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District mask policy again hot button topic at April School Board meeting

Attendees to the April School Board meeting were met outside the school by parents wearing "Unmask Our Children!" and passing out flyers stating their position.

Once inside the building, masks were required for anyone who wished to attend or speak at the meeting. This information was clearly stated before the start of the meeting. Two individuals initially declined to wear a mask and were asked to leave. After consideration, they acknowledged the requirement to wear masks, decided to remain, and put on masks. The meeting was recessed for five minutes while decorum was restored.

Before beginning, Board President Eric Stone made a clarification. In the weekly school box ad, there was a statement regarding masks and social distancing. This statement has appeared in the ad since August of 2020, and contained the phrase "upcoming school year." Apparently, this statement had not been updated since August and the phrase "upcoming school year" had recently caused confusion. Stone apologized for the confusion, explained that the statement was in reference to the 2020-21 school year and not next year. The statement has been removed from the ad to avoid any further confusion.

Before the meeting, a sign-up sheet had been provided for those wishing to address the meeting. After dispensing with the business items on the agenda, President Stone opened the floor for the public comment period. He reminded speakers of the three minute time limit, and that this was a time for the Board to listen to the comments of the public and that no response would be given at that time per standard rules of order.

The First to speak was Barron County Health Officer/Program Manager Laura Suave. Laura began by thanking the Board for their continuing leadership throughout the pandemic. Barron County Public Health officially recommends that everyone continue to follow the CDC guidelines for masks, hand washing, and social distancing. Saying "We can't say when it will be over, when things will be 'back to normal," because we just don't know. She also noted that while statistics do show that, until now, children didn't get the severe sickness like adults do, the new variants are showing an increase in infection rate amongst children. In addition, Laura pointed out that "While kids may not get seriously ill with COVID, the adults that they come in contact with, do." She encouraged the district to continue with their containment strategies. Laura also took the opportunity to announce the free vaccine clinic opening in Barron County this week. (See ad on the back page of this week's *Advocate*.)

Next to speak was Tony Campbell, a concerned parent. He immediately called the Board hypocrites for the bad masking practises at the public referendum hearings stating that "The rules are not applied fairly." He also called out the board and teachers saying "It's not okay to spread fear." He also stated that if the mask policy is not lifted, he

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Big Mess!



The Cumberland Police Department, Cumberland Ambulance, Cumberland Fire Department, Barron County Sheriff Department and three wreckers all responded to a semi rollover accident on 22nd Avenue near the bus garage in Cumberland on Monday afternoon. A semi truck fully loaded with rototillers headed to Ardisam slid off the road and overturned into a swampy area. Fortunatley the driver was uninjured. 50 ton wreckers from Cameron and Baldwin were needed to remove the truck. Clean up crews were on scene Moday morning to remove approximatley 70 to 80 gallons of spilled diesel fuel.

Northwoods Notebook: Fifty who care . . . about The Dancing Bird *By Larry Werner*

Jeff and Chris Hopkins-Hile weren't exactly dancing last Friday, but they were very happy and thankful when they were presented with a check for $10,600 from 50 People (& more) Who Care. But their cockatoo, Bailey, might have been dancing when they informed him of the grant to the Dancing Bird Art Studio and Music Shop.

I've been in Cumberland's art/music store many times, browsing the art produced by a few dozen artists, and looking at the used instruments that make me wish I had taken guitar lessons when I was young. But I just learned last week that the shop got its name from a bird the couple bought in 1981 at a pet store's going-out-of business sale.

According to Chris, Jeff talked the shop owner down from his $800 price to $400 for a "bedraggled" cockatoo that was the inspiration for naming the store they opened 13 years ago at the beginning of the Great Recession. Cockatoos, including Baily, like to dance, I'm told.

The current pandemic-induced recession has been tough on their business, and the front window facing main street is cracking. In addition, the two old doors to the shop make the store handicapped-inaccessible and must be replaced. So Jeff and Chris applied for a grant from the caring group organized a year ago by retired financial consultant E. Dennis Zahrbock.

Actually, they've applied three times for the quarterly grant, and the third time was the charm.

"I felt surprise, elation, humility and duty upon hearing that we had been chosen," Jeff said. "Surprise and elation that others value our business so much and humility that we were chosen from among our worthy peers."

The other two finalists were Tavis Mushrooms and Sugarwood candy. The previous quarterly winners were Island City Food Co-op, the Five O'Clock Club and Bistro 63. The membership of the group has grown from 50 to more than 100, which means the gifts have grown from about $5,000 to more than $10,000, since each member contributes $100 every three months to be given to the winner.

Cumberland-area businesses can apply on the group's website (50peopleplewhocare.org), and the members vote, selecting three finalists, who do video presentations on why they need the funds and how they would spend them. The members then watch the videos and vote on the three finalists to select a winner.

Jeff and Chris have said their front window is in desperate need of being replaced, as is the door that

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$10,600 Dollar Grant!



Jeff and Chris Hile, owners of Dancing Bird Art Studio and Music Shop (front row left) were the recipients of the 50 people (&More) quarterly grant of $10,600. Jeff and Chris will use the funds to restore the front of their building as well as developing an e-commerce site for selling art items.

Barron County Health offering onsite vaccine clinics for businesses with twenty plus employees

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has announced that starting April 5th, 2021, everyone ages 16 and older in the state of Wisconsin will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Barron County Public Health is offering free onsite COVID-19 vaccinations to business who have 20 or more employees interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Our team will come to your facility to administer vaccinations to employees. If your organization is interested in having Public Health come onsite to vaccinate, please contact us at 715-537-5691 extension 6442.

Free Pfizer vaccinations are also available Tuesdays thru Saturdays at the UWEC-Barron County Campus Gym from 11am to 7pm. To register call 1-844-684-1064 or go to vaccinate.wi.gov.

Fully vaccinated employees do not need to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19 unless they become symptomatic.

Public Health is asking our partners to help promote vaccine in the community. Please consider posting materials from this toolkit around your worksites.

https ://www .cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/toolkits/essential-workers. htm I

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Island City Piecemakers members from left to right are: Carol Krueger, Mary Schwanke, Phyllis Willer, Lora O'Hern, Anastasia Currier, Bobbi Momchilovich, Deb Peterson, Karen Groth, Joyce Starks, Gaye Hendricks, Diane O'Connor, Janet Crotteau, and Maureen Leahy.

Community Comforters

Island City Piecemakers (ICP) enjoyed their Spring retreat at Beaver Dam Lake landing on April 13 & 14. Members have spent many hours at their machines throughout the 2020 pandemic. ICP members are looking forward to participating in 2021 community sales (ie. Baga Days & American Legion Fall Festival). The organization's coffers are low due to cancelled sales during 2020. If you would like to pursue our well stocked inventory before the upcoming community events, feel free to contact Diane O'Connor (715-822-8764) or Mary Schwanke (715-822-4726) for an appointment.

Local Community Banker Named to National FDIC Advisory Committee



Mike Bock

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) recently announced Dairy State Bank CEO Mike Bock is among nine new members of its Advisory Committee on Community Banking. The committee was formed in 2009 to share input with the FDIC on a broad range of policy and regulatory matters impacting small community banks throughout the country, as well as the local communities they serve.

"It's quite an honor to be invited to serve on this committee," said Bock. "But I wouldn't have this opportunity without the effort and diligence of Dairy State Bank employees. If our bank had regulatory issues, I would not have been recommended for this opportunity, and so the recognition goes to all the members of the Dairy State Bank team who are doing their jobs so well."

Bock has served as CEO for the last 17 of his total 33 years with Dairy State Bank. He originally joined the bank as vice president and controller. Bock's career started with a public accounting firm where he often worked with financial institutions by assisting with audits, director examinations and bank tax work.

After attending his first meeting virtually on April 13, Bock is excited to be part of a group, comprised of community bankers from across the country, addressing issues that face community banks.

"Community banks function differently than corporate banks," Bock explains. "Community banks are extremely important to small communities. We are locally-owned and, just like other small businesses, we have a stake in our customers' success."

The FDIC characterizes community banks as "relationship bankers," meaning they don't look only at data but also consider local knowledge and long-standing relationships when making lending decisions. Due to this approach, community banks are often the only option for small businesses and start-ups to secure loans and other financial services, according to the FDIC Community Banking Study.

Dairy State Bank, a member of the FDIC, started with one location in Rice Lake nearly 70 years ago. Over the years, it has expanded to 12 offices, including Birchwood, Haugen, Cumberland, Turtle Lake, Prairie Farm, Wheeler, Bloomer, Colfax, Menomonie (two locations) and Downsville.

For more information about Dairy State Bank and its services, call 715-234-9181 or visit www.dairystatebank.com.

Card of Thanks

My friends-classmates-and relatives-Huge thanks for all your good thoughts, cards, and get well wishes. I'm trying really hard to forge ahead so I can attend our oh-so-special reunion at County Line in August. Thanks again.

Thinking of all of you,
Ev Dehline

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Island City Music
Our outdoor concert series on the Library Lake stage is back for this summer. The concerts are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays and are sponsored by local businesses. So you can plan ahead, here are dates to save
June 15: Higher Vision
June 22: Polk-Barron Street Project
June 29: Everett Smithson Band
July 6: R Fritz and the Dogwalkers
July 13: The Pipe Dream Blues Machine
July 20 — Jazz Alley
July 27 — The Stringsmiths
August 3 — The Indigo Quartet
August 10 — Cool To The Touch
August 17 — The Generations
Information regarding ETC events can be seen at www.cumberlandetc.com or you can "like" ETC on Facebook or watch the Advocate

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 22nd
4 pm • Varsity Boys Golf • Cumberland Golf Course

Saturday, April 24th
11 am • Baseball Varisty & JV Scrimmage • Islander Park

Tuesday, April 27th
5 pm • Varsity & JV Baseball vs Bloomer • Islander Park

School Lunch

Lunch menu includes assorted fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and 1/2 pt. milk.

Thurs, Apr. 22nd: Lasagna, Bread Sticks, Cottage Cheese, Broccoli, Peaches.

Fri, Apr. 23rd: Hot Ham & Cheese, Chips, Baked Beans, Pineapple.

Mon, Apr. 26th: BBQ Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Coleslaw, Mixed Fruit.

Tues, Apr. 27th: Nachos and Cheese, Refried Beans, Corn, Mandarin Oranges.

Wed, Apr. 28th: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Bread, Peas, Apple Sauce.

Community Ed Offerings

CHOOSE FIT
Pat Chuchwar, Instructor
Mondays & Wednesdays • 4:30 pm
Classes will be held Outside on the Endeavor Patio!
(Classes will be cancelled if weather doesn't cooperate!)
Classes will begin on Wednesday, April 5th
10 classes for $25 or 3 month pass for $45
First class is free-come check it out!
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Heart O' North Academic All-Conference Students Named

The Heart O' North Conference schools proudly recognize outstanding academic performances of students enrolled in its member schools. As part of this recognition each year, school administrators identify three graduating seniors named the Academic All-Conference Team. The selections are based on cumulative grade point averages, ACT or SAT scores, participation in school activities, organizations, programs, and community service. The students named to this team represent an exemplar standard of student achievement, leadership, co-curricular participation, community involvement and are typically the highest achievers in their class.

2020-2021 HON
All-Academic Conference
Team members

Cumberland High School:

• Andrew Cunningham, Parents: Beth and Bryan Cunningham;

• Samuel P. Schradle, Parents: Shannon and Patrick Schradle;

• Sophia Schmidt, Parents: Elizabeth and Timothy Schmidt.

Barron High School:

• Phoebe Jerome, Parents: Chris & Tricia Jerome;

• Tyler Hogan, Parents: Andy & Sonya Hogan;

• Elias Mettner, Parents: Dwayne & Katie Mettner.

Chetek-Weyerhaeuser High School:

• Samuel Hall, Parents: Rick and Mary Hall;

• Joseph Jensen, Parents: Scott and Amanda Jensen;

• Madeleine Schofield, Parents: Matt and Courtney Schofield.

Cameron High School:

• Francesca Pica, Parents: Anthony and Sarah Pica;

• Henry Huth, Parents: Richard and Kirsten Huth;

• Bree Rubenzer, Parents: Ronald and Heidi Rubenzer.

Spooner High School:

• Gracen Zaloudek, Parents: Monty and Julie Zaloudek;

• Anna Silvis, Parents: Curt and Jacene Silvis;

• Carter Melton, Parents: Andrew and Kate Melton.

Hayward High School:

• Ingrid Sokup, Parents: James Sokup and Sydney Ringhem;

• Cassidy Gould, Parents: Richard Gould and Susan Boersma-McNamee;

• Sierra Clifford, Parent: Jacquelyn Clifford.

St. Croix Falls High School:

• Layton Borst, Parents: Lee and Les Borst;

• Abigail Jensen, Parents: Sarah and Robb Jensen;

• Emily McCurdy, Parents: Sara and Brent McCurdy.

Ladysmith High School:

• Jacqueline Wallin, Parents: Jeffrey and Becky Wallin;

• Olivia Bunton, Parents: Matt and Leah Bunton;

• Abigail Meltz, Parents: Josh and Bethany Meltz.

Bloomer High School:

• Dylan Baker, Parents: Greg and Tasha Baker;

• Jaden Halom, Parents: Martin and Melinda Halom;

• Tyler Dachel, Parents: Ben and Shannon Dachel.

Northwestern High School:

• Allison Luoma, Parents: Kurt and Kristine Luoma;

• Brennen Werner, Parents: Chad and Jeri Werner;

• Lilly Cain, Parents: David and Lynn Cain.



The Cumberland High School Trap Team would like to thank Dusty Anderson (left) of the Corner Bar for the $1,000 raffle donation and another $1,000 from Dusty and the Hammond Lions Club from the Heartland Big Gun Calendar sales. This generous donation helped us to pay for the cost of the shells and shooting expenses at the range. We have twenty-nine athletes that are very thankful for this donation. Thanks to everyone for supporting our local businesses. Accepting the check from Dusty is Coach Chuck Patrin (right).

Distracted driving: Wisconsin's April Law of the Month

Wisconsin State Patrol's April Law of the Month reminds everyone that safe driving requires your full attention. Distracted driving is any activity that diverts attention from driving, including:

• Talking or texting on your phone

• Eating and drinking

• Talking to people in your vehicle

• Adjusting the stereo, entertainment or navigation system

Texting is the most alarming distraction. Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for 5 seconds. At 55 miles per hour, that's like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

"The increase in drivers texting and messaging puts everyone at risk," Wisconsin State Patrol Captain Craig Larson said. "We want drivers to focus on the most important task: hands on the wheel and eyes on the road."

Distracted driving is not only dangerous – it's illegal

Wisconsin statutes (346.89) that address distracted driving include:

• Inattentive driving in general, which prohibits activity that interferes with the ability to drive safely

• A ban on cell phone use by probationary license holders

• A hand-held ban for all drivers in work zones

• A texting ban for all drivers

• A ban for drivers to use devices for visual entertainment

Preliminary data for 2020 indicates that 29 people died in traffic crashes that involved distracted driving, up 12% from 2019. All drivers are at risk for distracted driving crashes. In 2020, 72% of Wisconsin drivers involved in distracted driving crashes were older than 25.

Drive Safe Every Trip

Wisconsin State Patrol remind drivers that taking two actions will greatly reduce deaths on our highways. "Our message to drivers is simple – buckle up, phone down," Captain Larson said. "We want everyone to reach their destination safely."

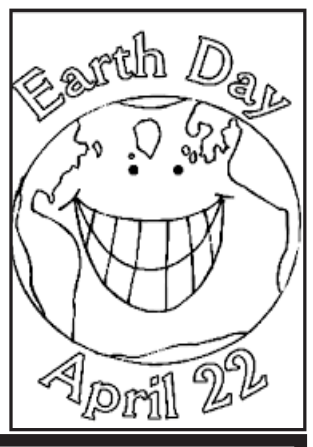
Drivers are urged to put their phones away when behind the wheel. If you need to text, pull over and stop the vehicle. Consider these tips for safe driving:

• If you must send or receive a text, pull over to a safe location and park your car first. (Stopping along interstate, freeways, and controlled access highways is illegal unless it is an emergency.)

• If you have passengers, appoint a "designated texter" to handle all your texting.

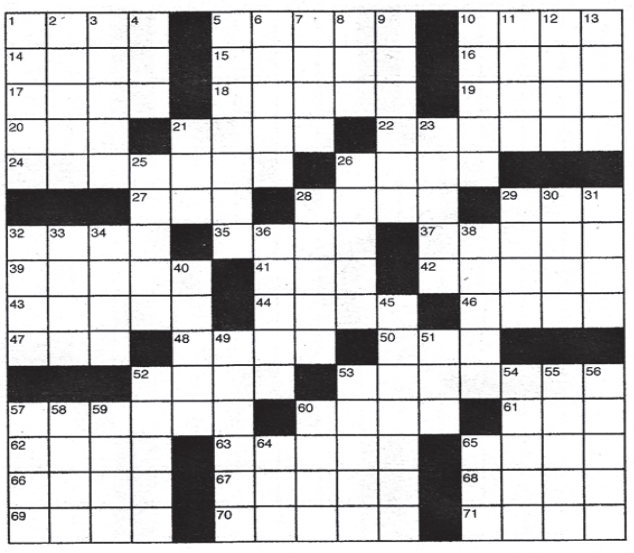
• If you can't resist the temptation to look at your phone, keep it in the trunk.

Texting while driving is dangerous and illegal. No text, email, or social media post is worth a crash, injury or taking a life.



Sudoku Puzzle #4152-D

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1 Flat bread
5 Bare
10 Look
14 Ashen
15 Island
16 Ammunition
17 Veer
18 Wash off
19 Mountain lion
20 Surface to air missile
21 Power unit
22 Roman emperor
24 Ambassador
26 Door ringer
27 Female sheep
28 Pointed end
29 Take to court
32 Chops
35 Twofold
37 Laughing dog
39 Sound of a sneeze
41 Cheat
42 Egis
43 Big boats
44 Witch's concoction
46 Brief letter
47 Pig
48 Goodbye !
50 Often poetically
52 Take in
53 Polestar
57 __ Day O'Conner
60 Depend
61 Business title ending
62 Socket's metal prongs
63 Almost identical
65 Foster
66 U.S. Department of Agriculture
67 Block of metal
68 European monetary unit
69 Worker
70 Dunk
71 Imitated

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2 Muslim's religion
3 Opposing finger
4 Yes
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6 Common people
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9 They make you an aunt
10 Jacket part
11 Flightless birds
12 Austin novel
13 Shout
21 Compass point
23 Omega's partner
25 Fable writer
26 Protrude
28 Egyptian capital
29 Sego lily's bulb
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31 Alleviate
32 Chop up
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57 Potato
58 Ditto
59 Bare
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65 Body of water

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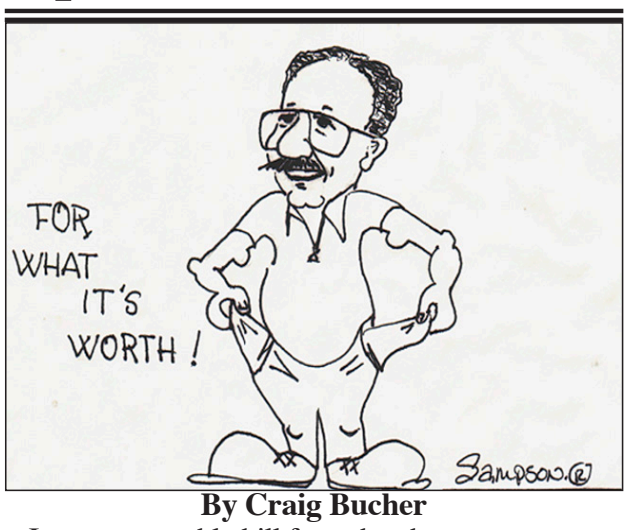
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Opinion



By Craig Bucher

I got my monthly bill from the phone company on Saturday and our new address was not on the bill. I figure I had better call and get the address updated. Simple, I thought! Oh no it wasn't. I dialed the number indicated on my bill and after going through the automated choices, finally got to where I was going to get a real "live" person. I was told to wait for the next available service representative and that the wait would be longer than three minutes. It sure was. Seven minutes later I got to speak to a lady that spoke stilted English and was located, I believe, somewhere out of the U.S. After explaining that I wanted to just change my address on the bill, she took down my information and then announced that I could not change my address without a "PIN" number. I don't have a "PIN"number I explained. She informed me that I could not change my address without one. I asked to speak to her supervisor and after another delay was allowed to speak to another lady who after several minutes told me the same thing. Somewhere along the way, we got disconnected and after almost 30 minutes I still did not have an address change. I tried again. Success! I got a different lady and she sent me a temporary number that I repeated back to her and that convinced the phone company that I was, who I said I was, and I got the address changed. I think! I won't believe it really happened until I get the next monthly bill with the right address. It took me only 47 minutes, three phone calls, and three different people to get a simple address change. Oh well! I guess that is what progress looks like!

Like everyone else I am waiting for the murder trial in Minneapolis to have a jury verdict. I hope it will be peacefully received, whatever the result.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!





Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

Attracting 'OPM' from beyond borders will help Wisconsin companies grow

By Tom Still

MADISON, WI: Cultured Decadence may sound like a societal dilemma, but it's precisely the opposite. It's a young company offering a timely solution – all the while demonstrating how emerging companies in Wisconsin can attract investors from elsewhere.

Cultured Decadence is working to produce nutritious, sustainable seafood by creating meat from animal cells. It is starting with lobster, a species under pressure in many natural habitats due to overfishing and warmer, more acidic waters.

While it may seem farfetched to those unfamiliar with the "alternative protein" food movement, Cultured Decadence will use cells from shellfish, such as lobster, to make real meat without the shell or organs but otherwise just as tasty as what's caught in the wild.

The idea didn't seem too futuristic to Revolution's Rise of the Rest Seed Fund, Bluestein Ventures, Joyance Partners, China-based Dao Foods and other investors who joined with Wisconsin-based funds and organizations this month to invest $1.6 million in Cultured Decadence.

For Revolution, it's the fourth seed investment in Madison – AirDeck, FactoryFix and Understory being the others. With ties to Steve Case, the former chief executive officer of America Online, Revolution's two "Rise of the Rest" funds have focused on investing nationwide, especially in places outside the Silicon Valley and other big tech hubs.

Revolution doesn't "lead" an investment round, however. It follows with money after generally local investors blaze the path. That is standard industry practice for investors who may be too far away to independently conduct due diligence on a deal and then regularly check up on the progress of their portfolios.

It is one of many reasons why the proposal to create a "fund of funds" in Wisconsin, led by a $100-million investment through the state of Wisconsin, makes sense.

If the Wisconsin Legislature approves, the state would join neighbors such as Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan in creating such a fund, which would be a one-time investment and matched over time by private dollars at a two-to-one ratio. Experience in other states indicate that ratio usually exceeds what's required, because such funds tend to attract outside dollars - and outside venture capital firms – to locally sourced deals.

While Wisconsin has the talent and technology to compete nationally and beyond, it doesn't have enough locally managed capital to meet the demand. Even the largest funds in Wisconsin can only take on a limited number of investments, sometimes those prospects are outside their specific sector of expertise but more often because there's not enough money to go around. In an era when many U.S. venture funds have $1 billion in assets under management, the largest in Wisconsin fall somewhere around the $200 million mark.

For a Wisconsin startup to grow and remain in Wisconsin – creating jobs, tax base and overall economic value – it may often need multiple investment rounds. That usually isn't accomplished in Wisconsin alone, but through informal investment syndicates that may extend well beyond the state's borders.

Some companies can do that largely on their own, as Madison-based Fetch Rewards demonstrated in raising a $210-million round that built on previous investment in its unique grocery rewards platform. Fetch Rewards raised a bit of its money over time in Wisconsin, but the vast majority came from outside. Fortunately, the company is staying in Wisconsin, but many others like them can be compelled by their investors to follow the money.

The creation of a state-backed fund of funds will help to combat that problem in Wisconsin because it would use "OPM" – other people's money – to build on ideas, technologies and companies based here. Perhaps a better acronym is OPSM – other people's smart money - because investors who may be attracted to already smart Wisconsin deals are seasoned veterans who know how to size up deals and help a young company reach its potential.

Few Wisconsin investors would see a larger fund of funds as competition, but as downstream collaboration for deals they have already vetted and which need multiple rounds of cash to succeed. For the state's active angel investors, it would be another avenue to follow on the smaller but usually most risky rounds they can offer.

Virtually all net new jobs in the United States are created by companies five years old or younger. The task of building and retaining those companies and jobs would be enhanced by a state-backed fund of funds.

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Pricing Carbon Pollution: A popular policy to save lives this Earth Day

To the Editor:

Celebrating Earth Day is a time to consider how to address the related crises of air pollution and climate disruption. One extremely effective policy option is becoming popular, pricing carbon pollution from fossil fuels.

Nationally the U.S. Chamber of Commerce[1], the Business Roundtable[2], and the American Petroleum Institute[3] support market based, economy-wide carbon pricing to address the climate challenge. Over 3,500 U.S. economists agree that a price on carbon pollution is "the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary."[4] In the 7th Congressional District 10 municipal governments, 11 businesses, and 10 elected officials/notable individuals support a price on carbon pollution.[5]

Recently a carbon pricing bill called the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R.2307) was reintroduced with 29 co-sponsors.[6]

The bill would assess a steadily rising pollution fee on coal, oil, and natural gas producers so their prices will reflect their costs on the environment and human health. This provides a strong incentive for businesses to provide affordable, clean energy.

The revenue from this pollution fee would be distributed equally to every American as monthly "carbon cash-back payments" to spend as they wish. Most low-and-middle-income Americans will come out financially ahead or break even.

Since poor air quality is responsible for as many as 1 in 10 American deaths today, this policy would save lives by reducing pollution Americans breathe. It would also put us on track to reach net-zero carbon pollution by 2050, reducing carbon pollution by 30% in the first five years alone.

Celebrate Earth Day by calling Congressman Tiffany a**t 202-225-3365 and asking** him to co-sponsor H.R.2307: The Energy Innovation Act. Given the popularity of putting a price on carbon pollution it should be easy to support.

Dan Herscher
Birchwood, WI

1. www.uschamber.com/climate-change-position
2. www.businessroundtable.org/climate
3.www.cnbc.com/2021/03/25/dmAPI-CHANGE-AMERICAN-PETROLEUM-INSTITUTE-ENDORSES-CARBON-PRICING.HTML
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Listen to Katie! Don't Flush!

To The Editor:

Thank you, Katie Goins, Wastewater Supervisor, for showing a sense of urgency, a sense of frustration and a sense of humor all in one public annoucement, which otherwise could have been a dry, boring statement. (Check it out in last week's *Cumberland Advocate* public announcements- it's classic!)

If you didn't catch it, the point **is DON'T FLUSH SO-CALLED FLUSHABLE WIPES! THEY CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS INCLUDING FLOODING. THANKS TO OUR LIFT STATION PAL WORKERS WHO SOLVED THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM - DO YOUR PART NOT TO MAKE THE NEXT ONE. THANK YOU, DAVE AND SHIRLEY ANN EVENSON**

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
April 27, 2011

Cumberland Girl Scout Troop 3022 sent Matthew Bergmann and other soldiers serving overseas in Iraq, boxes of donated Girl Scout Cookies. The girls in the troop are: Maleea Kasper, Teagan Benson, Morgan Barningham, Baylie DeMontigny, Kailey Breault, Mackenzie Johnson, Mersada Nosbush, and Emilie Springsteen.

Barron County recently received a $500,000 grant from Focus on Energy, the largest organization has ever issued. The grant is a testament to the importance of the nearly $3 million condensing stream generator project at the Barron County Waste to Energy and Recycling Facility.

20 Years Ago
April 25, 2001

Cumberland's "Enrichment Through Culture" organization awarded the following scholarships at their annual April auditions. Junior Level winners were: Chris Olson and Ami Erickson, piano; Megan Markle and Jamie DeGolier, soprano. Performance Award winners were: Jeanna Saffert, soprano; and Robb Held, tuba. Senior Virtuoso Awards were: Bessa Clay, saxaphone; and Heather Thoe, piano.

Keller Graduate School of Management is proud to honor the achievements of Graduate Jill Jeska Stephanie, a 1984 Cumberland High School graduate. Jill was awarded the Master of Business Administration.

30 Years Ago
April 24, 1991

Members of the CHS Forensic Team concluded the season by earning two critic's choice awards at the State Forensic Festival held in Madison last week. Coming home with Critic's Choice Awards (perfect scores of 25 points) were Amy Ricci and Kerri Shoquist both in poetry reading. All-State awards (scores of 23-24 points) went to Troy Johnson, Quentin Neby, Lance Olson, and Caroline Peterson in group interpretation, Brad Agen, Jeb Burke, Natalie Johnson, and Chris Schwanke in group interpretation. Kristina Gelling, solo acting, and Karlene Jacobson in four-minute speech.

40 Years Ago
April 22, 1981

Some 90 science-oriented high school students from 45 schools in Minnesota and Wisconsin helped 3M mark the 25th anniversary of its Science Student Recognition Day Program. Cumberland students Jana Frie and Scott Friess attended the program with CHS science instructor Jeff Thomas. The students, who were selected on the basis of their interest and ability in science, spent several hours touring 3M research laboratories and meeting with 3M scientists.

50 Years Ago
April 22, 1971

New officers of the Cumberland Jaycees were installed at a dinner meeting at the Five O'Clock Club on Monday evening. Installed as president was Dr. Lee Jacobson. Other officers were Howard Bents, first vice-president; Gary Johnson, secretary; Ken VonRuden, treasurer; Jerry Christensen, director; Larry O'Dell, director; and Dick Turcott, state director.

Chief of Police Glenn Stoll this week issued a warning to all bicycle riders in the city. He reminded them they should ride on the right side of the streets, the same as auto traffic, and that they need headlights and a tail reflector at night. There have been a number of "near misses" reported to him.

70 Years Ago
April 26, 1951

Shortly before 11 am on Monday morning, a fire in the rear of the building on Second Street occupied by the Pederson Shoe Repair Shop, threatened to destroy the structure. Fanned by a brisk westerly wind, the blaze had gained considerable headway by the time the Cumberland Fire Department was summoned. The fire apparently was started when a pile of rubbish was being burned in back of the building. The wind blew sparks against the old building, which is of two story height at the rear, and the fire climbed up between the studs and started to burn in the attic and roof. The firemen poured large amounts of water into the building, and they managed to keep the damage confined to the back of the building so that the shoe repair shop was comparatively unharmed.

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Jeremiah D. Alling, 35, Barron, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Hunter M. Anderson, 19, Grantsburg, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Katie M. Anderson, 18, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jesse W. Andrews, 36, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Justin W. Baker, 18, Cumberland, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Luana J. Bearheart, 38, Aberdeen, SD., failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Daniel L. Bibeau, 31, Woodville, speeding, $200.50, and passing in a no-passing zone, $213.10. Darren R. Colegrove, 53, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. James E. Czajikowski, 79, Rice Lake, speeding, $250.90. John L. Davidson, 26, Aberdeen, SD., vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Lyka J. Daza, 26, Valley, CA., vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Austin D. Deason, 17, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Nate L. Doyen, 27, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Dennis J. Ewer, 60, Eau Claire, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Courtney K. Feehan, 35, Rice Lake, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jared L. Ford, 35, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00, and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, $200.50. Felicia R. Ford, Rice Lake, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Matthew V. Geisdorf, 40, Rice Lake, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Nicole M. Gohde, 31, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Bradley K. Hackel , 18, Rice Lake, speeding, $175.30. Nycholas K. Hadley, 19, Hayward, keeping intoxicants in motor vehicle, $263.50. Brandon J. Halvorson, 25, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Nicholas D. Hamilton, 34, Chetek, display aunauthorized vehicle registration plate, $238.30, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Daniel J. Hansen, 53, Barronett, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Tanner A. Hard, 20, Bruce, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00, and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Gary G. Hurtis, 66, New Auburn, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Thorston D. Hyllested, 25, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Sydney D. Jenkins, 18, Prairie Farm, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00, and failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Courtney L. Johnson, 20, Barron, speeding, $225.70. Daniel P. Kohnen, 31, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jeffrey D. Larsen, 64, St. Croix Falls, unlawful U/Y turn-erected signs, $175.30. Keena J. Larson, 37, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Dena M. Matye, 46, Barron, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $10.00. Dylan S. Mier, 19, Comstock, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Gregory M. Oleson, 61, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. James A. Palmer, 53, Ladysmith, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Sandra A. Person, 60, Ojibwa, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jerry L. Person, 67, Ojibwa, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Carl A. Reidell, 20, Spooner, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jacquelyn K. Reynolds, 33, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Janelle C. Rognholt, 19, Cameron, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Anthony B. Salas, 24, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, $200.50, and failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. William O. Salisbury, 19, Weyerhaeuser, speeding, $225.70, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Brittany A. Santiago, 26, Rice Lake, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Sara L. Schlemm, 38, Barronett, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jamie L. Schneider, 38, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00, and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Joseph A. Slayton, 19, Barron, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. David T. Stelton, 29, Chippewa Falls, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Jordan C. Stensrud, 29, Prairie Farm, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00, and failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Rhonda M. Swanson, 59, Haugen, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Anthony E. Swartz, 30, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle with controlled substance, $811.50. Lexi J. Tschirhart, 17, Cumberland, passing in a no-passing zone, $213.10. Robert C. Van Vleck, 68, Chetek, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat betl, $10.00. Camille A. Werdier, 77, Hertel, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Justing T. Whiting, 20, Barron, speeidng, $326.50. Michael L. Workman, 27, Rice Lake, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00.

Complaints

Wade J. Peltier, 53, of Ladysmith, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. His court date was scheduled for April 9, 2021.

Lexi J. Tschirhart, 17, of Cumberland, has been charged with underage drinking. Her court date is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Shiann H. Strenke, 23, of Barron, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. Her court date is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Denver C. Moen, 24, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with illegally operating an ATV or UTV on/in vicinity of a highway, operating an ATV or UTV while intoxicated, and failure to take alcohol test. His court date is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Douglas P. Dyson, 57, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for August 6, 2021.

Timothy M. Otto, 48, of Bellevue, MI., has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for May 19, 2021.

Criminal Complaints

Richard L. Waite, 29, of Barron County Jail, has been charged with intimidate victims/dissuade complaints. His initial appearance was scheduled for April 9, 2021.

Walker A. Lea, 38, of Menomonie, has been charged with carrying a concealed weapon. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 21, 2021.

Robert D. Willsey, 41, of Chetek, has been charged with negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for April 14, 2021.

James D. Lusk, 30, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His hearing is scheduled for June 18, 2021.

Jeromy W. Srmek, 37, of Ladysmith, has been charged with violating a harassment restraining order. His hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2021.

Kyler J. Hendricks, 20, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and use of a dangerous weapon. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 28, 2021.

Brandon M. Lash, 28, of Uniontown, PA., has been charged with OWI, operating a firearm while intoxicated, and operating with PAC. His hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2021.

Luis A. Gasca, 20, of Winona, MN., has been charged with possession of cocaine, possession of THC, and possession of a controlled substance. His court hearing is scheduled for June 11, 2021.

Kenyon J. Stewart, 44, of South Range, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle with restricted controlled substance, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 28, 2021.

Charles E. Knowles, 62, of Barron, has been charged with an OWI, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of THC. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

Allen R. Skye, 72, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with OWI. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 26, 2021.

Reynaldo Ramos, 22, of Rice Lake, has been charged with obstructing an officer, resisting an officer, disorderly conduct, violating the condition of bond in Barron County which prohibits the defendant shall not consume alcoholic beverages, violating the condition of bond in Barron County which prohibits the defendant to not commit any crime, and operating a motor vehicle while revoked. His court hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2021.

Scott A. Rocarek, 38, of Almena, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while revoked, and violating the condition of the bail/bond in Barron County which prohibits operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for May 7, 2021.

Drewdell C. Mitchell, 22, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while revoked, and violating the condition of the bail/bond in Barron County which prohibits operating a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license. His hearing is scheduled for June 2, 2021.

Richard L. Johnson, 36, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violating the provision of the bail/bond in Barron County which prohibits the commission of any new crimes. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 22, 2021.

Benjamin T. Saumier, 43, of Dallas, has been charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer, and violating the provision of the bail/bond in Barron County which prohibits the defendant from having contact with a subject. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

Lael D. Johnson, 42, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse, and violating the bond condition to have no abusive contact with a subject in Barron County. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

Patrick R. Fenton, 42, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and violating the bond condition in Barron County which prohibits the defendant to not commit any crimes. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

Scott L. Miller Sr., 52, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while revoked, failure to install ignition interlock device, and violating the condition of bond in Barron County stating the defendant must not commit any new crimes. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

Alexander D. Avery, 36, of Trego, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence with a minor child in the vehicle, 5th or 6th offense, and possession of THC.

On April 12, 2021, at approximately 5:51 pm, Officer Foust with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, was advised by dispatch that an individual was at the emergency room entrance with three young children at a hospital in Rice Lake, who seemed to be impaired and was trying to leave.

Officer Foust reports she arrived on scene and made contact with the male subject who she identified as Avery. Officer Foust reports Avery advised he was at the hospital with his children to visit their mother. Officer Foust reports while speaking to Avery, she noted him to sway while standing, and exhibited slurred speech. Officer Foust reports Avery's eyes were bloodshot and glossy. Officer Foust reports she asked Avery if he drove to the hospital with the children and he stated that he did.

Officer reports the children were seven and two and half years of age.

Officer Foust reports Avery pointed to the parking lot, and advised his vehicle was there. Officer Foust reports she asked Avery if he consumed any intoxicants, and Avery stated he drank a beer and took a few shots.

Officer Foust reports while speaking to Avery, one of his children advised that Avery drove them there, and that he almost hit three different vehicles during the drive.

Officer Foust reports she did not have Avery perform a field sobriety test due to his level of impairment, as she believed that if Avery attempted the tests, he could have fallen and injured himself.

Officer Foust reports Avery was eventually transported to the Rice Lake Police Department, where a search warrant was completed for Avery's blood, and then he was transported back to the hospital where his blood was drawn for further testing.

Officer Foust reports she eventually searched Avery's vehicle and observed multiple open beer cans, and located a smoking device that contained a burnt residue in the center counsel area. Officer Foust reports she field tested the smoking device using a Nark II test kit, and yielded a positive result for the presence of marijuana.

Officer Foust also reports that while at the hospital, she observed Avery's behavior to change. Officer reports that Avery was unable to sit still, and his hands were twitching. Officer Foust reports she further noted that the inside of Avery's elbows had track marks.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence with a minor child in the vehicle, Avery may be fined not less than $1,200 nor more than $50,000, or imprisoned not less than 36 months nor more than 20 years or both. For possession of THC, he may be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned not more than six months or both. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 23, 2021.

WisDOT: Drive safely for Adopt-a-Highway crews

Volunteers remove tons of trash and recyclables to keep roadsides clean

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) asks motorists to stay alert for Adopt-a-Highway volunteers, who are busy collecting a winter's worth of trash and recyclables along state highways.

New to the program this year, the department keeps an interactive map (wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/roadsides/adopt-hwy/default.aspx) showing areas maintained by the Wisconsin's 2,769 Adopt-a-Highway groups as well as what routes are still available for additional volunteers.

"It's a sure sign of spring to see people so generously taking the time to remove trash and debris from our roadsides," said WisDOT Secretary-designee Craig Thompson. "Every driver makes a difference for their safety as well – buckle up, phone down and mind your speed."

Last year, Wisconsin Adopt-a-Highway groups collected more than 81 tons of trash and recyclables. County highway crews gather the bagged materials for proper disposal.

This season, the crews will continue to operate with extra health and safety precautions, including recommendations for masks and social distancing. Additionally, WisDOT furnishes safety vests, highway worker signs, a safety training video, trash bags, and two permanent signs identifying the group. Each group must provide one adult supervisor for every five or six volunteers. Groups do not work in dangerous areas like medians, bridges or steep slopes.

Adopt-a-Highway workers are asked to clean-up their assigned two-mile state highway segment at least three times per year. Of the 11,800 miles of state highway in Wisconsin, about 4,200 miles (about one-third of the system) are still available for adoption, meaning there's plenty of room for interested volunteers. Check out the new interactive map (wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/real-estate/roadsides/adopt-hwy/default.aspx) to find nearby opportunities.

2021 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow
4/13	49	30	0.26	0.00
4/14	34	28	0.06	Trace
4/15	45	28	0.00	0.00
4/16	51	35	0.00	0.00
4/17	56	30	0.00	0.00
4/18	57	33	0.00	0.00
4/19	58	30	0.07	Trace

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

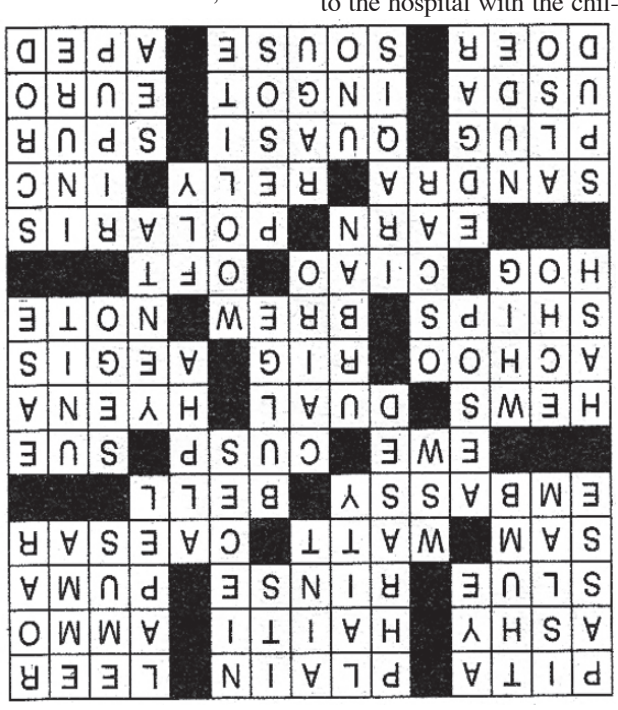


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2	7	9	3	6	4	8	5	1
3	8	5	9	4	1	7	2	6
9	6	4	2	7	5	1	3	8
1	2	7	6	3	8	4	9	5



Sports

Spring High School Sports Underway; Home Contests Start Thursday

This Monday marked the official start of the spring sports schedule as Boy's Golf, Track, Softball and Baseball all began practice for their 2021 seasons. Girl's Soccer officially opens up practice next Monday.

The Softball and Baseball Teams hope to hold scrimmage games thisSaturday, weather permitting. The Baseball Team is planning to host Boyceville at 11:00, while the Softball team travels to Boyceville for their own scrimmage scheduled for the same time. Both teams are optimistic for excellent seasons and Boyceville should provide a nice early test. The Bulldogs Baseball Team made a trip to the State Tournament in 2019 and return a large share of their starters.

The Baseball Team then starts the regular season with a home game against Bloomer next Tuesday at 5:00 pm. The Beavers are the HON favorite this spring, while Bloomer is considered one of their main challengers. Cumberland then is scheduled to host Cameron for a 3:00 doubleheader next Thursday and has a final home game scheduled against Grantsburg on Friday, April 30, beginning at 5:00 pm.

The Softball Team, under Coach Randy Bielmeier, starts out on the road with a 5:00 contest at Bloomer next Tuesday and a 4:00 doubleheader in Cameron on Tuesday, April 29.

The Track Team, meanwhile, is scheduled to start their season on Thursday, April 29, when they travel to Fall Creek for a five team Invitational. Augusta, Bloomer, Thorp and Fall Creek join the Beavers in what should be a competitive meet.

Finally, the Golf Team gets the first start to their season by hosting St. Croix Falls in Cumberland at 4:00 pm this Thursday. This Friday, they continue action with a JV Scramble at the Sioux Creek Course and Monday they head to Barron for a head to head contest with the Bears starting at 4:00 pm.

The WIAA has listed the following guidelines for families of spring athletes; Make sure your child and immediate household members are free from illness before participating in practice and competition, please provide personal items for your child and clearly label them, and disinfect your students' personal equipment after each game or practice.

Softball Team Opens Practice; Scrimmage Set for Saturday

Twenty-five girls joined Head Coach Randy Bielmeier for opening softball drills on Monday afternoon. "Coach B" will be joined by two new assistants, Jessie Dostal and Brittany Martinek, to form this years staff.

Cumberland last played softball during the 2019 season, when they finished 10 and 4, in third place in the HON. Gone from that team are both pitchers and three First Team All-Conference players. The player returning off the 2019 team with the most experience is Senior Alleah Anderson, who looks to be one of the better players in the entire Conference.

"They are a great group of girls that have been working hard during our contact days and have been sponges soaking in as much softball information as they can. They have been doing all the little things right," said Coach Bielmeier. He continued, "I'm looking to Alleah Anderson, Sophia Schmidt, Tia Anderson, Erin Stokes, and Katie Becker to be our team leaders, while Macina Garibaldi, Tierney Schramski, Anna Ranallo, Camille Bohn and Orion Thompson are among those working hard to grab playing time."

The team opens up next Tuesday against Bloomer in Bloomer. The Blackhawks return two pitchers, who received All-Conference recognition in 2019. This will likely make them one of the favorites to take home the 2021 crown along with co-favorite Northwestern.

Weather permitting, the team will scrimmage Boyceville, in Boyceville, this Saturday at 11:00 am. Following Tuesday's tilt in Bloomer, the team next travels to Cameron for a doubleheader next Thursday, starting at 4:00 pm.

Jack Martens

Jack Martens Chosen For Border Battle Games

Cumberland Senior Jack Martens received another basketball honor last week, as he was chosen to represent Wisconsin in the Border Battle Basketball Games put on by the Duluth Amateur Youth Basketball Association. Unfortunately, for the second year in a row, the games will not be held due to the inability to secure a gym for the games due to Covid-19 restrictions.

This would have been the 13th year of the Border Battler, which features a squad of boys and girls from Northern Wisconsin against a group of Minnesota All-Stars. The HON was well represented as Cameron's Austin Weis and Richie Murphy and Barron's Carter LaLiberty were also part of the boys squad.

The Girls Are Back! Finally!



The Cumberland Girls Softball Team finally opened practice for the 2021 season Monday afternoon. Five seniors will be counted on to lead this years team. Pictured left to right are Katie Becker, Alleah Anderson, Sophia Schmidt, Erin Stokes and Tia Anderson.

Cumberland softball players stretch out before Monday nights first practice of the year.

Sports Look Back, April 22, 1971

The annual Cumberland High School Athletic Banquet, sponsored by Anderson Thomson Post 98, American Legion, was held Saturday night.

Anthony DiSalvo was master of ceremonies. Post Commander Howard Lang gave the welcome, and Mark Erickson, CHS athlete, the table blessing. Dinner was prepared by the Legion Auxillary and served by CHS girls.

A number of awards were made. In addition to those pictured, several from last year's spring sports were made. These went to Mark Shortner in baseball, Jerry Ritchie in track, and Earl Meyer in golf.

Dan Peterson received three awards and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peterson of Comstock, were recognized for his achievements as well as those of other sons in the family who preceded him at Cumberland High School.

Speaker of the evening was Ken Anderson, head basketball coach at WSU-Eau Claire. He delivered an inspiring address to the athletes which was well received by all in attendance.



Dan Peterson won three awards including the American Legion All Around Athletic Award as well as most valuable performer in both wrestling and football. Legion Commander Howard Lang presented the award.



Sam Donatelle received the Basketball Award from Athletic Director Bob Davis. Sam had the best free throw percentage during the year.



Jerry Elmberg was given the Athletic Citizenship Award. Cumberland Chamber of Commerce President Charles Anderson presented the award.



Scott Jerry was the winner of the "W" Club award. Cumberland Athletic Director Bob Davis presented the award.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

Deep South Fishing Trip

Hello friends,

I am writing to you once again this week about a very unique trip that I took to my brother Tom Walters lake home on Lake Washington, which is in west central Mississippi and one of the nation's top ten crappie lakes. I have written in the past about my love for hunting and fishing in both Louisiana and Mississippi and this adventure once again reaffirmed that belief.

Sunday, April 4th

High 68, low 44

Today is day five of this trip and the first day that I did not wear long johns. As I wrote last week, for April in the deep south, the weather has been cold and windy which has resulted in very few crappies. Today, that would slowly start to turn around and I might add that when I say slow, Washington Lake has an 11-inch legal minimum for crappie to be kept, we have caught plenty that are a half inch shy.

My goals for this trip were to at least tie my personal record which is a 14-incher that I caught on Lake Puckaway and to possibly beat that. Two days ago, I caught a black crappie while fishing in the cypress trees with minnows and bobber's out of Tom's 22-foot "Avenger".

Today I caught a 14.5 while trolling with jigs and some of my fishing goals for this trip were met. If there is a next year, I will spend some of my time living in the cypress trees and fishing out of my canoe and my goal is to crack 15-inches.

Some funny things about this trip, when we are fishing in the cypress tress which is jungle fishing, if there is such a thing, we have to be very careful due to the branches and it seems like one of us was always hung up and then there would be the one chance to pull your rig off the tree with a quick snap or have it get so wrapped up that it was gone for good, this was quite often a form of amusement for the audience.

I wrote last week that if you want to, that you can fish with a hundred hooks a person down here. One way that many fishermen use a lot of hooks is with yo yo's. Yo yo's are a spring-operated spool that are tied to trees. The line is pulled below water level and generally baited with a minnow. Yo yo's are used down here and run kind of like a trap line, when you are fishing you can hear the spring kind of snap and if you look you will see a hooked fish swimming at water level.

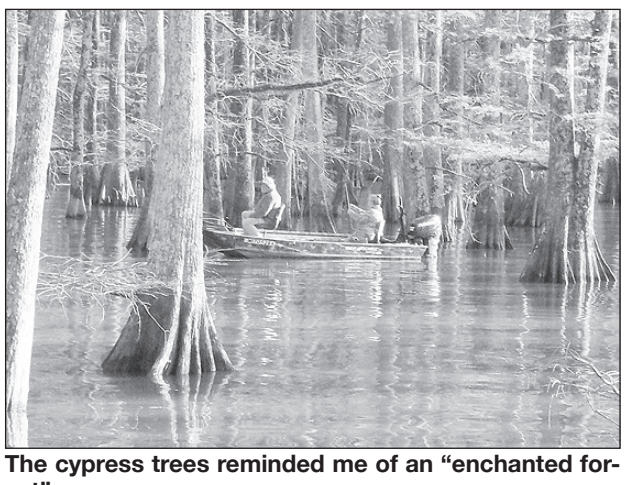
Though the crappie fishing was slow but did pick up, another form of entertainment was hybrid white bass. Often, we would be trolling with 8-rods and perhaps nothing would have happened for quite some time. If we would pass through a school of stripers that ranged 12 to 21 inches all hell would break loose, and we may have as many as four on at a time. Stripers fight like smallmouth and are good eating as long as you fillet out the blood line which is very easy to do.

I would have to say that without a doubt the best thing about this trip was three brothers committing to a week and having a great time together both in the boat and the cabin. Tom retired last year after 38- years with Exxon Corporation in Baton Rouge. Mike has been with Research Products for 38-years in Poynette and I have been writing this column for 31-years.

On this trip I realized for the first time that we are not exactly kids anymore and I am fine with that, it was so cool that twice Mike said, "we gotta make this an annual trip", and today when we were fishing we made the executive decision to stay another day and I think as soon as we made that decision along with a much improved crappie bite it created what was the most carefree, plenty of laughs, stay up the latest night of the trip.

I know it might not happen, but I am trying to talk Tom into coming to deer camp this November and I have a strong feeling that I will be in Mississippi this winter, camping and hunting deer and hogs from a canoe.

Hooked on the south and the north! **Sunset**



The cypress trees reminded me of an "enchanted forest".



Mark and Mike Walters enjoying their trip on Lake Washington.

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WIAA Board ratifies 11-Player Football realignment

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control approved the 11-player football conference realignment solution initiated by the WIAA Conference Realignment Task Force Committee, admission requirements for baseball and softball Tournament Series contests this spring, and other action items, as well as tabled discussion of a COVID-19 recovery fee assessment at its April meeting today.

The Conference Realignment Task Force Committee considered rationale to provide a conference affiliation for all member schools grouped by enrollment and by geography, as well as prioritizing eight-team and paired seven-team conferences – where reasonable – with geography and enrollment to accommodate the need for seven-game conference results for WIAA playoff-qualifying criteria. The new conference alignment impacts 23 schools, effective for the 2022 football season.

2022 11-Player Football Conference Affiliations

The Board unanimously voted to require charging admission at all baseball and softball Tournament Series events this spring. Member schools will retain 100 percent of the gate receipts, but they will be responsible for officials expenses, host school allowances and host manager fees. If expenses are not fully covered by admissions or if schools are not able to charge admissions, schools are responsible for all or remaining event fees.

In extending additional COVID-19 accommodations for this spring, the Board approved a waiver to NFHS baseball rules for 2021 only, allowing members to schedule five-inning baseball doubleheaders with continued compliance with the pitch count rule. It also voted to increase the number of nonschool competitions from two to four in girls soccer during the 2021 spring season only, applicable during the regular season and the Tournament Series.

A special election was approved to fill the District 7 position on the Board of Control with the pending retirement of Phil Ertl. The Board voted to conduct the election using electronic balloting. The deadline for filing declarations of candidacy is Wednesday, May 19. The newly elected position will be seated for the August Board meeting. The Board also approved a Middle Level Advisory Council recommendation to provide unlimited nonschool contact during the school year for coaches in all sports.

In other Board action, it voted to remove a petition amendment from the Annual Meeting agenda addressing school classifications in boys and girls basketball, approved cooperative team arrangements for 2021-22 and 2022-23, appointments to the officials advisory committee for 2021-22, as well as the February and March general fund financial statements and payments.

Following additional review of the association's financial information after the winter tournaments, the Board decided to table discussions and action on a membership-wide disaster emergency assessment fee to sustain WIAA operations. The Board may revisit disaster recovery discussions and plans if needed in the future.

Other items shared with the Board was a legislative update on the Officials Assault Bill AB-158, reference to a Board correspondence from Prairie Farm and a review of the alternate season culminating events.

The Board received liaison reports from Mike Thompson of the Wisconsin Department of Instruction, John Ashley of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards and Nathan DeLany of the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association.

The WIAA, as defined by its Constitution, is a voluntary, unincorporated, and nonprofit organization. The membership oversees interscholastic athletic programs for 515 senior high schools and 48 junior high/middle level schools in its membership.



Four Cumberland fifth graders participated in a three on three basketball tournament last weekend in Amery. The girls beat New Richmond and Osceola and lost a close contest to host Amery. Pictured are front row Lia Piedrahita and Wren Ruppel, middle row Abby Schultz and Kennedy Campbell and back row coaches Chad Schultz and Robert Ruppel. Good job girls!

Ice Age Trail 2021 Hiking Schedule

The Indianhead chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance has announced its 2021 hiking schedule for, beginning in late April and stretching into December. The chapter invites all interested people.

The chapter also will hold a membership meeting on Thursday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at which this year's trail workdays and the hike schedule will be discussed. That meeting will be held at the chapter's property at 2918 140th Street, about one mile south of County W or three miles north of Hwy. 48. Participants may also discuss trail issues and ask any questions about the chapter and trails. Participants are asked to bring a lawn chair, and may bring drinks and snacks.

The chapter's kickoff hike will be a Family Tyke Hike on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The two-mile hike will start at the trailhead at the east end of Oregon Street, and features brownies and prizes. Families should bring a bag lunch for the picnic at the end of the hike.

Naturalist Barb Delaney will lead a mile-long flora hike from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 16 from Lions Park in St. Croix Falls. On Saturday, June 19, a three-mile hike will depart from the Ice Age parking lot on 150th Street south of Frederic at 9 a.m., finishing at the Café Wren.

A longer weekday hike will be held on Wednesday, July 14. This hike will begin at 9 a.m. at the boat landing on the north shore of McKenzie Lake on 280th Avenue east of County I. A shuttle back to the start will be available at the half way point at County W, or hikers may continue for the full six miles to Clam Falls.

A second Family Tyke Hike will be offered on Saturday, Aug. 21 between 10 a.m. and noon. Hikers will meet at the main parking lot of Straight Lake State Park at 270th Avenue and 120 Street. Hikers will cross the river on stepping stones and hike to 280th Avenue. That will be followed by a three-mile Full Moon Hike on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m., starting at the County Road O trailhead and ending at McKenzie Lake.

The chapter's annual fall colors hike is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2. This four-mile hike will go from the main parking lot at Straight Lake to County I and back again. A Potluck will follow the hike.

The last scheduled hike of the year will be a Full Moon Solstice snowshoe hike in St. Croix Falls on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. This three-mile hike will go from the Zillmer trailhead on N. Day Road to Oregon Street.

Hikers should dress for the weather, carry water and bring bug repellent in season. A state pass is required for motorized entry to Wisconsin state parks. Follow yellow Ice Age signs to find the event starts. Organizers ask hikers to practice social distancing and wear masks. For any questions about these Indianhead chapter events, contact chapter co-coordinator Barb Ceder at 715-410-8069.



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Former Cumberland Teacher and Coach to be next Executive Director of the WIAA



Stephanie Hauser

Stephanie Hauser has been named the next executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association announced by the Board of Control Friday.

"We are excited to announce Stephanie Hauser as the next executive director," Board of Control President Eric Russell said. "Stephanie brings great experience, plans and excitement to the position, and we are proud to have her represent the membership."

Hauser will begin her new role in July, working in the transition with Dave Anderson, whose retirement as executive director position becomes effective on July 31, 2021. She has served as an assistant director with the association since joining the executive staff on July 6, 2015.

"I am grateful and so proud to have been offered the opportunity to serve our diverse membership and to move education-based athletics forward," Hauser said. "Our member schools are facing challenging times, and I look forward to supporting and involving them in the process as we embrace this new chapter together."

Hauser's impressive list of accomplishments since joining the WIAA include the administration and coordination of her current duties for the sports of gymnastics, volleyball and softball, as well as cross country and track & field prior to the hiring of Kate Peterson Abiad in the spring of 2018.

Among the other achievements she is credited with is leading the Conference Realignment Task Force Committee, creating of the WIAA Award of Excellence and Spirit of Sport Award, implementing a fifth division in softball, establishing innovative co-op team classifications in gymnastics, supervising the move of the boys volleyball State Tournament to the Resch Center in Green Bay, and negotiating partnerships with sponsors and a number of convention and visitors bureaus.

Hauser has also been active at the national level since joining the executive staff with involvement in National Federation of State High School Association programs. She has served as the chairperson for the NFHS Gymnastics Rules Committee, a mentor for the NFHS Leadership Program, and has had a role on the NFHS Student Services Committee. She has also conducted a number of NFHS Summer Meeting presentations.

She becomes the first female to serve as executive director in the 125-year history of the WIAA. She is preceded by P.F. Neverman from 1924-51, Clifford Fagan 1951-57, John Roberts from 1957-85, Doug Chickering from 1986-2009 and then Anderson.

Hauser came to the WIAA executive staff from Stevens Point Area Senior High School where she served eight years as the athletic administrator and assistant principal. Prior to her administrative role in Stevens Point, she was the assistant principal and activities director in the New London School District from 2003-07. She also possesses coaching experience at the high school level. Those included stints as varsity volleyball coach at Cumberland High School in 1991, Pulaski High School from 1993-97, Bay Port High School from 1998-99 and at Winneconne High School from 2000-03. Other coaching experience came at the junior varsity level as softball coach at Cumberland in 1991 and at Green Bay Southwest High School from 1992-94, where she also coached the junior varsity basketball team. As a former teacher, her experience in the classroom included teaching chemistry and science-related courses.

She was a member of the WIAA Sports Advisory Committee from 2009-15 and a member of the Volleyball Coaches Advisory Committee. Hauser also conducted presentations at the WIAA New Athletic Director Workshop and the WIAA Sportsmanship Summit.

In 2013, she was named the District 2 Athletic Director of the Year by the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association. Other leadership experience includes serving as president of the Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association and as chair of the WADA District 2 Representative and Scholarship Committee.

She is a 1991 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Superior with a degree in secondary chemistry education and received a Master's Degree in education leadership from Marian College in 1997. She was a member of the UW-Superior women's basketball and softball teams, and was named team captain and most valuable player of the women's volleyball team, receiving all-conference honorable mention.

Stephanie and her husband, Dave, have three adult children, Nicki, Sam and Joey.

Correspondents

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

We have had a lot of things going on this week. And the weather has been just a tad better than it was last week, which makes most of us much happier.

Let's see now – First of all, I chatted with Tami Plucar while she was working at Cenex in Barronett on Sunday morning. She asked me if I would let everyone know that she absolutely loves Barronett and thinks that the people in this area are the most wonderful, kind-hearted and compassionate in the world. That was a wonderful thing to hear first thing on Sunday morning. And, I have to add, I cannot imagine anyone not being kind to Tami – I think others probably treat her just the way she treats them. From all of us, Tami, thank you for the compliment. We are so glad that you are a resident of our great little town.

Before church service on Sunday morning Ruth Grover announced that she and Dick were celebrating their 29th anniversary that day. Congratulations you two. We wish you many more years of wedded bliss.

Ted Schoenhals left a note between our doors this past week with news about his "rod and reel give-away." He said that, first, he would like to thank Jerry and Glenda Severson for another donation. He said that he thinks they are more into the give-away than he is himself. He went on to say that as of this time he has 40 rods and reels and five tackle boxes. He is planning to start giving the rods, reels and tackle boxes away on May 14th at the Cumberland Food Pantry, but he said that he needs to call the Food Pantry first to be sure that that will be okay. He plans to give away ten rods and reels and one tackle box a week until they are gone. He is hoping that garage sales start soon so that he will be able to pick up more supplies and keep the give-away going all summer. Ted gives the fishing gear to youngsters in the hope that they will learn to love to fish as much as he does.

Here's some good news for Ted and everyone else who is interested in garage sales. The Barronett community garage sale will be held on Saturday, May 1st, starting at 8:00 a.m. and running until 2:00 p.m. I talked to Debbie Smith on Sunday evening, and she said that they are getting quite a few booths reserved, but there is still room for more. So, if you would like to rent a table and get rid of some of the things that you haven't used for the past few years, please call Debbie and let her know. She said that the community center will be open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening, April 30th, so that everyone will be able to get their tables set up and be all ready for the crowd on Saturday morning.

Kane and Pierce Thon were visiting with Grandma Lynn on Sunday and, while Pierce was taking a nap, Kane and I decided that it was a perfect day to go fishing. Kane just turned six-years-old this month and, I'll tell you, that kid is quite the fisherman. We went down to Shallow and fished from shore. He can cast the line out exactly where he wants it, and he caught two sunnies almost immediately. However, our rods hadn't been used for a couple years, and the line kept breaking – he lost two hooks and bobbers because of the rotten line. He wasn't quite ready to call it a day, but I promised him that I would get new line put on both reels and we would go again as soon as possible. It was our first time fishing this year and we had a fantastic time!

There was a huge party at Barronett Community Center on Sunday afternoon to celebrate Donna Ness' 80th birthday. It seemed as though everyone in three counties were there. I'm sure the center was filled to capacity. Donna was there greeting everyone and smiling continuously.

There was plenty of delicious food and beautiful cupcakes and everyone had a great time helping Donna celebrate her special day. Norman and all of Donna's family were there, of course, greeting everyone and helping to make the day memorable. I asked Donna to remember to invite all of the party-goers to our Scandinavian Smorgasbord. She said she would – wouldn't that be great?

Sharai Hefty, Geri Pittman and I had a fun-filled girls' day out on Saturday. We went shopping (and eating) in Eau Claire. While Sharai was looking at boring stuff in Best Buy and Office Max, Geri and I went to the fun store – that would be Home Goods. I got a lemonade dispenser, it's two one-gallon jars, with spigots, on a stand. The grandkids like to have a lemonade stand in the summer and I thought this would be better than having them pour it out of a pitcher. That was my favorite buy of the day. We had lunch at the Altoona Family Restaurant, and then went to check out Hope Gospel Mission thrift store. We all found a few things there, and then headed home. When we got as far as Bloomer I turned off the Interstate. Geri and Sharai were incredulous that I was stopping because we were all still full from lunch, but I said that I was not going to go past Bloomer without getting a piece of pie at Main Street Café. Yup, we did hurt ourselves – but a piece of pie can be walked off in about five miles. We had a great day.

I better go – Please consider renting a booth and getting rid of some of the clutter at the garage sale on May 1st. Stay warm and I'll see you next time.

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Thurs, Apr. 22nd: Northstar Bison and Bean Chili, North Country Cheese Slices, and Crackers, Fresh Grapes, Cornbread Muffin.

Fri, Apr. 23rd: Paprika Chicken, Cheesy Au Gratin Potatoes, Asparagus, Assorted Bread, Cook's Choice Cookie.

Mon, Apr. 26th: Ground Turkey & Stuffed Pepper Casserole, Steamed Cauliflower, Assorted Bread, Cook's Choice Fruit Pie.

Tues, Apr. 27th: Egg Salad on a Croissant w/ Lettuce Leaf, Cheesy Broccoli Soup, Three Bean Salad, Frozen Yogurt, Tomato Juice.

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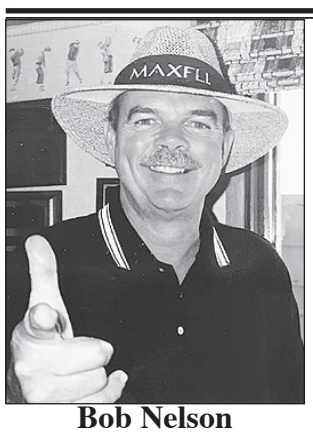
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Bob Nelson

Bob Nelson, 77, of Cumberland peacefully passed to eternal life at Sacred Heart Hospital on Sunday, April 11, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. He succumbed after a year and a half battle with cancer. He was born June 20, 1943 in Cumberland, WI to Jimmy and Rose Helen (Cole) Nelson, was raised in Cumberland and graduated from Cumberland High School in 1961. Bob graduated from UW-Eau Claire with a Bachelor's degree in Business. He was married in Fountain City, WI on December 18, 1965 to Jeanne Greshik who he met while attending UW Eau Claire and they began their amazing journey through life together.

Bob began his career with UniRoyal as an industrial engineer in the summer of 1966. He continued his career there until June 1992 when they closed the tire plant in Eau Claire. He then became the head of transportation for Altoona School District. He so enjoyed being with children of all ages. His biggest accolade was being awarded the "Unsung Hero Award". He received this award for his love and respect for children as well as his ability to connect with all children. He then went on to become an aide for children in special education at Altoona middle and high schools.

Throughout his life, Bob had many interests and passions. He was an avid gardener who took great pride in growing and caring for the fruit of his labor. Many people benefitted from his superior gardening skills. Golf was also a big part of Bob's life. He hosted an annual Nelson Invitational Golf Tournament from 1973-2001 for family members and good friends. His love for golf was shared with some of his favorite friends on Thursday men's golf day. Bob was an active basketball official for the WIAA with his longtime partner, Bill Rowlett for twenty years. He had the honor of refereeing the state basketball tournament the years of 1980, '84 and '85. As season ticket holders for Badger football and basketball games, it was a highlight Bob looked forward to every fall and winter. He also followed his beloved Green Bay Packers and Milwaukee Brewers on tv. He also enjoyed following the local high school sporting events in Eau Claire and Cumberland. His favorite teams, however, were those of his grandchildren. He loved watching them play basketball and run track. Bob was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Cumberland. Bob also loved to sing and participated in the community Men's Choir. Through this choir he was able to perform in many amazing holiday concerts. His favorite place was Beaver Dam Lake. It was his place of peace through pontooning, swimming with his grandchildren and just sitting on the deck with Jeanne having a libation.

As a father and grandfather Bob was an extraordinary role model to his two daughters and grandchildren. He always listened and encouraged them to reach for the stars. His undeniable affection and warmth will forever be missed.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Jeanne, his two daughters Michele Cummings (Patrick) and Heather Nelson (fiancé Nick Murray) and his grandchildren Sydney and Jonah Cummings and soon-to-be-born grandson Auggie Robert Murray. His sister, Phyllis Krouch and his bothers Dick (Dort), John and Jay. Also survived by his sister-in-law, Carole Zierden (John) and many nieces and nephews.

A public visitation will be held on Thursday, April 29 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm at First Lutheran Church. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 1:00 pm at First Lutheran Church in Cumberland with Pastor Tim Schmidt officiating. Masks will be required for all in attendance. For those who can not attend the service, a livestream will be made available on the First Lutheran Church's Facebook page.





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In the book of 1 John chapter 7 we hear these words: *"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he [Jesus the Christ] is revealed, we will be like him for we will see him [Jesus the Christ] as he is."*

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to redeem the world. So, in the meantime, what are we to do with such wonderful news? Keep it to ourselves to justify our own personal salvation?

Remember that the writer of 1 John reminds us that "the reason the world does not know us it that it did not know him" meaning that the world did not know Jesus the Christ. There is much evidence that this is still true. Just think about the tension and violence that is prevalent in our world. People disagree, fight, and strive against one another instead of loving each other in the way Jesus the Christ loved us and love the world.

The good news revealed to the world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus compels us to share it! Because of this, we are now called children of God. That is what we are and that is how we should act in the world. Instead of disagreeing, fighting and striving, let us prayerfully find ways to agree, to encourage one another, and work together to serve those in need. That is the way to help the world know the love of God.

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will remove his kids from school.

Nicole Hile echoed Tony's sentiment of removing her students if the mask policy isn't changed. She also stated her disappointment that no one had reached out to her after she spoke last month to address her concerns.

Lynette Furseth came forward next. Speaking as a parent, Lynette contends that "Masks provide a false sense of security." She also contends that evidence supports not wearing masks when healthy, and she doesn't want her healthy kids wearing masks. She stated that masking is just "People in power trying to control us," and ended her speech with the plea "Please unmask our children."

Michael Furseth followed with his take on the situation. First, he took aim at the information provided by Laura Suave, claiming that "Masks are getting too much credit." Pointing out that states with little or no mask compliance are also showing low numbers of cases of colds, pneumonia and flu. He suggested that the lack of international travel has had more to do with these low numbers than masks. Furseth accused the board of "appeasing a small number of school staff who are willing to fight to keep this mask mandate." He claimed that "mask rules are the definition of tyranny" and ended by asking the board to "defend individual liberty and make masks optional."

Rita Sellers spoke next as a concerned community member. Sellers reminded the board that the Wisconsin Supreme Court recently voted to overturn the Governor's Emergency Order which included the mask mandate. She asked "Do you feel you are above the Supreme Court?" (*Editors note: the school board has previously stated that their mask policy was derived independently of Gov. Evers order and was never contingent on that order being in place*.)

She also claimed to have difficulty finding the district's policies on the website and that the "2020-21 dress code says nothing about masks." She believes that "teachers, parents and children have conflicting understandings of the district policies." She claimed that "teachers have scolded students who believed they were socially distanced and they have been shamed by other students because they have dropped their mask temporarily." She ended by saying that "Children and teachers need to be taught to respect a student's judgement and freedom before lashing out."

Kelly Sellers followed Rita. He said he "doesn't understand "the blind allegiance to WIAA guidelines" saying "You represent the people. WIAA makes the guidelines, but you make the rules." He went on to say that he believes that "masks have not been validated by real world statistics." Kelly also stated that he, too, feels that the "mask policy is tyrannical," and that the board should "stop fostering fear" and make the mask wearing a choice, and that choice "belongs to the parents," not the school board.

The efficacy of masks, real or perceived, was the subject of many of the other speakers. Stacy Owens, a registered nurse, asked for the board's "proof" that masks work and claimed that masks are only effective "at dividing the community." She also stated that what scares her the most is the assault on "personal rights" that masks represent.

Chad Owens spoke also on the subject of masks. He claimed that this "wouldn't be an issue if the schools had followed the policy as stated last fall." According to Chad, "masking 'all the time' contradicts the original policy." He also stated that the mask policy "violates their civil rights and the constitution." He also stated that he doesn't feel that parents have enough input into the board policies and that three minutes is not enough time to properly address their concerns.

Justin Peterson, 6th grade teacher, addressed the board. When the year started, Justin said his highest priority was on "building positive relationships with the students." He said "My main goal this year was to keep things light in the classroom in spite of the heavy elephant in the room… COVID." He added that he would "be the first to tell you that I believe COVID is the least of our problems. I think masks are a "Dora the Explorer" Band-aid on the gaping wound of our society's overall health problems. In a world of little to no guarantees, masks offer a false sense of security at best. At worst, they feed the mental health crises plaguing our culture." Justin continued with "We have all responded to COVID from our own unique perspectives because we each see the world from a different pair of lenses. That should be seen as an advantage, not an excuse for division. Let's remember that everyone in this room is on the same team. We need to listen to each other instead of shutting each other out especially when we disagree. Diversity of thought is a great thing. Let's use it to our advantage as we work together to solve our District's problems. Let's listen to understand each other rather than instantly trying to change opinions. Let's love each other." He asked that "In a culture where fear is magnified and exploited by the media, let's show each other grace, understanding, respect, and empathy. For those of us who are fearful, let's respect those of us who are bold in the face of fear. After all, those are the people in our history who have given us the freedoms we enjoy. For those of us who are bold, let's pause and listen to the stories of those who are afraid." "I want to personally thank you for remaining open this entire school year even when several governing agencies would have loved to shut us down, " he went on, "Remember, we are all on the same team!"

Robert Ruppel, who was unable to attend the last meeting as he believed he had tested positive and chose to stay away in order to limit the spread. However, he watched the meeting and read the "reports and letters in the *Advocate*." He said he agreed with one of the letter writers that "the amount of effort the school district has made to pull off the year was incredible," He wondered, however, how much of that effort was "over-reaction" that simply wasted time and emotional energy. He stated that his "biggest issue with facial garments" is that his personal experience is not lining up with the public reaction. He also stated that "from my personal experience" that "athletes playing sports do not need facial garments." He also warned people against "falling into the trap of putting government guidance before personal experience and responsibility."

Ruppel was the last speaker to sign-up prior to the meeting. When Ruppel finished, a member of the audience asked if they could talk even though they didn't sign up. President Stone, citing the fact they already allowed an hour for comments and needed to move on, denied the request. At this point, a few members of the audience left in protest.

The meeting then returned to the items on the agenda.

The board heard a report from Education Director Jamie Shaffer on testing progress. Jamie noted that they took the State requirement for in-person testing in stride, as opposed to districts who had to reopen just to meet the testing requirements. Jamie said the district is current with all testing, with the majority having been completed. She also expressed her excitement about the new staff members discovered during the interview process, and she has already begun the planning for the in-service days at the beginning of next school year.

Director of Special Education Tami Bowman reported on the success of this year's virtual Child Development Day. She said that 47 surveys were returned and they were able to identify 16 students with special needs. Tami also told of the upcoming "non-violent crisis intervention training" that has been scheduled to her staff.

Athletic Director Lorne Majewski reported that practices and events have started for Spring Sports. Boys Golf, Track, Softball and Baseball will all begin their schedule in the next two weeks. Lorne also announced that former Cumberland teacher, Stephanie Hauser, has been named the next executive director of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association.

District Nurse, Kristin Olson gave her monthly update on COVID in our schools. She reported a slight spike at the end of March/beginning of April, however, the numbers have come down again. Currently, there are only two positive cases in the school. Nine students are quarantined for non-school related contacts and one quarantined because of an in-school contact. Kristin also reported that the last dental clinics of the year are scheduled for May 12 and 13.

"Action Items" were next up on the agenda. The main focus of these were the hiring of staff to fill positions opened through retirement.

Jason Matthys was approved as Middle School Assistant Track Coach; Waylon Buck was hired to be the new Elementary School Special Education Teacher; Julia Zappa will be the new Elementary School General Music Teacher; and Nathan Pierce joins the district as Middle School Instrumental Music Teacher.

Elementary School Principal Jim Richie presented the new 2021 Summer School Handbooks. Summer School will be from June 7-26th and busing, breakfast and lunch, and Kids Club will also be available those dates. In addition, Foundation Camp will be offered for students grades 1-4.

When the board moved onto the next portion of the agenda, the "Discussion Items," confusion over terminology ensued. President Stone explained that "discussion" referred to the Board exchanging ideas on a topic without taking "action" and did not mean that the audience could participate. "We listened to you while you spoke in the Public Comment period, now it is our turn to talk about what we heard."

Before beginning the discussion on the mask issue, the board heard from Jamie Shaffer, third grade teacher Karen Mitchell, and Allison Brunett, 6th grade, to talk about the first year using the Ready Math curriculum in grades K-8. Jamie began by explaining that changing curriculums is never easy and it was a two year process before Ready Math was chosen. She said the teachers have done a great job implementing the program. Mitchell and Brunett each gave examples of how the program looks from both a student and teacher perspective. Bonuses of the new curriculum include diagnostic assessments three times a year which help track not only the grade levels' progress (as with State level testing) but each individual students progress as well. The program sets assignments based on those assessments and tracks their progress. The lessons also adjust to the students needs. Difficulty level will increase or decrease depending on how well a student is doing on a particular task. It is the student tracking that really sets this program apart.

President Stone then began the discussion on the mask issue. He thanked those who spoke and said he had tried to be fair in enforcing the three minute rule during the Public Comment period. "Having parents who care about their kids is something we must value."

He went on to say that "every time someone speaks, I learn something. I respect everyone who spoke and I see their passion and effort"

Despite being accused of being "money hungry" "sheep" and Stone's personal favorite, "pharisees," Stone said their only concern has been the "best way to keep our kids in school." He went on to state his pride in the fact that we have not missed a single scheduled day of school this year - for ***any*** reason. After 147 successful school days, which have included full Fall and Winter sports schedules, Homecoming events, concerts and the only Marching Band Field Show in the State, Stone said "I have a hard time arguing with our success." "Though masks have become a focal point, they are not the only measure the district takes to mitigate the spread of COVID," Stone reminded. With all of that in mind, Stone would like to see the District continue on its present course.

Board member Jennifer Olson-Hyatt then also spoke in support of the system they have in place. She said she was "thankful for everyone who have worked together to make this school year possible." She reminded the audience that they have over 750 families to consider in their decision making. She, too feels we should continue with the current policies at least through the end of the school year.

With no other board members wishing to speak on the subject, the meeting moved on to administrative reports.

Ritchie Narges gave an update on plans for this year's prom. It will take place on May 1st on Endeavor Field and Plaza (weather permitting). The Prom is free, but there will be a Pre-prom buffet dinner on site (catered by the Corner Bar, $10 per student) as well as Post-prom festivities ($5) at the High School after Prom until 1 am Sunday. Since there wasn't a prom last year, there will be both a Senior Court and Junior Court. The Senior class parents are chairing the event.

He also announced the completion of the Drama Club's event for the year, a student written, directed and produced movie *Curse of 1st Impressions*. The High School students saw the premiere on April 8th. You may view the movie at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gb-tIckiTFY.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the School board will be on Monday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons.

Following the meeting, Dr. Stone issued the following statement: "I would like to again thank everyone who came to the School Board meeting and took the opportunity to express their concerns and comments. We hold all opinions and input to be valuable. When the Cumberland School Board, Administrators, and Staff began planning the mitigation strategies necessary to ensure our ability to have in-person classes for this school year, we consulted the CDC guidelines, Barron County Public Health, and our local healthcare providers. The policies and procedures, (including physical distancing, handwashing, mask-wearing, and contact tracing, etc.) were arrived at independent of any mandate issued by the State of Wisconsin. We continue to believe that these risk mitigation protocols have been an essential part of having our kids in school, full-time, every day. We will continue to prioritize the in-person education of our children, emphasizing the direct teacher-student relationship, in an environment that is as safe as possible for students and staff. We will also continue to regularly reassess our protocols with respect to new knowledge and to changing risks as information becomes available."

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Virtual Meeting via Zoom
April 24th, 2021
10:00 AM
Type of Meeting:
Commissioner's Meeting

I. Call to order
II. Treasurer's Report-Tom Boecker
III. Secretary report-Mindy Brown
IV. Open Issues
a. Annual meeting
1. Budget
2. Nominations
b. Kids Fishing/Block Party
V. New Business
a. Bass Fishing Tournament
b. Open Discussion
c. Future Meetings
VI. Adjourn

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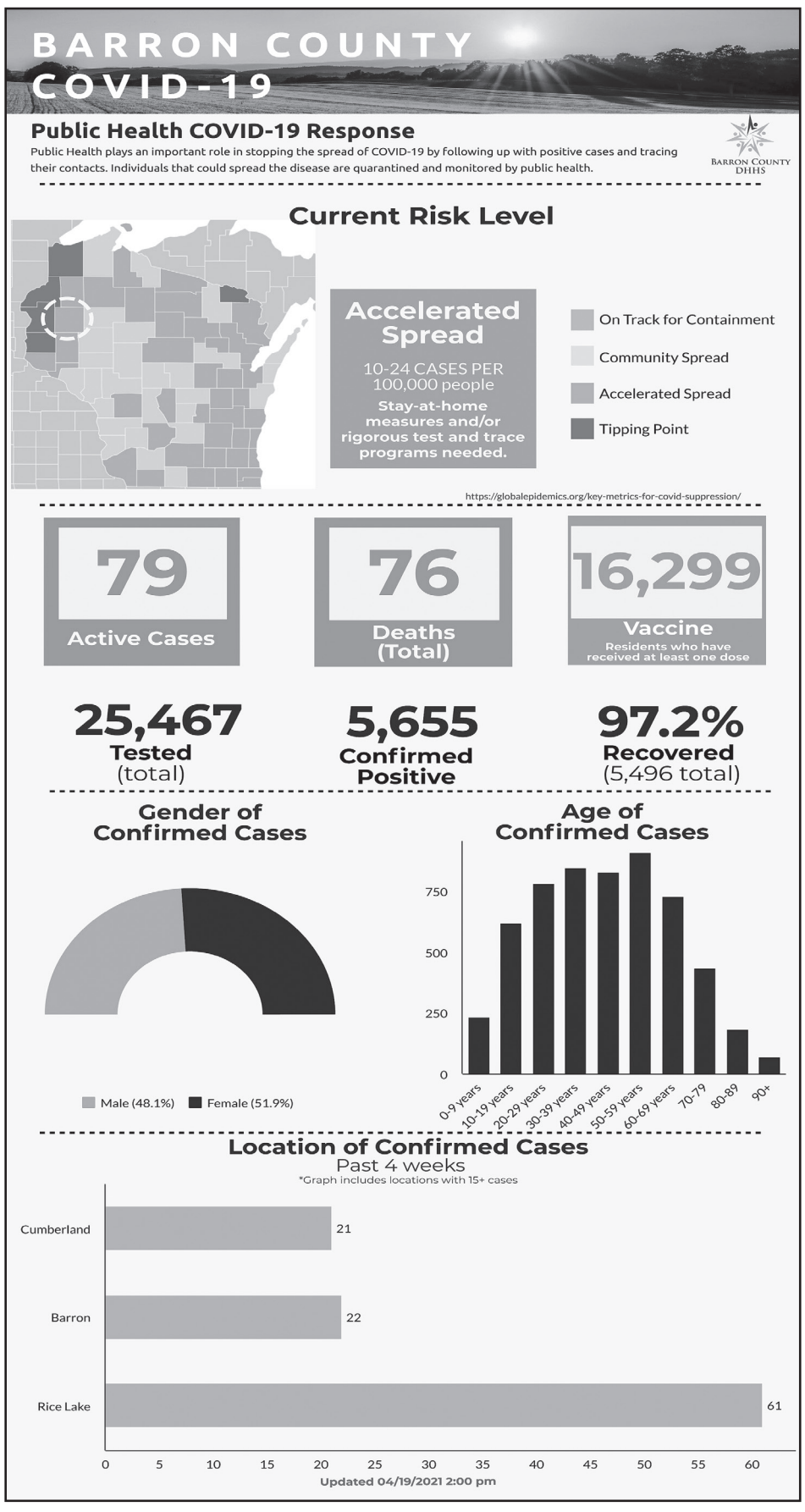
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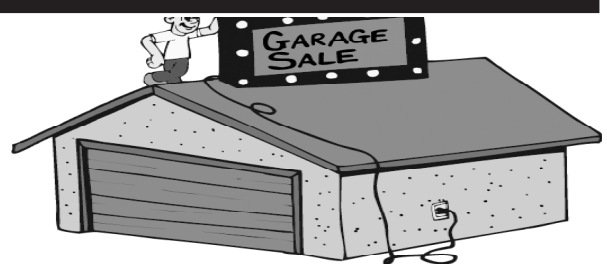
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Louie's on the Lake in Cumberland is looking for all positions: Cooks, Waitstaff, dishwashers, and hosts.
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BC Salvation Army hosts another Farmers to Families Food Box program

The Salvation Army in Barron County is so excited to be partnering with the Farmers to Families Food Box program once again. Last month, the organization gave away nearly 1300 boxes of food to the community.

The Salvation Army will be distributing these food boxes once again, to anyone who has a need on April 24th beginning around 10:30 am and going until 12:30pm or while supplies last. Each box contains: Vegetables, Dairy, Meat and 1 gallon of milk.

The boxes are free and are given away first come, first serve. There are no income limits and no paperwork to fill out. Just show up.

Those receiving a box should have their vehicle trunk or back seat empty. Volunteers will place the food directly in the vehicle. It must be clear at the time you drive though to get your box. Please remain in your vehicle during pick up. Masks are encouraged for those picking up food boxes.

The boxes will be distributed on April 24th from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm at the Rice Lake Quanex. The address is 311 W. Coleman Street Rice Lake, WI 54868. Organizers are asking that those coming to pick up their box, please remain in their car during distribution. Entry and exits will be marked with signs and volunteers will be on hand to help.

For additional details, please see The Salvation Army of Barron County's Facebook page.

Private and Welcoming Community Location Now Open in Rice Lake for SANE Exams

Tracking Our Truth's SANE medical care and advocacy support services seek to expand choice for victims/survivors of sexual assault. This team of expert advocates and trained nurses offer compassionate and nonjudgmental medical care at a private and welcoming community location. This safe space is accessible to victims/survivors without needing to involve hospitals or make a report.

Advocates are available 24/7 and are happy to be with victims/survivors every step of the way even after the medical exam. Culturally supportive advocates who specialize in Indigenous ways of knowing and healing can be there too. Accessing this safe exam location and using the care of the advocates and nurses who work there is always free of charge to the victim/survivor. We are here to empower victims/survivors by explaining options and providing resources to begin the journey of healing.

The new, non-hospital exam space is located in Rice Lake, WI at St. Croix Valley SART. The address is 12 West Marshall Street, Suite 204. Embrace and Community Referral Agency (CRA) are also located in the Marshall 12 building to provide seamless services. The exam is free for victims/survivors and no insurance information will be collected.

If you or a victim/survivor you know would like medical care after experiencing violence, call or text to talk with an advocate confidentially about your options at 715-532-6976.

NAMI of BC hosts Peer-to-Peer education class

NAMI of Barron County is offering a no-cost, 6 week PEER TO PEER EDUCATION CLASS focusing on mental health, wellness and recovery for adults experiencing a mental health challenge.

Topics include the relationship between mental health and physical health, developing goals and a personal visions statement, exploring benefits and challenges of mental health diagnoses, improving communication skills, building a network of support and discovering tools to enhance your recovery.

Class Starts Thursday, May 6, 2021 10:00 am - 12:00 at Grace Episcopal Church, 119 W. Humbird Street Rice Lake.

Register by May 3rd For info call Lee at 608-346-2938 or namibarroncounty@gmail.com

NAMI of Barron County is a Rice Lake United Way community partner



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WisDNR: Fire Danger Very High Across Wisconsin

Stay Vigilant; Avoid Burning

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced fire danger is very high and high across the state. Be aware of rapidly changing fire conditions.

Areas with VERY HIGH danger today include Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Jackson, Juneau, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Menominee, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, St. Croix, Taylor, Trempealeau, Washburn, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood counties.

Areas with HIGH fire danger include Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, Vilas, Walworth, Washington and Waukesha counties.

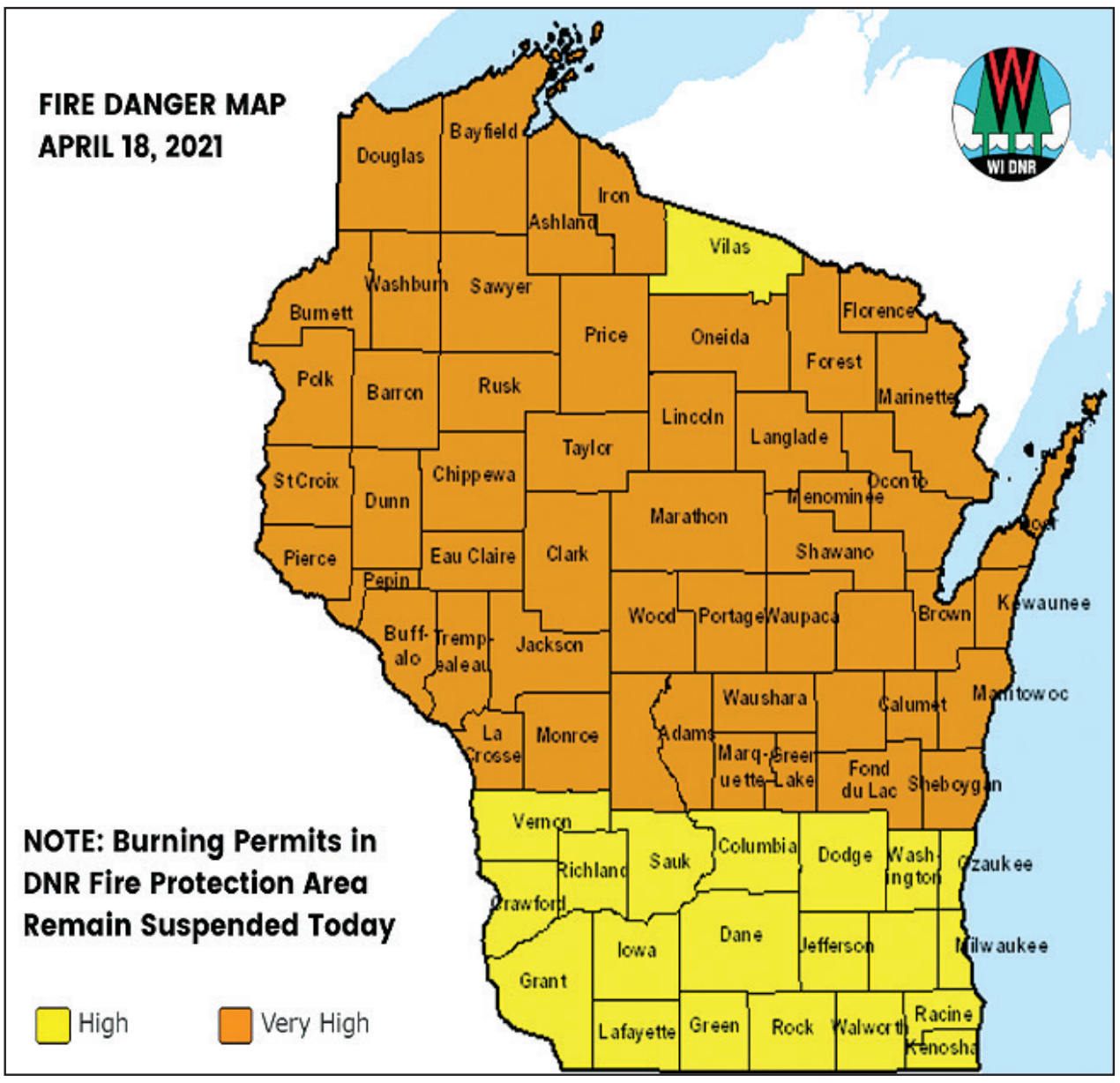
It's been a busy wildfire season in Wisconsin so far. During the first week of April alone, 161 wildfires burned more than 1,000 acres; 19 buildings were destroyed and another 179 were threatened by the flames but saved with fire suppression efforts.

The main fire causes have been debris burning and equipment, accounting for more than half of the fires. However, the two largest fires so far this spring in Juneau and Waukesha counties ignited along railroads.

Recent rain had given the state a bit of a reprieve, but the dead grass, leaves and pine needles will dry out and be ready to ignite once again.

April is the busiest month for wildfires in our state. Stay vigilant with any outdoor flames, smoke, campfires, ash disposal or equipment use. Put off burning your debris pile until the vegetation "greens up," or becomes less dry after spring rains.

Visit the DNR website to check daily fire danger, wildfire reports and burning restrictions.



WIDOR: Earned Income Credit Recipients Trade Delays for Larger Tax Refunds

Individuals who submit the Wisconsin earned income credit (EIC) on their 2020 state income tax return submission can expect refund delays, yet possibly larger refunds. These delays are good news for taxpayers who may get a larger credit than expected due to an adjustment in how the credit is calculated on federal and state taxes.

To help offset losses many people experienced from missed income in 2020 due to the pandemic, the IRS and Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) are basing EIC on the greater of the taxpayer's 2019 and 2020 incomes. This tax law change was adopted as a result of the Wisconsin legislature passing, and Governor Evers signing, certain tax law provisions in the federal Consolidated Appropriations Act.

The tax law change occurred in February, when many taxpayers had already filed their tax returns, so the WI DOR embarked on a project to adjust the tax returns for tax payers who would have benefited from applying the 2019 income amounts, without requiring the taxpayer to re-file or amend their returns. DOR will automatically make these adjustments to make it easier for taxpayers who rely on their EIC. If you have already filed your Earned Income Credit claim, you do not need to amend to receive the adjustment the law change provides.

"We are pleased to be able to assist families with streamlining their tax return process and maximize the income tax return at a time when families need it the most," said DOR Secretary Peter Barca. "We hope families will understand the slight delays are worth the wait of a larger return as our staff ensures they obtain the best return possible. And the extra money could not have come at a better time as families are counting every dollar while we continue to beat this pandemic and move forward to brighter days ahead."

While the added layer of review for EIC returns may increase the time necessary to get refunds in the hands of these taxpayers, its result is more money in their pockets helping struggling households when they need it most.

Getting refunds in the hands of taxpayers as soon as possible is a top priority for DOR. Electronic submission of an individual income tax return is by far the fastest, most secure and accurate means of filing and expediting refunds. But the department also stresses that in some cases returns may take up to 12 weeks to process due to ID verification and other security or quality assurance measures.

Taxpayers wishing to track their tax refund status may do so on the Where's My Refund page of DOR's website or by downloading the WI Revenue app.





Workers from "Resco" a hazardous materials response team based out of Eau Claire clean up spilled diesel fuel from the semi roll over accident on 22nd Avenue Tuesday morning April 20th. Appoximatley 70 to 80 gallons of fuel spilled into the swampy area making clean up challenging. DNR officials will visit the site at a later date to inspect the area.

DANCING BIRD...

doesn't allow wheelchair access. The work on the storefront will cost about $13,000, but the Hopkins-Hiles plan to use only $6,000 for the storefront work, with the other $4,000 going to develop an e-commerce site for selling the art items displayed in the Dancing Bird.

Both Jeff and Chris are former art teachers in the Cumberland schools. In addition to producing art, they have been involved in community theater as actors and directors, and Jeff is a musician who has played in many bands, including Paisan & the Family Brass.

They are big supporters of downtown, which is why they bought a building to house their business, which they previously operated out of their home.

They share that home with a cockatoo who is still dancing after all the years since they bought him at that pet store in 1981. But, as you can tell if you look at the sign Jeff designed for the front of the store, the artist-storeowner decided a crow was a more appropriate feathered symbol than a bird of the tropics in this Northwoods town.

Which raises this musical question: Do crows dance?

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