowed for the construction of the Middle School and renovation of the Elementary School. Coil reminded listeners that the School Board at that time had under bid the project so that, when the construction was done, there was no money for furnishing and fixtures and the Board came back to the voters two more times to get the money to correct that. Can that happen again or are the monies for furnishings and fixtures part of this request?

The simple answer is "no, it won't happen again." This referendum is on a "not to exceed" basis. That means the most the District can spend is the $32.5 million that is being voted for. If one portion of the project runs over projections, then cuts or work-arounds will have to be done in other areas to make ends meet. The proposed cost of the project does include furnishings, fixtures, etc.

Someone else wanted to know if cost breakdown details were available to the public? Steve assured them they would find a way to make a link to that info available on the website.

Mike Furseth then addressed the Board. He agrees that we need to do something about the building, but that this project is "just too big." He questioned the wisdom of expanding the footprint around an aging center (The Elmer Beran Gym). He asked if it didn't make better sense to start over in a new location? He even suggested that new construction would be cheaper/as cheap as all this renovation.

Paul from Wold Architects fielded that question. New construction was one of the options that was explored at the beginning of the process. He wanted it clear that new construction of a comparable facility would cost much more that the proposed plan. He also said that it would be a waste of so many good, sound facilities. Much of the building was built strongly. This plan allows for utilization of the good, renovation where needed, and removal/replacement of what doesn't work, all with future needs in mind.

James Queenan next took the mic. His comments distilled down to his belief that school is for "Education and not all this 'career path stuff." He feels that the school board has gone "overboard" with this plan. He feels that the district needs to "focus on basic education and not all the extra-curriculars." In addition to the "career pathway," he thinks that the new gym and auditorium are "unnecessary" as well.

The new gym seemed to be a sticking point for many at the meeting. What seems to be most difficult to understand is just how much the gym spaces are in use. There are four to six levels of volleyball, basketball (boys & girls), baseball, softball, and track, not mention wrestling, dance team, Whirligigs, etc.. Add on the 52 days of gym usage that are lost when there are special events or concerts, and scheduling becomes increasingly difficult with each passing year. Board President Dr. Eric Stone mentioned the dilemma they faced from the beginning - the Beran Gym was "too good to tear down, but not good enough to last another 50 years" as the only gym facility for the high school. Also noted was that the new gym construction area also includes a new wrestling room, relocation of the Fitness Center, as well as locker rooms and other support facilities. This allows for the spaces that currently house those facilities to be re imagined as part of the "career pathways" classrooms.

That the district should focus on academics was echoed by a parent who was informed that her child is in danger of not graduating. She seemed to believe that if the schools "focused more on learning and less on sports and activities," that her student would be doing better.

Steve Mann defended the need for the extra-curriculars by pointing to the number of surveys which have shown that the students involved in activities routinely do better in their classwork as well. "The key is student involvement." The goal is keeping kids in school. To do that they have to want to be there. The more invested they are in the school, the more effort they put into school work. "Busy students tend to be more successful."

Dr. Stone pointed out that strong schools attract residents to the community, strong extra-curriculars and sports draw students to the schools. "The strength of our programs," said Stone, "is why we have more students coming into our district (through Open Enrollment) than go out."

Questions were also asked about the "Career Pathway" and how those spaces will actually help prepare students for jobs after school.

The District understands that college is not the right fit for everyone and has made the commitment to provide training opportunities for students looking for another track to their future. The "Career Pathway" will include:

- Remodeled/renovated shop and auto shop areas, including updated equipment and technology that more closely models what students would be working with once entering the job market;
- Remodelling and renovating the Ag classroom facilities;
- New FACE facilities with industry careers in mind;
- A CNA (Certified Nursing Assistant) training room.

The district will also work with industries in our area to see what kind of skills are needed and to offer education to acquire those skills.

Whether students were actually being prepared for "life after High School" also came under attack. A couple of audience members had very negative comments on CHS graduates entering the job market. Phrases like "unprepared," "lack work ethic" and "lazy and just don't want to work," were thrown around. At this point HS Band Director Dan Hopkins took the mic to defend the Cumberland grads. "If you have any doubt that our graduates are prepared for the world, just go look at the "Graduates of Achievement" displayed in the High School. These are the quality of people your school district is turning out."

Dr. Stone spoke as the proud parent of three graduates of the Cumberland Schools. He runs into graduates all the time and is consistently impressed by these fine young people.

As the meeting was being brought to a close, one final comment was made from the audience. The gentleman reminded the public that the schools can only bear so much responsibility for preparing kids for the future, "the parents need to do their part as well."

Steve Mann thanked the public for coming. He reminded everyone that he, Jamie, the Board and Dr. Rose are all willing and able to answer any further questions they might have. Contact them by calling the district office at 715-822-5124. All the referendum documents, as well as the visual presentation, can be found on the schools website: cumberland.k12.wi.us.

You can also follow the referendum on social media at: facebook.com; cumberlandsdtwitter.com; and CumberlandSDinstagram.com/cumberlandschool.

The referendum, along with local and state offices will be on the ballot on April 6th. We encourage you to get out and vote

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Barron County Sheriff 537-3106
Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency
911

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in no hurry. Eventually I found a spot and walked toward the entrance. When I rounded the corner by the school doors, about 10 minutes after dropping her off, I found my slightly panicked daughter with tears streaming down her face. When she saw me, she exclaimed, "They won't let me inside!" I asked, "Why?" She said, "Because I forgot my mask!" It turns out the coach told her that she could not be in the gym without a mask. She believed she needed to leave the building. For nearly 10 minutes she was outside with nothing but shorts and a t-shirt - frantically looking for me -believing she was not allowed to reenter the school. Luckily, it was not very cold and I found her reasonably quickly. In a few minutes we were able to get her the mask she needed to participate in the scrimmage. I could not help but notice that during the scrimmage masks were largely worn improperly.

My son has been even more impacted by the school's policies surrounding sports. Like previous years, we planned on him participating in youth wrestling. However, when the list of extra Covid response rules came out for wrestling, we decided it was not worth it. As much as my wife and I believe he would benefit from wrestling, the rules are just too much. Parents were not going to be allowed into practices, and, at 7 years old, it is important that parents be present to be able to help and encourage their children. In addition, wearing masks while wrestling is just silly.

It seems we are just ignoring the negative consequences of the additional rules. How has extra-curricular participation been impacted by the rules? Has the impact been measured? We should not lose sight of the big picture and act like these policies do not have unintended consequences. There are always unintended consequences.

Unlike Covid-19, which poses virtually no risk to children, depression and mental health issues are wide-spread and affect people of all ages, including kids. The negative impact to mental health is extraordinarily difficult to understand. We never know what might be most important to someone struggling with depression and what might push someone over the edge to suicide. When students see adults not wearing masks in day-to-day life and yet those same adults force kids to wear them all day - even during exercise - the message does not go unnoticed. The children are reminded of their lack of autonomy and that they must fall in line even when the rules are nonsensical. Our children are paying attention and they see the hypocrisy. The inconsistencies are disenfranchising our youth and are likely contributing to mental health issues.

The ultimate unintended consequence to all of this is potential suicide. Rural areas have the highest suicide rates and Cumberland is not immune. I lost a childhood friend to suicide when I was a teenager. Suicide is tragic, way too common, and can often be avoided. We should not ignore how poor policy could be contributing to mental health issues. I've heard other parents claim that the kids will be fine. I'm not so confident that is the case. Adolescence is a difficult time for many and we should not assume that the additional rules are no big deal. It could very well be what puts a student over the edge. When rules are made by the School Board or the administration, they rely on the teachers, coaches, and other school staff to enforce them. When there is less than universal buy-in to those rules among staff, enforcement is inconsistent. That is where we are today. The 100% mask rule isn't even in writing, so how would one expect it to be universally enforced? Because the mask rules are not being universally enforced, the decision is effectively in the hands of the teachers and staff. Do teachers know better than parents what is best for individual students? Why is the administration taking control of children's' health away from parents and putting it in the hands of teachers and coaches?

The gravity of the consequences is why we should take policymaking so seriously. There are reasons why the decision-making structures are set-up the way they are. The policymaking aspect is concerning because it is not clear how and where the policies are originating from. Further, when some of the policies are so poor, it is obvious the process of decision making is extremely flawed. For example, I do not think there is a single person that would conclude that it is a good idea for wrestlers to wear masks. The only way an organization arrives at such a poor policy is through a flawed process. No single individual would take responsibility for making such a silly rule. The rule is a ridiculous compromise resulting from a dysfunctional process. Therefore, the process should be scrutinized and revisited.

That brings me back to the situation surrounding my daughter outside the school looking for me before her scrimmage. Under most circumstances, I would discuss the issue with the coach. But the handling of the Covid situation has taught me that would be pointless. Complaining about the rules falls on deaf ears. Any objection made to school staff is deflected to the School Board, even though the School Board did not make the rules that are being enforced. So, where are the rules being made and why is nobody accountable for them? There are rules setup for decision making and it does not appear they are being followed. Covid-19 is being used as an excuse to ignore long established rules and policies, and when concerned parents question the rules they are being dismissed or deflected. When we question our elected School Board representatives, we find that they have been legally advised to not discuss the situation with parents. The only meaningful response to criticism from parents comes through the school's lawyer. Parents/Taxpayers are paying for a lawyer to block access to the people elected to represent the best interests of our children.

This is a public school and the board is made up of elected officials. There needs to be transparency in how the rules are being made and enforced. When the rules are being made outside of established structures, those enforcing those rules should be held accountable. More dialog and transparency are needed if we hope to continue building trust between the school and the community at large and protect the interests of our students.

**Michael Furseth**
**Concerned Parent**

*Editor's note: This Letter exceeded our maximum allowance of 500 words. The author, wanting it published in its entirety, has paid for the overage.*

# Gratefulness

**To The Editor:**

My husband John and I are grateful for a number of things experienced during our lifetimes and in particular now are extremely grateful for the decisions made by our Cumberland School Board and our local administrators. Whoever thought to wear a mask or to not wear a mask in our schools would be an issue?

We have six grandchildren attending the Cumberland Schools, grades one through eleven. Never once have we heard them whining about wearing required masks in school. We know from conversations with all of them how grateful they are to be in their classrooms; it is extremely important to be actively engaged with their teachers and their peers. All children need to have social contact with others and school is where that takes place for the majority of them. On Monday, I picked up our first-grade grandson after school. He wore his mask out of the front door, across the street, down the street to my car, and still had it on when he walked into our home. It has become a normal way of life for our students for the time being.

Our four oldest, all girls, are active in volleyball, basketball, and softball. They were very grateful for the fact that they were allowed to participate in their chosen sports. Imagine running up and down a basketball court while wearing a mask! There were no complaints; they simply did what was expected of them. These four are also very involved in the music programs at our schools. I can't believe the amount of work it took administrators and teachers to pull off concerts and sports events which we were allowed to attend when wearing our masks and given passes to do so. We were extremely grateful to see the girls participate in what they love.

Every employee in the school district deserves to be supported for the amount of planning and adjustments it as taken to keep our schools opened this school year; Cumberland did not shut down for a day due to COVID while several other area schools have not had that luxury. We owe our schools a debt of gratitude, not a slap in the face over something insignificant as whether or not to wear a mask in school.

**Nancy Garibaldi**
**Cumberland**

# Events at last School Board Meeting unacceptable

**To the Editor:**

It was utterly and completely appalling to witness what happened at the School Board Meeting Monday, March 23rd. Concerned parents were silence and cancelled at a public meeting in a public building. Carrying one out and forcing others to leave, simply because they are concerned about the health and welfare of children, and civil rights. This issue goes deeper than protection, and from what I witnessed, has become all about CONTROL.

A growing number of parents believe the current mask policy being enforced by the school, this is not the original reopen policy, is having adverse effects on children and adults. The mold, mildew, fungus, and carbon dioxide build up is not healthy physically. The harassment, shaming and bullying on kids, and other teachers, by teachers and staff is childish and not healthy psychologically. The outright bullying and intimidation by the school board and faculty to the parents is off the chart. Is this what they are teaching the kids?

Is not the School a public building? Why were parents with a different opinion silenced and cancelled. Signs saying, "No Minorities allowed" is just as offensive as "Mask Required, or entry denied". Christian religion states that one "Shall Not Bear False Witness". These parents believe that masks do not provide any protection from a virus and are more harmful to the wearer. That is their truth based on facts. Forcing parents and kids to do something they do not believe in, is forcing them to "Bear False Witness", be "deceitful", and promoting a lie which goes directly against religious and moral principles.

Kids that have medical issues are being forced to wear a mask. Testimony state that their child has a condition. Testimony state that the child is constantly getting reprimanded for taking mask off. Why is this child being harassed? "If they don't wear a mask they will be asked to leave" and be denied entry to the school. Keeping perfectly healthy children from attending school because they have a breathing condition, not related to a respiratory illness, is beyond insanity.

The school board should be ashamed of themselves as should members of the faculty that is promoting this self-righteous abuse. Apparently, they believe the school is their empire and their rule is ultimate. Anyone who questions their edicts will be met with hostility and extreme prejudice. Are they protecting their own self-interest or protecting the kids?

I was informed that the board are bound by "Oaths" to U.S. and State Constitution and law. Prior to the "Pledge of Allegiance" parents were silenced and removed. "And Liberty for all", did not happen. Freedom of assembly, religion and personal convictions guaranteed by the "First Amendment" (U.S.) and Article 1, section 1 & 4 (WI Constitution) was disregarded. They discriminated and cancelled parents and members of this community from speaking. In so doing, a different truth based on fact did not get heard. The board failed their duty. Should they step down or be removed?

**Joe Witscher**
**Cumberland**

# Masks are the simplest and easiest way to combat COVID

**To the Editor:**

547,000 of us have died of Covid-19, and a study today suggested that we could have avoided nearly 400,000 deaths if we had adopted masks and social distancing early on.

This is the conclusion of a group of scientific research papers released at the Brookings Institution conference this week. The United States squandered both money and lives in its response to the coronavirus pandemic, and it could have avoided nearly 400,000 deaths with a more effective strategy and trimmed federal spending by hundreds of billions of dollars while still supporting those who needed it.

Masks are the simplest and easiest way to combat the disease and to ensure the continuing health and safety of our community while Covid lasts.

**Mike Clay**
**Cumberland**

# Property Tax Payers

**To the Editor:**

Since the Cumberland School District is spending our tax dollars to finance a propaganda campaign and trying to convince you that almost everyone is in favor of the referendum to raise property taxes for another $33,500,000.00, I felt compelled to give my opinion and provide some facts that do not support the administration's narrative. I am voting NO April 6th. Here are some reasons why.

April of 2016 the most recent of many referendums over the past few decades passed by a very narrow margin. It gave the school district $2,100,000.00 a year, forever. That additional money paid by an increase in our property taxes was added to more than $11,000,000.00 already being spent to run our school district. The school needed a new roof, tuck pointing of the brickwork, and the need for a new heating system were given as some of the reasons it was necessary during the promotional effort to sell the increase to voters. Now, less than five years later, they want to tear down everything that supposedly was repaired with that money. Money that they will continue to get by the way. If the 33.5 million is amortized over a 30 year period, adding the last referendum increase already in effect will actually amount to an increase of $96,500,000.00 over that 30 year period.

There is no end to what the school administration would 'like' to have. After the last referendum passed, they have been on a spending spree, buying more property and building more buildings as evidenced by the fact that Cumberland School District has been spending 164% more than the average of other local school districts on facilities, acquisitions, construction and improvements (2018 data). Historically, Cumberland School District has asked for another referendum every 2.8 years (9 times since 1995). It is a built in, automated part of the school administration's fiscal management. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all do that to make our budgets work.

Don't be lulled into complacency by the school administration's estimated average tax increase of $15/month. That is not the way taxes are billed and is a totally unrealistic figure. With the average home value reaching 234,000.00 in this area (2021 data), the increase in your taxes will be very close to the $450.00 per year figure for the average household. Lake shore owners and farmers will see an even bigger increase in their taxes.

The number of students enrolled in our district has continued to decline ever since I graduated from Cumberland High School, and is now down approximately 50%. There simply is no good explanation for the proposed project and the huge required tax increase. The facilities we have are perfectly adequate. I will vote NO on April 6th, and hope other responsible tax payers do the same.

**Scott Warwick**
**Cumberland**

# Support School Bond Issue

**To the Editor:**

This has been a tough year for all of us. COVID-19 has changed our lives and daily routines in ways unimaginable one year ago. Finally, vaccines are providing us hope as part of the solution to COVID-19. Despite this pandemic, life continues for each of us, including our children. They have an opportunity to obtain a quality public education and our school, including teachers, employees, administrators and the school board have worked hard to safely keep the school doors open to our youth. And they have succeeded! Thank you and congratulations! These actions continue a long tradition of Cumberland public school success. Ours schools continue to be an asset for our community and business and professional recruitment. When my organization, Cumberland Healthcare, recruits physicians and staff, the schools are a high point.

When applicants ask, "What is Cumberland proud of?" I answer, "Our schools and youth." Our best export is our highly educated high school graduates. They promote Cumberland and rural America while making their mark on the world. And some graduates return home. We have Cumberland graduates who have rejoined our adult community as lawyers, nurses, teachers, medical assistants, engineers, dentists, pharmacists and others. Their public education through Cumberland Schools with community support was essential to launching their success.

School bond issues are expensive. There is never a "good time" to increase taxation. However, as those taxpayers before us took the risk to invest in the future of our youth and community, we should too! I support this community, it's youth and the future of our schools. Please join Diane and I and vote YES April 6, for the Cumberland School District bond issue.

**Dr. Alan Carlson**
**Cumberland**

# Faith Communities Care about Climate Change

**To the Editor:**

"There is No Planet B". This banner message hangs outside my church. Nationwide, church members wear tee shirts with messages about environmental issues. Many denominations have passed resolutions and planned actions to raise awareness. They are acting on their religious beliefs and their concerns about earth which is in crisis. No week goes by without news of an extreme weather event which impacts infrastructure, crops, housing, communities. Churches care about current problems and the uncertain future. Learn what your church says locally and nationally. Does it have a faith-based climate action team or joined a coalition of climate change activists? Do they speak publicly? Are they seeking solutions? If not, you can.

Find an environmentally focused group, learn from them and then act. One approach is the non-partisan Citizen's Climate Lobby which focuses on fossil fuel use reduction. The "Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act" is one legislative effort you can help move forward by contacting Sen. Johnson, Sen Baldwin and Rep. Tiffany. It would be good for the economy, people and the planet. Also, hang out your own banner that tells how you care about Earth.

**Linda Thompson**
**Rice Lake**




THANKS FOR READING
THE ADVOCATE



# Nancy Keeler...

As for my relationship to the Cumberland School District, I had substitute taught within the district, I had worked in the Cumberland district as a Barron County Restorative justice worker for one year working with failing students, and I had taught aerobics through Cumberland Community Education for many years.

***2. What made you decide to run for office at this time?***

I greatly desire to encourage students and help them reach their full potential with educational learning while at school K through 12 grade. I'm a teacher and I know the school system and would like to encourage teachers also. I feel with my background that I could bring a fresh look to the school board.

***3. Where do you stand on the proposed referendum.***

I oppose the proposed referendum

***4. Why do you feel that way?***

Recently I went to school digger.com to research about school districts in Wisconsin. For the 2018-2019 year, out of 421 school districts, Cumberland was ranked 252. Broken down by high school and middle schools: the High School ranked 321 lowest school of 421; the Middle School was 318 of 421 and the Island City Academy (7 through 12th grade) was 49th of 421 schools. I believe education is extremely important. I would like to research and figure out what the top schools are doing to help their teachers and students achieve so well. That is where I believe the money for helping the school district should go to. Yes fix up where the school needs to be fixed but I do not feel $32 million spending is necessary. I do believe the top schools spend more time teaching their kids math and engineering skills. As I looked at ratings for math proficiency at Cumberland High School we rated 39th percentile and reading proficiency was 30th percentile. I would rather see more help going to help educate our children and also like I've said before to help our teachers teach.

***5. In light of recent events, where do you stand on the district's mask/face covering policy?***

About sports, they are all covered through WIAA regulations that have to be followed. So we do not have an option in that. About school, I researched one study from BMJ Journal on infectious disease research. The aim of the study was to compare the efficiency of cloth mask to medical mask in healthcare workers. The conclusion of the study was the penetration of cloth mask by particles was almost 97%. The penetration of medical mask was 44%. On cloth mask caution was used against using cloth masks because of moisture retention, reuse of the cloth mask and poor filtration resulting in increased risk of infection. So if you are wearing a cloth mask, according to the study by BMJ Journal on infections diseases 97% of all particles get in and out of the mask so it is not effective. I appreciate greatly that the Cumberland school has remained open during the pandemic. I think that is wonderful. I am a teacher and I do continue to teach kids in children's church. I have found that the kids don't listen as well as they used to when they are wearing a mask or when they see the teacher wearing the mask. It seems that it is hindering our education greatly. I praise teachers highly for what they are doing. It is not an easy job at all. Thank you so much teachers for your hard work.

***6. As a school board member, where would your focus (Curriculum, Finances, Human Relations, etc.) be?***

My focus could be where I am needed. I excel in curriculum, working with people of all ages, and research. Thank you for considering me. I would consider it a privilege to be able to serve on the Cumberland School Board.

# Rick Rieper...

***2. What made you decide to run again for office at this time?***

I have never been one to run from a fight and with the challenges facing the school board currently, I want to stay and finish what I started. I believe, now more than ever, that we need to continue to work together to keep our schools strong and safe and our students in class and learning.

***3. Where do you stand on the proposed referendum.***

I strongly support the referendum. This wasn't a decision made lightly. There were many hours of input from, not only the board, but community members, business leaders, as well as administration, staff and students.

Our infrastructure will not serve us going forward. We need to adopt a plan for our district future.

***4. Why do you feel that way?***

A strong school is one very important "leg" in the community. When moving into a new community, the schools are the first thing a prospective resident looks to. Having a progressive and pro-active focus on learning has enabled Cumberland to be a leading force in education in our state.

The way things have been done in the past will not carry us to the future. We need to make the changes in our buildings which will give our students the best footing from which to launch their futures. An investment in the school now is an investment in Cumberland's future as a whole. As much as it is costing now, if we wait, even as little as a year, our costs for the needed work could double. We have a small window of opportunity to act which will allow us to get the most "bang" for the District's buck.

Nobody wants to pay more taxes, but I truly feel there is no better use for our taxes than an investment in our community's future.

***5. In light of recent events, where do you stand on the district's mask/face covering policy?***

While I may not always agree, we have been extremely successful in keeping our doors open and our children in the classroom. I believe our mask policy was vital in making that possible. These decisions are not made lightly, but are made with input from many experts in the field. We have to take into consideration what is best for ALL our students, staff and employees. In that light, I support the continued use of masks/face coverings in our schools for the remainder of the school year.. The WIAA requires masks for participation in sports and that decision is out of our control. Hopefully, this will no longer be an issue at the start of the next school year.

***6. As a school board member, where would your focus (Curriculum, Finances, Human Relations, etc.) be?***

I would like to continue to work on the re-building plans. I especially want to focus my attention on the new Career Pathways section of the building. I would like to work with area business and industries to see that our shop and auto shop areas have the equipment and training available to give our students a leg up in the job market upon completing school. It is our job to prepare the students for life, as well as college. Not everyone fits into a college career. We need to give students who don't want to go to college a foundation for success in life.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to have served on the board for the last two years and look forward to continuing to serve. Thank you for your support on April 6th.




# Jennifer Olson Hyatt

moved back into editing and communications consulting work. My husband, Kirk, is a Product Manager with Ardisam, and we have two daughters, Ania - 19 and Siri - 16.

I have been an active parent, coach, and volunteer in the Cumberland School District since our daughters started pre-K 16 years ago. For the past twelve years I've also been proud to serve on the School Board, during which time I've been a proponent of 1-to-1 technology initiatives, Endeavor Stadium, improved safety measures (including the hiring of a school resource officer), mental health initiatives and other programs that support students/families in need, as well as responsible spending that proactively positions the District now and into the future.

Further, I have been a leader in developing a CSD Strategic Plan that will guide decisions over the next five years, and of the 2020-21 Back to School/ Covid Reopening Plan. I am extremely proud that our District is one of very few schools in Wisconsin to successfully provide in-person learning throughout the entire 2020-21 school year. This is a real testament to our administrators, teachers, staff, families, and community.

***2. What made you decide to run again for office at this time?***

I would like to continue shaping CSD to be a positive environment for all of Cumberland's children.

Education does not exist in a vacuum - as a parent, community leader, business owner, and taxpayer, I feel that I've brought a good mix of knowledge and experience to board decisions, as well as a positive voice to board policies, planning, and discussions. I want to keep CSD moving forward with a positive approach to the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

***3 & 4. Where do you stand on the proposed referendum, and why do you feel that way?***

Strong schools are cornerstones of strong communities, but strong schools don't just 'happen';

we must proactively decide to invest in our children and their education. Our grandparents and parents paid it forward for us- for teachers, curriculum, and buildings that served students, communities, and ultimately, society. It is our duty and privilege to do the same for the next generations to come.

Further, studies show that investment in schools is directly correlated to attracting and retaining staff, families, and businesses, strengthening property values, and enhancing community pride.

Our district has gotten to this point after years of discussion, preparations, and planning. I believe the current plan is the best one possible because the needs are real, and if addressed sooner than later we can maximize our educational investment by taking advantage of historically low interest rates and construction markets; positioning this community asset for maximum, multi-use functionality well into the future.

It is wishful thinking to simply assume good schools just 'happen'; it is a conscious decision and investment we must proactively make together.

***5. In light of recent events, where do you stand on the district's mask/face covering policy?***

I support the use of masks in the Cumberland School District and will fully do so until the end of the 2020-21 school year. I don't feel that changing direction mid-stream is good policy for kids or families, teachers, staff, or the District as a whole. According to reports from the teachers and principals in all three buildings, kids have adjusted quite well to the safety guidelines in place.

Studies show, and it is common knowledge, that kids learn and teachers teach best, in-person. As the CSD Board and administration began discussions about a reopening plan early last summer, my primary goal has always been to reopen our schools and keep them open for face-to-face teaching throughout the year. If faces need to have masks on them in order for the District to continue to deliver in-person instruction, so be it.

I am extremely proud that we are one of only two schools in our CESA 11 cohort of 39 area-schools that have delivered in-person instruction EVERY DAY (= 100% open) throughout the 2020-21 school year. This is a rarity across the state and nation during the time of COVID.

As we approach the end of the school year, I intend to revisit discussions about masking and protocols in light of updated state and federal guidelines, more flexible summer-school models, and the onset of warmer weather. If/when we make it through the full 2020-21 school year, we will no doubt have additional information and guidance, more flexibility, and greater perspective on which to base discussions and decisions going forward.

Until then, in order to keep our schools fully OPEN for in-person learning, I will continue to support masking and the other protocols currently in place in the Cumberland School District.

***6. As a school board member, where would your focus be?***

First, let me say that considering the unique challenges small rural districts face, I feel CSD has done a tremendous job of keeping kids squarely at the center of an intricate balance. However, I see a number of challenges to this in the future, a primary concern being state and federal mandates and the political and ideological baggage that increasingly come with them. Dealing with those important issues while keeping students central will require strong leadership, creativity, and tough decisions.

To not only survive, but continue to thrive in such an environment, CSD will need to build on current strengths, such as an outstanding staff and administration, excellence in academics and extracurriculars, and an involved community, while proactively seeking new opportunities such as virtual schooling, increased open enrollments, improved technology and infrastructure, and expanding strategic partnerships at all levels.

Further, no matter if this referendum passes, there are important decisions that will need to be made about our buildings and infrastructure in the near future. To that end, a practical approach to fiscal responsibility and planning are critical, all while keeping an eye on emerging trends in education, our community, and society as a whole.

It's a balancing act to be sure, and it must be undertaken thoughtfully, by a caring and forward-thinking Board. As in any facet of life, we cannot sit still and wait for challenges to come, but must always be moving forward to create and embrace what's ahead- for our schools, our community, and our future. Please vote Tuesday, April 6th to have a voice in shaping that future.



# *The Clunk is Dunked!*



**The clunk officially went down on March 25th at 3:06 pm. Barb Avery had the closest two guesses. Barb guessed March 25th at 3:10 am and March 25th at 7:10 pm. Mike Oslund claimed third place with a guess of March 26th at 1:00pm. Thanks for playing and good luck to all next year! Drone photo by Marty Peters**

# 2021 Spring Election: Meet your new Councilmen



**Steve Anderson Ward 1**

Hi, I'm Steve Anderson and I am looking forward to serving as your 1st Ward Alderman.

For those who don't know me, I was born and raised here in Cumberland and graduated from Cumberland High School in 1970. I started working for the Street Department with the City of Cumberland straight out of High School and stayed there for 32 years until my retirement in 2002. The last 16 years I was Street Superintendant.

Even though I am enjoying my retirement and playing with my grandkids, I was looking for something else to fill my time when Mayor Skinner approached me about filing the vacancy on the Council. I figured my knowledge and experience could be helpful to the City at this time.

I will try to focus my energies in the areas of public works and also Parks & Recreation as I feel my experience with the Street Department would make these areas the best fit for my talents.

Again, I want to thank the community for the chance to serve. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 715-419-0671.



**Dan Shoemaker Ward 2**

I would like to thank the Cumberland Advocate for this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dan Shoemaker, and I am a candidate for Alderperson - 2nd Ward.

I married into a family of long-time Cumberland residents (Becker, Lundquist, Greener and more). My first visit was in 1981, and I immediately appreciated the farms, the lake, Louie's and the people I met. Cumberland became our annual summer vacation destination. Our family (wife Ruth and kids- Dan & Kristin) relocated to the Twin Cities and we quickly purchased our "lake place" on Hines Lakeview Drive in 1993. After rebuilding, it became our full-time residence in 2007.

I have a BS in Engineering/Computer Science. This led to a career in technology. Initially as a business applications designer, and finally as an executive in Sales and Operations. I mention this as it was time spent largely in problem solving, business planning, negotiation and team building. I expect this experience to be useful in public service.

Aside from my professional experience, I have served in positions in churches with a focus on financial oversight. At this time, I am serving on the Cumberland Golf Course Board, the Board of 50 People Who Care, and the Financial Review Committee at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

I am most easily spotted in the summer months. Either at the Cumberland Golf course, sailing on Beaver Dam Lake or tending my BBQ.

So, why am I running? My family has benefited from Cumberland for 40 years – as visitors, lake house owners, and full-time residents. I simply feel a duty to give something back and help maintain this special place that is our home.

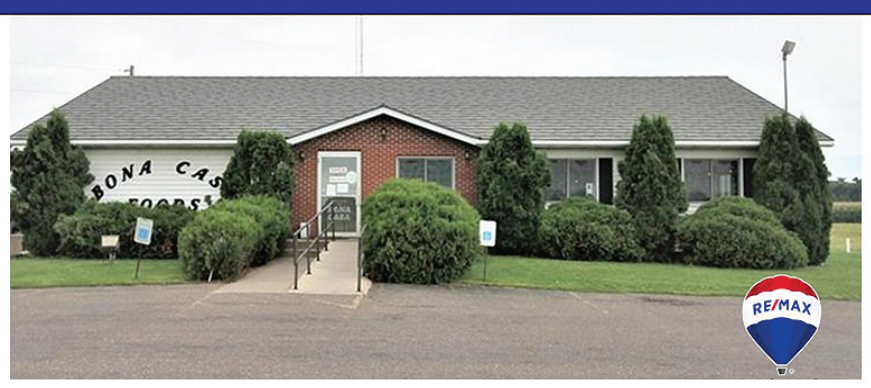
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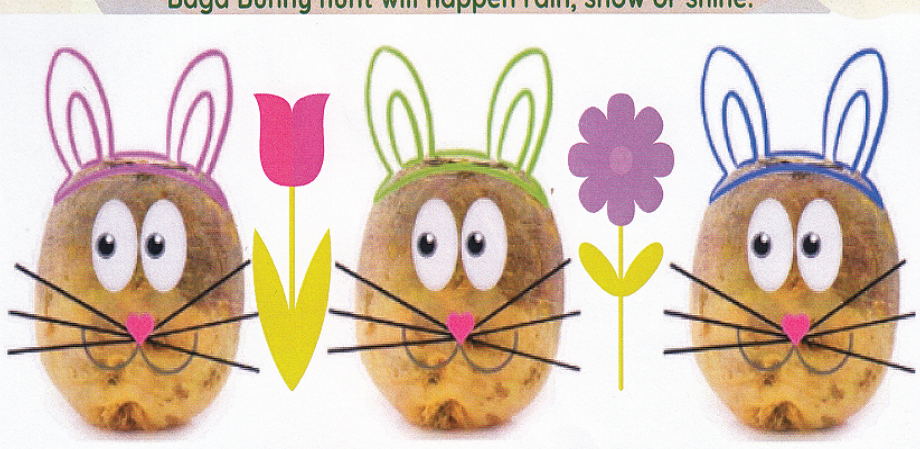
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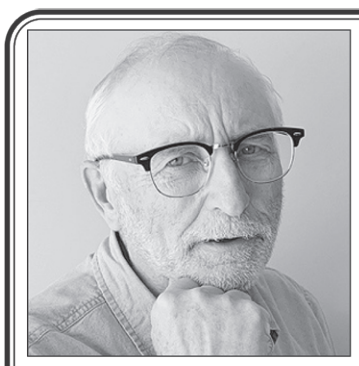
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*E. Dennis Zahbrock is a licensed Life Insurance and Life Settlement Agent in Wisconsin. His license number is 290135*

# PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE

**To the Voters of the Cumberland School District-**

The Cumberland School District (CSD) has long been aware of our need to renovate parts of our High School building and rebuild others. Simply trying to repair the existing building would cost approximately $15 million while not significantly improving the school. The Cumberland School District (CSD) Board of Education would like to show why **now is the best time to bring the District's building plans** to the voters and answer some common questions you may have.

CSD has a proud tradition of being forthcoming, transparent, and innovative in our financial operations, as well as our educational models. Our numbers are based on published statements, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) data, and annual audited financial reports.

We believe that the timing of the project is critical to minimizing overall costs while maximizing returns for the District and community. This an extensive process that started over five years ago and would take another three years to complete. The board has carefully researched options with the help of administrators and teachers, along with design, construction, and financial experts. Historically **low-interest rates and very competitive commercial construction costs** make this the perfect time to consider this project to keep Cumberland schools strong.

We are keenly aware of how such decisions will shape our District and community into the future.

**As a Board, we encourage you to be informed and please VOTE on April 6th.**

***• How common is it that school districts go to referendum?***

School districts levy taxes by a state-established formula and process known as the Revenue Limit Formula. In order to seek additional funds, districts must do so through a referendum process; Cumberland is no different. **Since 2019, 59 of 75 debt service referendums have passed**, averaging $33.6 million each - a success rate of 79%.

***• How does the Cumberland School District compare to other districts in per pupil spending?***

Wisconsin's Department of Public Instruction measures Total Educational Cost (TEC) per student. This number factors the cost of all educational support and facilities divided by the total number of students it serves. **Cumberland's average TEC from 2010-2019 sits directly in the middle of the 39 area CESA 11 schools to which we compare.** The additional yearly cost of the proposed high school building project would put CSD in the upper end of the range, but would not exceed the current upper limits.

***• How does the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction evaluate schools in terms of educational effectiveness, and why are rankings so hard to understand?***

In 2018-2019, the last year evaluations were given, CSD ranked 187 out of 419 school districts across Wisconsin. Although this seems simple, it is not an apples to apples comparison. Districts have differing demographics and are 'weighted' differently based specifically on the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in the district.

For this reason, **CSD measures success by growth of the overall accountability score each year for our District and not according to rankings across the state**. Since 2011, the year State Accountability Report Cards began, CSD has been making steady increases each year from 65.4 (Meets Expectations) in 2011-12 to 74.6 (Exceeds Expectations) in 2018-2019. [Scores were not given in 2019-2020 due to covid closures.]

As a District, we will continue to strive to make increases each year in our overall score by continuing to meet the needs of all students.

***• How many students are the high school's proposed new and renovated spaces being built to accommodate?***

We currently have 975 students enrolled in our District (4k-12th) from 545 families, with 292 students in our high school. Future enrollments (factoring in birth-to-three numbers, local housing and business trends, and state and local economic projections) are projected to be relatively stable. There was a large decline in students beginning in 2009, but since 2016 numbers have remained fairly stable. The Cumberland School District has benefitted from the large number of children open-enrolling into our District from other districts.

The spaces and concepts in the current plan will provide an optimal learning environment for student populations that are projected to be relatively stable, with the flexibility to accommodate moderate increases in student numbers. As we look to the future, now is an opportune time to renovate and add instructional spaces to best serve our students and community, positioning the District to be an educational leader in the region for years to come.

***• Why do we need the additional gym and auditorium space?***

Facility usage by students is the first priority when looking at adding any spaces. Our current 1958 gymnasium was built when there were fewer extra-curricular and sports offered and far fewer ages and activities vying for gym time throughout the day. In 2021, scheduling for 38 high-school-level organizations, clubs, and sports is compounded by performances, productions, community, and association uses, as well as increased usage across all grades and levels. All of our students in grades 4K-12th are involved in one or more activities. **Our current gym cannot fill our current and future needs, and modifying it is cost prohibitive.** Additional multi-use spaces will help alleviate issues and significantly increase programming and educational opportunities and operational efficiencies District-wide.

***• What are some relevant points about tax impacts from the referendum?***

- CSD's taxing is regulated by the Revenue Limit Formula, and the District cannot arbitrarily determine how much tax it is going to levy.
- If passed, the District cannot spend beyond the referendum limit now or ever.
- CSD's portion of your tax bill is a separate line item from other taxes. While it has fluctuated over the years, it has stayed fairly consistent in regards to property values.
- Cumberland Healthcare does not operate on tax dollars, and their proposed hospital building project will not affect the tax rolls.
- On average, over the life of the referendum bond, the mill rate of this project on a residential property will be $1.80 per $100,000 of equalized value, or about $15 a month ($180/year).

The CSD Board of Education and administration carefully consider many factors that go into educating our students. Some of the decisions are not easy, but as a Board, we are charged with that responsibility. We are very proud of what our students, staff, and administration have been, and are, accomplishing together, especially during this challenging year.

**More information, including an Estimated Tax Calculator, Proposed Plans, FAQs, Voter Information, and other important resources on the high school building referendum can be found on the Cumberland School District website at https://www.cumberland.k12.wi.us/community/.**

**Again, as a Board, we encourage all voters to be informed and VOTE on Tuesday, April 6th.**

**Respectfully,**
**The Cumberland School District Board of Education**
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