



News from City Hall

by Mayor Dan Shoemaker

I am overdue updating the City's activities. It would be much easier if I could simply list the accomplishments of the City Council. But, that would be an incomplete description of City work. Much of what we do involves process improvement or long term objectives. This does not lend itself to a succinct listing of milestone attainment.

Improved financial management was a major objective of the City in 2022. Adopting the Barron County budget calendar as our model, we implemented a longer period for budget preparation. Early Fall, we collected budget requests from the various departments and City entities. There were department meetings, public meetings and a public hearing prior to approval of the budget. Not surprisingly, the challenge was dealing with strong inflationary pressures (e.g. compensation, healthcare, fuel, etc), maintaining City services and minimizing tax impacts. Budget preparation, while often painful, provided increased understanding, of how City (meaning Taxpayer) dollars are spent. It also reinforced the opinion that our only option for significant tax relief is expansion of the tax base.

TID 9 development remains a priority. As a reminder, the Tax Incremental District (TID) uses extra tax money generated from development within the district to pay for the infrastructure (roads, water, sewer, etc.) within the district. The status of TID 9 is much

improved over a year ago.

□ Working with the DNR, engineers (CBS Squared), and builders (C&M, J&A) we have redrawn the map. This resolved serious DNR concerns, optimized the cost/benefit ratio of infrastructure costs and removed encroachment on power line easements.

□ The City and Ehlers Inc. (our public finance advisor) created financial models for improved management of the TID. The City can quickly assess the impact of development costs vs. incremental tax benefits. While success will be influenced by the housing market, the City now controls what is controllable.

□ DNR Wetland permitting is now completed for the remainder of twin homes on Carlone Street.

□ The first two (two units each) twin homes are completed. We anticipate additional construction in 2023.

□ Construction of a 14-unit apartment is nearing completion.

□ TID 9 boundaries were adjusted. This was done to direct additional tax revenue into the TID.... again lessening the risk to taxpayers.

The City has acknowledged the need for a comprehensive financial plan for the past 2-3 years. Working with Ehlers, we are constructing the required financial tools - aiming for availability by June. Large capital expense commitments are delayed until

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Parking Complaint Near Cumberland Leads to Large Underage Drinking Party

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, at 11:02 p.m., the Barron County Sheriff's Department received a parking complaint on 26th Ave north of Cumberland. Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department responded to the area and located a large party at a residence.

As a result of the investigation 34 people, ages 17-20, were cited and referred to Prime for Life Class for underage drinking, 3 people were cited for underage drinking second offence and 1 person was cited for hosting/permitting underage alcohol.

With prom and graduation season coming up, this is a good reminder to talk to your kids about the dangers of alcohol. While no serious

injuries took place, an ambulance was called to this scene for a couple cases of mild hypothermia from people that fled from the scene but later returned. We have seen cases like this end in tragedy. Please do your part in keeping our kids safe. Talk to them about the dangerous of drugs and alcohol, if you hear something report it and never provide alcohol anyone under the age of 21. Together we can keep our kids safe.

This investigation remains ongoing as to the origin of the alcohol. Citations will be issued if the investigation reveals a source.

Remember Parents and Those Who Host Lost the Most.

Per Chris Fitzgerald, Barron County Sheriff

Two Running For One Seat On Cumberland School Board; Election April 4



Michael Furseth

1. Tell us about yourself and your involvement in the School District.

My daughter is in 6th grade in Cumberland and my son is in 4th grade. I have lived here with my wife, Linette, since 2009, when we relocated here from Southeast Wisconsin. I have always been passionate about education and, in the past, served on the school board for the local public charter school (Island City Academy) for 3 years. I have worked at Ardisam since 2009 and have been President and CEO since the end of 2014. My wife and I both help with youth sports, but I am most passionate about academics. It is important to me that Ardisam does its part to support the Cumberland Schools and the students. It is important that local industry and schools work together to introduce career paths and opportunities for students to consider in their futures.

2. What made you decide to run for the school board at this time?

The school board has a big job ahead. Three school administrators have retired already this year and we need suitable replacements.

I have the passion, experience, and knowledge to help lead the recruiting effort to replace the retiring administrators. We need to make sure we get the correct people from inside and outside the school involved in the recruiting effort and that we have a robust process for evaluating candidates. We need open discussion and healthy debate. I'm concerned that if those outside the school are not involved in recruiting, potential candidates will not be properly evaluated.

In addition, I believe the primary purpose of Cumberland Schools is to educate our children and academics should be the number one goal of our school and our school board members. The best available metric to evaluate a school's educational performance is standardized test scores. Unfortunately, the standardized test scores for Cumberland have slipped considerably in the last decade and are now well below average for the state. I believe we can do better and turn around this trend by having open discussions on the topic of academic performance at school board meetings. The Cumberland School Board must hold the administration accountable for finding ways to improve academic performance. Currently, declining test scores are never discussed at school board meetings. The issue is simply dismissed as untrue even though the standardized scores are published on the Department of Public Instruction website.

3. A referendum is coming

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Adam Skinner

1. Tell us about yourself and your involvement in the School District.

I grew up in Cumberland, graduated from CHS, and now feel fortunate to be back living in this community with my wife and two daughters, who are in 4th and 6th grade. I am a Vice President and Senior Lender at Cumberland Federal Bank, and I have enjoyed supporting this District and the Cumberland community in many ways over the past 18 years. I am a member of the Knights of Columbus, have enjoyed serving on the Educational Foundation Board, Boy Scout Troop 24 Executive Committee, and on the Barron County Economic Development Board. I have been an elected member of the Cumberland School Board for the last six years. Having parents who were both teachers, as is my wife now, I have been around education my entire life. I know the challenges, as well as how education has changed, and I feel honored to help make Cumberland School District a point of pride in our community.

2. What made you decide to run for the school board at this time?

I would like to continue working with our excellent administration and employees, parents, students, and the community to achieve many of the goals we have set before us.

-I am committed to having not just a building, but an attractive, safe, and sound high school facility that provides ample opportunities for community involvement and students and staff to thrive.

-Our community/businesses have invested significant time, resources, and equipment to giving students career avenues in our own community, and I believe it is important to enhance opportunities such as youth apprenticeship programs, networking, internships, mentorships, and hands-on learning to maximize what our own community can offer our students.

-Cumberland School District was recently voted as a finalist for "Best Places to Work in Barron County." With today's challenges, I understand how important this is when looking to recruit, retain, and attract quality talent. I am very proud of this designation and am dedicated to maintaining it. We need to continue keeping the very best teachers in front of our children that our District can provide.

-Children learn at varying levels. When evaluating children's individual learning abilities, test scores are not the only metric to consider. We need to continue offering curriculums and programs that give teachers flexibility to meet the needs

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Food Pantry Donation!



On Saturday, March 18, 2023, A Shamrock & Roll Pub Crawl was held to raise money for the Cumberland Food Pantry. A total of \$1,515.00 was raised and donated to the Cumberland Food Pantry. Pictured from left to right are Kris Zappa, Jeff Streeter, representing the Cumberland Food Pantry and Jasmine Newhouse.

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Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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Library Happenings

by Rob Ankarlo, Director
Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library has started a new Spanish Conversation Group. It meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month. Join us and make new friends.

We are ready (and waiting) for spring! Our Seed Sharing program starts Monday, April 3. Help yourself to up to 10 seed packets. Save your seeds and share with your neighbors.

Craftroom Club will meet April 12 with special guest, local artist Virginia Streitz. She will be teaching the fundamentals of watercolor painting. Participation is limited – registration required.

Celebrate National Poetry Month by listening to local community members read their favorite poems on Wednesday, April 12 at 6 pm for Poetry & Sur-PRIZES!

Let us know if you would like to read a poem or just listen and enjoy the evening. All attendees will be eligible for prize drawings.

Lunch & Learn presents science author Scott Spoolman on Wednesday, April 19 from noon to 1 pm. Scott will sample a few of the stories from his new book *Wisconsin Waters: the Ancient History of Lakes, Rivers, and Waterfalls*. He will return to the library at 5 pm for a Meet & Greet.

Join Inga Witscher, dairy farmer, cheese maker, and host of the PBS Television show, *Around the Farm Table* for a cooking demonstration featuring her favorite spring ingredients on Saturday, April 29 at 10:30 am.

The library will CLOSE Friday, March 31 at 3 pm and Saturday, April 1 for roof and insulation repairs.

Happy Spring!

Re-Elected!



Bill Effertz of Cumberland was re-elected to District 8 on Barron Electric's Board of Directors.

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Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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Cumberland, WI 54829

Ruby's Pantry

Saturday, April 1

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

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

NEW PRICE! Donation \$25

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

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

SCHOOL LUNCH

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

Thursday, March 30
Chicken Patty, whole grain bun, fries, baked beans. MS/HS: Pizza sticks.

Friday, March 31
Pizza dippers w/red sauce, broccoli, coleslaw. MS/HS: Garlic cheese bread.

Monday, April 3
BBQ chicken, whole grain bun, fries, carrots. MS/HS: 3 meat calzone.

Tuesday, April 4
Cheese quesadillas, brown rice, corn, Mandarin oranges.
MS/HS: BBQ chicken w/chips.

Wednesday, April 5
Easter dinner: ham, cheesy potatoes, breadsticks, broccoli, dessert.
MS/HS: Chicken nuggets.

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Auditions for "Little Women"

ETC presents "Little Women" June 2-3-4 & June 8-9-10-11. This heartwarming story is directed by Emilie Springsteen and Hannah Paul.

AUDITIONS at the ETC Theater
APRIL 3-4 from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.

We're looking for middle thru high school aged young people as well as some adults. This is a play directed by Emilee Springsteen and Hannah Paul, graduates of the ETC children's play program! Emilie has a degree in theater from UW-Madison. For more information contact: emiliespringsteen@gmail.com

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

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

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 30
• 6:00-7:00 am CCE:TRX • 6:30-7:30 am Pickle Ball • 7:40-8:10 am 4K BASE meeting • 12:30-2:00 pm Cody Kargus speaking to 6th grade (Guidance Room) • 3:30-5:45 pm CHS Track practice • 3:30-5:45 CHS Baseball practice • 3:30-6 pm CHS Softball practice • 7-9 pm CHS School Play •

Friday, March 31
• 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 2-7 pm CHS Varsity Baseball Tournament at Amherst • 4-8 pm CHS Track at UW Minnesota • 7-9 pm CHS School Play •

Saturday, April 1
• CHS Softball Varsity at Amherst time TBD • CHS Baseball at Amherst • 7 am-6 pm Youth Volleyball Tournament • 1-3 pm Pickle Ball • 7-9 CHS School Play •

Sunday, April 2
• 2-4 pm CHS School Play • 3-5 pm GBB OTI

Monday, April 3
• 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 3:30-4:30 pm MS Wrestling Pizza Party & Equipment Turn-in • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 4:30-7:30 CHS JV Baseball at Amery • 6:30-8 pm CYVA Meeting •

Tuesday, April 4
• 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 8-9 am FMT Weekly meeting • 4-7 pm CHS Track at Spooner • 4-8 pm CHS Boys Golf at Chetek • 4:30-7:30 CHS JV & V Baseball at Amery • 5-7:30 pm CHS Softball V & JV home vs Unity • 5-7:30 pm CHS Soccer home vs EC North • 8-10:30 pm CCE: Volleyball Adult Co-Ed •

Wednesday, April 5
• 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickle Ball • 5-6 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 CCE: Pickle Ball •

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

Tabata & Barre Fitness:

taught by NETA certified fitness instructor, Tirzah Zipperer
5:30-6:15 pm • Cumberland Middle School
Cost: \$7 for walk-ins-\$20 for 3 classes or \$40 for all 6 classes.
Location: Cumberland Middle School

Tabata-style workouts are comprised of 20 seconds of all-out effort followed by 10 seconds of recovery. Each Tabata consists of 4 exercises repeated twice lasting 4 minutes with a minute in between each Tabata.

Monday's: March 27 & April 3 - Tabata Sessions

Barre-style workouts are total body sculpting exercises that incorporate techniques inspired by elements of ballet, yoga and Pilates. Please bring Yoga mat, light weights (3-5 lbs), a yoga mat & a water bottle.

Wednesday's: March 29 & April 5 - Beyond Barre sessions.

COMING SOON!!

COUNTRY LINE DANCING

For Beginners and Those With Experience...

"If you can walk, you can dance - so come join us!"
Our instructors are back! Rich & LeeAnn Borseth, who are well-known in the area for their line-dancing expertise!

Classes will begin on...
Thursday, April 6 thru Thursday, May 11, 2023
6:00-7:00 p.m. • Cumberland High School Gym
Cost: 6 weeks for \$40.00

Different dance steps will be presented each Thursday. If there is a song out there, there is a line dance for it!
Come as a single or as a couple...

- It's fun • Great source of exercise • Great for memory and your heart • Great for balance • Overall total body wellness!
- MUST PRE-REGISTER -

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



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City Business Leaders Gather to Discuss Housing Shortage by Mayor Dan Shoemaker

On March 22, the Cumberland Economic Development Committee hosted The Cumberland Housing Conference to discuss the need for more housing in Cumberland. The objectives for the meeting included a City update on development preparations, builder updates on near-term housing availability, employer feedback on housing needs, and a discussion of factors affecting the timing and housing types.

The attendees included major area employers such as 3M, Ardisam, LeJeune Steel Company, Seneca Foods, Cumberland Healthcare, Nilssen's, Louie's Finer Meats, City of Cumberland representatives, builders, local bankers, and realtors. All attendees shared a common interest in increasing housing availability in Cumberland.

The lack of housing presents several challenges for employers, forcing employees to move to surrounding cities and townships. Current residents, such as seniors and empty-nesters, have few options to downsize due to limited housing availability in Cumberland.

Michael Cifaldi, a City Council and Cumberland Economic Development member, presented the City's role in addressing the housing shortage. The City has made significant

progress in responding efficiently to housing demands, including coordinating with the DNR to minimize wetland concerns and optimizing the design to reduce infrastructure costs. The City has also established needed third-party relationships and implemented financial controls to balance the benefits of incremental taxes versus financing costs. This positions the City to respond quickly to builders' opportunities while expanding the tax base.

Jonathan Kauffman from J&A Northwest Construction presented the status and plans for apartment construction. The first of three 14-unit structures will be available for occupancy this summer. Work is anticipated to start on the next one or both additional buildings by fall.

Cody Filipczak from C&M Home Builders provided the status of twin home development within TID 9, with the first two (two-unit) homes completed and three units currently available. He is prepared to build ten additional units on Carlone in response to market demand. Mr. Filipczak provided insight into the housing market, stating that the market for twin homes is strong and offers a needed housing type to transition to single-family homes in Cumberland.

Autumn Schwarz, 3M Plant Manager and Cumberland Economic Development member, led the roundtable discussion. The discussion covered anticipated housing needs, including employer headcount growth, timing, and demographics. The lack of housing was observed to be in all price points and highlighted the need for medium to high-end rentals to create movement in the market, resulting in lower-cost rental availability. Housing affordability in the \$200,000 range was desired but challenging to balance with the increased cost of building materials for new construction. There was also a strong desire for downsizing options, including single-level senior housing.

The input from the discussion will influence builders' decisions on new construction types and timing. Community members are encouraged to contact builders if they are interested in new construction. The City is excited to invest further in infrastructure as builders commit to new construction.

Joshua Johnson (CEO Don Johnson Auto Group)

Autumn Schwarz (3M Plant Sr Manager)

Dan Shoemaker (Cumberland Mayor)

The Island City; April in 1902 by Mark R. Fuller

The first Advocate of April in 1902 found the City going through some similar events as the paper of this week offers, although Easter had been celebrated just a few days earlier on March 30.

Cumberland Churches had offered numerous opportunities to prepare for Easter leading up to the date. The Congregational Church had presented the Cantata, "The Galilean" in front of a large crowd. The paper would say of the performance, "It was, without exception, the finest thing of the kind that the lovers of music and reading have ever listened to from home talent." Readers include Mr. W. N. Fuller, while solos and duets were performed by Ellen Hagborg, Maud Doolittle, and Pearl Schultz among others.

Ladies were able to purchase their Easter hat at Hines Mercantile or Company store, while those who simply wished to have a previously owned hat remodeled,

could have Miss Peterson, the Company Store trimmer, do the work for you.

The front page of the April 3 Advocate, covered the City elections of two days earlier. Only 250 residents participated with S. H. Waterman receiving unanimous support for Mayor. F.W. Miller, meanwhile, was re-elected Treasurer by a margin of 73 votes.

Among Waterman and the Council's first duties was to set the salary of the City Marshall at \$45 a month and the City attorney's salary at \$75 for the year. C. E. Foote was chosen President of the Council.

The paper saw people looking for work or seeking employees. S. Palmer advertised brick and stone masonry work, offering estimates on all jobs with satisfaction guaranteed. Mrs. S.W. Hines, meanwhile, advertised for a good cook, who could wash and iron. She said she would pay, "Good wages, for a neat

willng girl."

The paper's advertisements also offered opportunities to purchase land in and around the 25-year old city.

For \$900, one could purchase a 40-acres a mile from town. The log house and barn were part of the sale, with 30 acres under cultivation. For \$3300, one could buy 120 acres all fenced in, a frame house, a barn, and good well, 2 1/2 miles from town.

Finally, the paper covered the move of one of its early settlers, as Robert Collingwood and family was heading to their new home in Idaho. A reception was held for about fifty people to say goodbye.

The Advocate would say of their departure, "Just why these people should leave the best country under the sun and make a new home in the west, we are at a loss to know." Especially, when another spring and summer were just around the corner, just like they are today.

Barron County Public Health to Hold Women's Product Drive

Barron County Public Health is holding a Period Product Drive in the month of April. Donations of pads, tampons, or menstrual cups may be dropped off at the Rice Lake Public Library and the Barron County Government Center inside the main entrances. Faculty and students of Northwood Technical College can also drop off donations to the Northwood Technical College student health office.

Products used for periods, things like pads, tampons, and menstrual cups, are not frequently donated but something many people use each month. One in five women report not being able to afford these needed supplies each month. This can cause them to not change tampons as often as recommended increasing the risk for Toxic Shock Syndrome. This syndrome is a rare but very serious bacterial infection,

which requires medical attention to treat and can cause death.

Government programs like Food Share and WIC do not pay for period products. Donations will be distributed to area schools and food pantries. For questions about Toxic Shock Syndrome or this product drive contact Barron County Public Health at 715-537-5691, extension 6442 or health@co.barron.wi.us.

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Barron County Circuit Court Traffic Court

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Complaints

Camren S. Sorensen, 29, of Ladysmith, has been charged possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for May 3, 2023.

Criminal Complaints

Cory D. Robinson, 38, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse, criminal damage to property and resisting or obstructing an officer. His initial appearance is scheduled for March 29, 2023.

Benjamin C. Johnson, 39, of Beldenville, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. His court hearing is scheduled for May 3, 2023.

Elizabeth M. Mandelin, 46, of Amery, has been charged with possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court hearing is scheduled for June 16, 2023.

Ethan M. Farrar, 19, no address, has been charged with battery to emergency medical care providers, resisting or obstructing an officer, operate firearm while intoxicated and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for March 24, 2023.

Travis S. Thompson, 43, of Star Prairie, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for March 24, 2023.

Tiana R. Oswald, 30, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse, disorderly conduct, possession of methamphetamine, possession of

THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 12, 2023.

Travis S. Thompson, 43, of Star Prairie, has been charged with extradition-arrest with warrant. His extradition hearing was scheduled for March 24, 2023.

Shawn M. Blair, 45, of New Richmond, has been charged with possession with intent amphetamine/methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 29, 2023.

Joshua J. Ford, 35, no address, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 31, 2023.

Ethan M. Farrar, 19, of Rice Lake, has been charged with battery to emergency medical care providers, obstructing an officer, possession of a firearm while intoxicated, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on March 16, 2023, at approximately 10:57 pm, he was on duty when he was dispatched to a residence in Rice Lake, in reference to a suicidal subject. Barron County Dispatch advised they received an anonymous call from a female stating that her friend, who she identified as Farrar, had a gun and was home alone. The female caller stated Farrar told her that he was going to shoot himself and her, and was making threats to harm friends. The female caller further stated she had facetime'd with Farrar and saw him with a gun in his hand.

The deputy reports that he, along with two other deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department were en route to the residence when dispatch advised that Farrar was involved in a vehicle crash on U.S. Highway 53, near mile marker 141, in Barron County. The Rice Lake Police Department was mutual aided to respond to the vehicle crash due to the proximity of the Rice Lake Police Department to the reported location of the crash compared to responding Barron County Sheriff's Department deputies.

A sergeant, with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on March 26, 2023, at approximately 11:12 pm, he was on duty when dispatch requested mutual aid for a vehicle that had crashed in the ditch in the southbound lane of U.S. Highway 53, near mile marker 141. Dispatch advised that a male, subject, called to report he had the driver of the vehicle that had crashed inside of his truck. The male stated he was waiting for law enforcement on the shoulder of the road. Dispatch indicated a second male could be heard in the background crying and saying his girlfriend cheated on him and he was going to jail because he had been drinking.

The sergeant reports he was made aware that the male who had crashed was suspected of being the male who Barron County Sheriff's Department deputies were responding to in reference to the 911 call from the

anonymous female reporting that Farrar had threatened to shoot himself and others, and had shown the female on facetime a loaded handgun. Dispatch identified Farrar as the defendant.

The sergeant reports that he and an officer with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, responded to the location of the reported crash. While en route, dispatch advised they heard Farrar mention he had something in his pocket.

Upon arrival at the crash scene, the sergeant reports he requested dispatch to ask the 911 caller to remove the keys and exit his truck. The male did so and walked back to where the officer was positioned at his patrol squad.

The sergeant reports he gave Farrar commands to reach out of the window of the male's truck, and open the door. Farrar began yelling at the officer. The sergeant reports Farrar reached out of the vehicle and opened the door after approximately two minutes of repeated commands by the officer and sergeant to exit the vehicle. Farrar was instructed to walk backwards to the officer while facing away from him. Farrar turned around and faced both officers when he was told to stop and interlace his fingers on the top of his head. The sergeant reports that he and the officer repeatedly told Farr to turn around and face away from them. Farrar refused and said, "Just shoot me."

The sergeant reports he asked the officer to lethal coverage. The sergeant reports he then transitioned from his department issued rifle to retrieving his taser. The sergeant activated the laser on the taser and pointed it towards Farrar. The sergeant reports that he and the officer began approaching Farrar giving him commands to place his hands on the top of his head. The sergeant reports Farrar got on both knees and placed his hands on the ground while they were approaching him. As they got nearer to Farrar, the sergeant reports Farrar lifted his hands off the ground, moving his right hand up to his head and keeping his left hand around his waist.

The sergeant reports he successfully deployed his taser at this time. Farrar fell forward onto the ground and was taken into custody.

The sergeant reports that, when the 911 caller returned to his truck, he advised he had located a marijuana smoking device that Farrar had placed in his truck. In the caller's written statement that he later completed, he describes how, when police arrived, Farrar tried to give him what Farrar called a pipe and told him to keep it because Farrar had no use for it. Photographs were taken of the marijuana pipe which field tested positive for the presence of THC.

The deputy reports that he, along with the two deputies, arrived on scene, on March 16, 2023, at approximately 11:32 pm. The deputy reports he made contact with Farrar, who was seated in the backseat of the officer's patrol squad. The deputy reports he could smell a strong odor of intoxicants coming from Farrar's breath as he was speaking with Farrar. The deputy reports Farrar's demeanor and behavior was

erratic and emotional. Farrar was uncooperative and at one point began slamming his head into the partition of the patrol squad.

The deputy reports she checked on the vehicle in the ditch. The deputy reports she ran the vehicle's registration and received return information that the registered owner of the vehicle is G.J.F. The deputy reports she observed a dog in the vehicle and what appeared to be a gun in between the driver's seat and center console. The owner of the dog was identified and requested the dog to be taken to Happy Tales, as the owner was out of state.

The deputy reports that deputies removed the dog from the vehicle without incident and placed it into the deputy's patrol squad. The deputy then retrieved the pistol she observed. The deputy reports there was a loaded magazine inside the pistol, and one round in the chamber.

The deputy reports she also assisted in the removal of the dog from the vehicle. The deputy reports there was an open liquor whiskey bottle on the driver side floorboard. The liquor bottle was missing a bottle cap.

The deputy reports that EMS responded. Farrar was removed from the back seat of the officer's patrol squad and escorted to the ambulance. The deputy reports he assisted EMS staff in escorting Farrar from the patrol squad to the ambulance. The deputy reports he smelled the odor of intoxicants coming from Farrar's person while escorting him to the ambulance.

The deputy reports Farrar continued to be very argumentive with EMS staff and him when Farrar was placed on a cot in the ambulance. The deputy reports EMS staff advised that, due to Farrar being in a vehicle crash as well as making potentially self-harming statements, they would be transporting him to the emergency room for further evaluation.

The deputy reports that, due to Farrar's combative nature, he rode in the back of the ambulance for the safety of EMS staff. The deputy reports that, while en route to the hospital, Farrar began thrashing multiple times and was able to jar loose from the shoulder restraint harness. The deputy and one of the EMS staff took measures to restrain Farrar. The deputy reports that, while they were restraining Farrar, he was able to free his leg and kicked a EMS staff attending to Farrar in the ambulance in the face.

The deputy reports she spoke with the EMS staff member at a medical center. The staff member stated Farrar intentionally kicked her in the face. She also stated she experienced pain when Farrar kicked her in the face.

The deputy reports that the 911 caller completed a written statement describing coming upon the car in the ditch. The caller stated a young man, Farrar, came running out in the middle of the highway and asked to sit in the caller's vehicle to keep warm. The caller stated Farrar told him he had been dumped by his girlfriend, went out drinking, and then went into the ditch.

If convicted for battery to emergency medical care providers, Farrar may be

ined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than six years or both. For obstructing an officer, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than nine months or both. For possession of a firearm while intoxicated, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or im-

prisoned not more than nine months or both. For possession of drug paraphernalia, he may be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than 30 days or both.

His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for March 24, 2023.

False Threats made at Multiple Schools

On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at approximately 9:04 am, Barron County Emergency 911 received a call reporting an active shooter at the Rice Lake Middle School. Multiple Officers from several jurisdictions responded to the call. The Rice Lake Middle School went into lockdown per their protocol. The building was extensively searched and no threat or injured people were located. This call was what is commonly known as a "swatting" call causing emergency services to respond to a false threat. The false report will be investigated, and the FBI has been made aware of the call. The Rice Lake Police Department would like to thank all the agencies that responded to assist.

The Spooner High School received a phone call from local law enforcement who received a phone call in regards to a possible active shooter in our school. We took immediate action when contacted by local law enforcement, and staff and law enforcement conducted an investigation at all buildings. Law enforce-

ment officials determined there was no active threat to student safety. Everyone is safe.

This situation, known as swatting, has affected many school districts across the country today. There have been numerous reports of dispatch centers receiving internet-based phone calls with these threats directed at schools, which are unsubstantiated. Ours was one of the school districts affected.

While this threat has been determined to be a hoax, we understand the anxiety a situation like this can cause for our families, students, staff, and community. Please know that our top priority is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. We take any and all reports of potential threats seriously, and we are making every effort to maintain an environment where students and staff feel safe.

We would like to continue to encourage our students and school community to report anything that could constitute a threat to school safety. As always, we work closely with local law enforcement to assist in these situations.

Multiple Criminal Charges against Cameron Man After Reports of Stolen Vehicle and Burglary

According to the criminal complaint filed, on July 21, 2022, Devon Bernstein, of Cameron, stole two vehicles from a residence in Rice Lake. Law enforcement officer were able to retrieve security footage that captured Bernstein driving one of the vehicles, with another individual driving the other vehicle away. On July 25, 2022, the vehicle Bernstein was driving was located parked in Cumberland.

The criminal complaint goes on to say that Bernstein had sold the vehicle to an individual for \$345 cash, payment for a hotel room for Bernstein in Stillwater, MN., and forgiveness of a \$1,500 debt that Bernstein owed the person. Bernstein told the individual that bought the vehicle, that he was leaving for Missouri. On August 9, 2022, the other vehicle was located in Stillwater, MN., where it had been parked at a McDonald's since July 25, 2022.

In a second criminal complaint filed, it states that Bernstein stole a motocross bike, miter saw, two chainsaws, and AR15 style firearm, and other property as well as causing criminal damage to various properties including a tractor and a residence.

Bernstein was charged with two counts of Class H Felony Take and Drive vehicle without consent, two counts of Class H Felony Theft-movable property, two counts of Class F Felony Burglary-building or dwelling, two counts of Class G Felony Possess Firearm-Convicted of out of state felony.

sess Firearm-Convicted of out of State Felony, two counts of misdemeanor theft-movable property, misdemeanor criminal damage to property, and misdemeanor attempt criminal damage to property.

On March 21, 2023, Bernstein appeared for a court hearing in Barron County Circuit Court. Online court records show that Bernstein entered pleas of guilty at a hearing held in December 2022, to a charge of Class F Felony Burglary-building or dwelling and one charge of Class G Felony Possess Firearm-Convicted of out of state felony. The Honorable James Babler ordered Bernstein to serve a six year sentence on his convictions for Class F Felony Burglary-building or dwelling, with three years of initial confinement in state prison followed by three years of extended supervision. Bernstein also received a four year sentence for his conviction of Class G Felony Possess Firearm-Convicted of out of State Felony, with two years of initial confinement followed by two years of extended supervision.

An active arrest warrant is pending against Bernstein in Chippewa County Circuit Court. Records show that Bernstein appeared in Washburn County Circuit Court on March 6, 2023, regarding his charges there, by video while in custody in Barron County Jail. Bernstein is scheduled to appear again in April in Washburn County.

Rusk County Deputy Injured and Flown by Helicopter while Attempting to take a Subject into Custody

On March 22, 2023, at approximately 3:30 pm, the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the Rusk County Sheriff's Office with trying to make contact, and take into custody, a male subject for a mental health commitment.

Around 3:30 pm, Rusk County Deputies made contact with the subject at a residence on Broken Arrow Road in Rusk County.

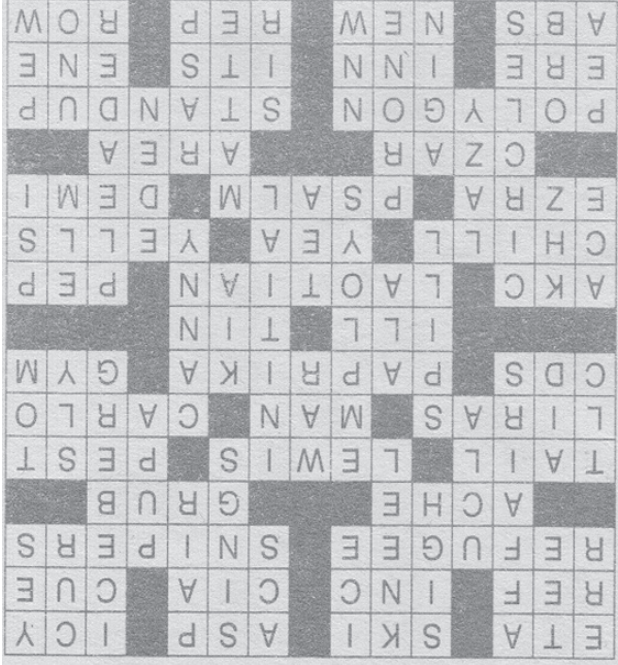
While trying to take the subject into custody, an incident occurred that caused one of the deputies to fall from an elevated position, hitting his head and knocking him un-

conscious. He was transported by helicopter to a hospital in Eau Claire.

The subject was taken into custody and transported to the Rusk County Jail and later turned over to the Chippewa County Sheriff's Department.

Ladysmith Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Rusk County Ambulance, Sheldon Fire Department and Life Link III Helicopter all assisted with the incident.

According to Sheriff Wallace, the deputy was released later that night and returned safely home.



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Sports

Track Team Opens at River Falls Indoor Meet

The Cumberland Track Team opened up their 2023 spring season by heading to River Falls last Friday night, where they participated in the UWRF Indoor Meet. The team continues their early season action by participating in another Indoor Meet at the University of Minnesota this Friday, beginning at 4:00 pm.

A large contingent of teams joined the Cumberland squad for the early season opener. Cumberland had several fine performances, headed by a second-place finish by Junior Andie Otto in the long jump, where her leap of 15-04 took the runner-up spot behind Webster’s talented Ava Washburn, who took first with a jump of 17-07. Otto’s excellent opener also included a third in the 60 Meter Hurdles with a time of 10.51. Megan Liebers of Farmington, Minnesota, won the event with a time of 10.07.

Another fine opening night came from Beaver’s Sophomore Gavin Gores, who finished fourth in the high jump with a leap of 6-00 and ran on the 4x400 Meter Relay Team, which finished third. Webster’s

Dominick Ricci won the high jump with a leap of 6-02, while Gores and his teammates, Jacob Shradle, Josh Jain, and Nick Kasper, were 12 seconds behind Webster’s winning relay team. Gores busy evening also included a 14th place finish in the 200 Meter dash.

Cumberland sprinter Edward Chafer took seventh in the 400 with a run of 56.00 and eighth in the 200 with a 24.70, while Josh Swint took fifth in a six-man field in the 3200 with a time of 12.38. The Beaver’s Ben Kasper added an eighth in the 60 Meter Hurdles with a time of 10.86, while brother Nick Kasper was eighth in the long jump by going 18-02. Finally, Junior Ryker Allen threw the shot 39-01 to finish 10th in the field.

For the girl’s, Teagan Monson was eighth in the shot with a throw of 29-01, Carly McCreary took 16th in the 1600, by running 6:33, and Alexis Whitthoft tied for ninth in the High Jump with a bound of 4-02.

“It was a good start to our season and we’re looking to improve as we head to Minnesota this week,” said Head Coach Ryan O’Connell.

High School Softball Began with 1991 Season

As Softball opens up their season with games in Mauston this Friday, one only needs to look back 32 years to the sports inaugural season as a Cumberland sponsored WIAA sport, which began in the spring of 1991.

Max Beiersdorff served as the sports first Head Coach as the team opened practice in March with a 12-game schedule. Beiersdorff would say of the upcoming season, “It will be a learning experience, but we did play two games against the Spooner JV last spring as part of an intramural program, which should help us a little.”

After some early rainouts and a couple tough losses, Cumberland nabbed their first win in school history by defeating the Barron Bears

17-9. Sixteen base on balls helped the Cumberland offense, which was led by a three-hit night by Brenda Kastner and two more from Hope Johnson. Dana Brown took Cumberland’s first pitching victory.

Cumberland followed that up with a 7-2 win over Chetek, thanks to a four-hit pitching performance by Heather Warner and a strong defensive effort by catcher Staci Johnson.

The team would end their first season with a final record of 4 and 8. Carrie Warner was named to the All-Conference team, the first player to receive such an honor. She was also named the team’s MVP. Cumberland had added a sport which would continue to grow in popularity and numbers ever since.

Golf Team Opens Practice; Hopes for Better Weather

The Cumberland Golf Team, under new Head Coach Nick Johnson, opened up practice for the 2023 season on Monday, hoping that better weather comes quickly, before the first schedule match against St. Croix Falls on April 11.

Seven golfers joined Johnson, headed by Senior Leighton Stouffer, who has qualified for Sectional play as an underclassman. An-

other senior golfer, Dylan Capra, along with Junior Alex Effertz and Sophomore Harrison Ruppel, bring varsity experience to this year’s team.

The rest of the roster is made up of Derek Gideo, Brody Chartraw, and Shae Longtine. Northwestern and Hayward look to be HON favorites heading into the season.

Signing To Play College Ball!



Jax Effertz signed a letter of intent to play basketball for Rockford University next fall. Congratulations and good luck Jax. Pictured are from left stepmom Jennifer, dad Jake, sisters Addison and Haven, brother Alex and mom Heather.

Waiting To Hit The Field!



The girls are in good hands with lots of returners to this springs team. Pictured back row left to right are Lexi Peterson, Morgan Monchilovich, Camille Bohn, Madeline Monchilovich, Kylah Gosda and Orion Thompson. Front row left to right are Macy Beecroft, Madison Graf, Alora Garibaldi and Ivy Sweeny. Good luck girls!

Indoor Meet!



Cumberland runners got a chance to run indoors last Friday at River Falls. Cumberland runners Josie Capra, Alexis Witthoft and Courtney Lussier head down the track.

Sports Calendar Friday, March 31

Softball @ Woodside Complex, Mauston 2:00

Track @ U of M Fieldhouse 4:00

Saturday, April 1

Softball @ Woodside Complex, Mauston TBD

Tuesday, April 4

Track @ Spooner 4:00

JV Golf @ Chetek 4:00

Baseball @ Amery 4:30

Softball home vs Unity 5:00

Girls Soccer home vs E.C. North 5:00

Cancelations and rescheduled events are expected.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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04/02 Sun	3:11	9:22	3:33	9:44	06:48	07:34	4:03p	5:47a	11:12p	10:50a	*	
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

by Mark Walters

The Storm!

Hello friends,

This week I am writing to you about a weather event that I experienced with two, longtime friends Jeff Moll and Doug Cibulka while camping and ice fishing 2.8 miles from shore on Lake Superior near Ashland.

Every week before I go on my weekly trip, I watch the weather for the area that I am heading to and adjust to what I see, the weather event that we experienced was not forecasted.

Saturday, March 11th
High 32, low 22

Yesterday we arrived and my golden retrievers Ruby and Red are along. As usual we are staying in pop up Eskimo shacks, we sleep in cots and one of the life savers of this trip would be that we were all wearing rubber knee boots. We have one shack for sleeping and cooking, another for fishing and socializing and we traveled by using two snowmobiles.

Early this morning I turned on our radio and the weather report was that starting at 3:00 pm a storm would begin that would drop from 6-10 inches of snow and the winds would be from 25-35 mph. Something that I noticed was that by noon all other fishermen left the ice. Something that I thought about was that the wind would be out of the northeast, which meant blowing from open water, meaning lake affect snow.

At 3:00 the storm began, and it was forecast to last for 36 hours and it started with a vengeance that immediately caused massive snow drifts on the top end of our camp, which sunk the ice due to the holes we had drilled for fishing and the snow weight.

A constant job was shoveling out our tip ups as they would be covered with 3-feet of snow in a matter of 30 minutes. By dark we made an agreement and we did not want to do it, no one leaves the shack, visibility was near zero and the chance of finding a lost person was about the same odds.

Sunday, March 12th
High 27, low 22

The wind is almost unreal, it has been bumped up to a constant 30-40 mph. During the day today each of us tried maintaining our tip ups and it was physically exhausting due to the shoveling and trying to walk in knee to butt deep snow. Our camp/shacks have 8-inches of water on top of the ice, the dogs have to stay on top of the cots, if they get off, they get our beds wet when they get back on them.

We are jigging for perch and smelt and catching them, when we go outside the shack, we are soaked to the bone within a minute due to the driving snow reaching every part of your body.

The half-acre around our camp is just shy of knee deep in slush, so walking is now hitting a physical experience that is testing each one of us.

The storm was forecast to hit its peak at 3:00 pm which was 24 hours after it started. The wind was blowing so hard that within 30 minutes of shoveling out our shack door the snow was 3 feet deep.

Monday, March 13th
High 36, low 24

The storm quit late in the night. Today we would attempt to break camp and go home. Both of our snow machines are nonfunctional as they are 100 percent full of snow in literally every place. Jeff Moll would be the mechanic; Doug Cibulka would be the camp breaker and I would haul all gear to a staging area 40-yards from camp. This had to be done because the snow machines would literally sink in the slush.

All three of us were literally done in, not a one of us complained and knew we were going through a once in a lifetime experience.

Each of us performed our task and three round trips later were loading trucks and heading home.

We caught 3 splake on tip ups while breaking camp.

Sunset



The end of a memorable adventure for Red, Jeff Moll, and Doug Cibulka.

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Up And Over!



Gavin Gores had a good jump clearing 6 feet and claiming 4th place in the high jump at River Falls.



Josh Jain builds up speed prior to his vault last friday at River Falls.

Sports Look Back, April 2, 2003

The Cumberland track team has begun practice for the 2003 season.

Back to lead the squads are veteran coaches Keith Johnson, Nancy Scharhag and Bill Phillips. The three are preparing the team for an April 10 meet opening at the UW-River Falls facility.

Girls:

Coach Nancy Scharhag greeted nine letter winners off last years squad. Back for another year are Section qualifiers Joelle Momchilovich and Nikki Blaser in the weights. Momchilovich is the HON defending champion in the discus.

Neeley Welch and Katie Sorenson were successful in the sprint events, while Kachmir Kasper, Katie Leitheiser and Tinille Lehmann all had varying degrees of success in the

distance races.

Scharhag also likes what she sees from competitors such as Ami Erickson, Shayna Nickell and Ashley Schullo.

Boys:

The boys team graduated nine seniors off last years team, but 23 faces greeted Coach Keith Johnson for the opening day of drills.

There are two four year competitors that will lead the team this year. Back for their senior season are Ryan Wittek and Martin Ortiz-Tapia.

"Kannen Odden, Kevin Girard and Jesse Renstrom should aid the team with their leadership qualities," said Coach Johnson.

"We are also looking for some points from transfer student Billy Jones," said Johnson.

Heart O'North Holds Middle School Baseball Clinic

Cumberland hosted the third of four baseball clinics for boys 5th-8th grade this past Sunday. Approximately 40 kids from St. Croix Falls, Barron, Cameron, Spooner, Rice Lake and Cumberland attended, receiving instruction from Cumberland Head Coach Joe Waite, Assistants John Anderson and John Peterson, Cameron Head Coach Tom Daniels, Barron Assistant Coach Trent Nelson,

and St. Croix Falls Head Coach Matt Vold.

"We are working together to try and grow our sport in our Conference and the kids have made big strides in the past three weeks," said Waite. The final Clinic will be held next Sunday in Cameron, with an emphasis on pitching and hitting. Anyone interested in still attending should contact Waite.

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Week 26- Monday 03/20/2023

Team Standings
Bowlin Buddies - 79
LakePlace.com Brothers-66
Austad's Super Valu - 56 ½
Clear Lake Self Storage-55 ½
4 Chops - 52
Becker's Trucking - 42
Wrecking Balls - 41
Northwoods Septic - 40
5 High Scratch Games
Heidi VanHeuklom - 201

Judy Ullom - 181
Deanne Moravitz - 179
Brenda Levine - 171
Jeannie Glasscock - 169
5 High Scratch Series
Judy Ullom - 529
Heidi VanHeuklom - 527
Brenda Levine - 482
Deanne Moravitz - 474
Jeannie Glasscock - 464

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754
Barron County Sheriff 537-3106
Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency

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Embrace Recognizes Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) — a time to draw attention to the prevalence of sexual assault and educate communities about how to prevent future harm. This year’s theme is “Drawing Connections: Prevention Demands Equity”, a call to all individuals, communities, organizations, and institutions to change ourselves and the systems surrounding us to build racial equity and respect.

Six percent of the population residing within the Embrace four county service area identify as historically excluded populations. Although this number may seem small, Embrace’s 2021 service data shows that 25 percent of survivors who accessed services identified as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) or LGBTQ+. Systems of oppression such as racism, sexism, classism, heterosexism, and homophobia contribute to higher rates of violence.

Communities cannot end domestic or sexual violence without addressing the violence these historically excluded populations experience. Without acknowledging and addressing the oppression and violence the most marginalized survivors experience communities will remain unsafe for everyone

As part of this year’s SAAM, building connections with local businesses and community members

is key to ending violence and creating a safe space for everyone to thrive. Some local establishments are taking a stand against sexual violence by participating in the Cheers to Consent Coaster Campaign. During the month of April The Bar in Rice Lake will use Embrace’s custom-made coasters featuring messages to end victim blaming and connect survivors to support. In addition, Embrace will have educational SAAM displays at NorthLakes Community Clinic in Turtle Lake and Northwood Technical College in Rice Lake to help raise awareness.

Embrace has several community events planned for the month of April. The first event of SAAM, Wear Teal Day, takes place Tuesday, April 4, when everyone can visibly show their support for survivors by wearing teal, the color of sexual violence prevention.

April 5th also marks the opening day of the second annual “What Were you Wearing?” Survivor Art Exhibit at the University Wisconsin Eau-Claire – Barron County Fine Arts Gallery. This self-guided exhibit features stories and visual depictions of what survivors were wearing when they were sexually assaulted; a simple yet powerful message for our community that clothing does not equal consent. Everyone is invited to experience the exhibit April 5 - 27, 2023.

You can also help promote the message that clothing is not consent by wearing denim on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Share your solidarity with survivors by posting a photo of your outfit on social media, don’t forget to tag Embrace in your post and use the hashtag #DenimDay.

To learn more about these events and how you can help end sexual violence, follow Embrace on Facebook and Instagram.

If you or someone you know is experiencing intimate partner violence or sexual assault, you are not alone. It is not your fault. Embrace is here to help. Contact Embrace for free, confidential advocacy and support at 1.800.924.0556 or text at 715.532.6976.

Embrace Services, Inc.: Embrace is the leading voice and comprehensive advocacy services provider for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in the four-county service area of Northwestern Wisconsin. At Embrace, we provide unwavering support to survivors. Through education and awareness, we engage our communities and create multi-disciplinary partnerships to increase safety and equity advancing our mission of ending gender-based violence. We strive to create a courageous social change that will end all forms of oppression in our communities. Everyone deserves healthy communities and the support to thrive.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Guess what – I called Suzy Lehmann to see if she had any news for us this week and, after much stalling, she admitted that she and Hippy did have time for one game of cribbage at SAL’s on 63 this past week, and he did win. Hmmm. When she skunked him she certainly remembered to call and let me know about that. From now on I will have to call them both – I’m sure that week’s winner will be happy to brag a little bit.

Duane and I have been away from home for the past week, so I know nothing about what’s happening in Barronett – except for the fact that our Wednesday evening Lenten suppers and services are finished for another year. Can you believe that Easter is almost here. I wonder if there will be any green grass showing by Easter. Probably not, but the crocuses will probably be blooming under the snow.

The reason we were not at home is that we were in Florida with Tina Anderson helping her get ready to move back home. She, and her Chihuahua, Peanut, are finally back home again. She will be staying with us until she finds a place to rent in the area, and we are very happy to have her (and, of course, Peanut) visiting. We should probably get busy and get the Shaw house finished so she could rent that, but we just haven’t gotten around to it.

Do you remember the student councilor at Cumberland High School in the 80’s – Mr. Hile? He had a

round piece of cardboard taped to his wall with the letters “TUIT” printed on it. I asked him what that meant, and he said that so many kids told him that they “didn’t get around to it,” when he asked if they had finished something so he made up a bunch of these buttons and gave them out to students who said that and told them that now they had “a round to it” so they had no more excuse for not getting projects done. I thought that was a great idea. I don’t think it will work with Duane and me for the Shaw house though.

We stopped by Jim Copus and Donna’s house in Punta Gorda while we were in Florida. They are always busy – cleaning up from the latest storm and remodeling a house. We had a nice visit, went out to lunch, and then went to Tina’s house in Inverness. We thought we were going to be helping her pack, but when we got there, she had almost everything in totes and each tote marked so she would know which room they belong in when she moved into her new place. I was impressed.

Tina rented a 20-foot U-Haul truck for the move. The temperature was almost 90 degrees on Saturday while we were loading it. Tina had two people who said they would help load but, naturally, something else came up and neither could. However, Tina’s son, Alex, came by and he worked for hours in that heat carrying stuff out to

the truck and stacking it. Duane and I helped some, but we would never have gotten it done without Alex’s help.

It was so nice to be in Florida for a few days – we could sit outside and drink coffee in the morning, but I’m so glad to be home. The whole southern part of Florida is like one big city. There are zillions of cars on all the roads and it seems that all the drivers think that the 70-mile an hour speed limit is for school zones. One day while Duane was driving on the freeway, going at least the speed limit, someone passed him on the shoulder of the road. Whew – we didn’t see that coming.

Surprisingly we didn’t see many accidents, but there were a few, plus a few vehicle breakdowns and they cause unbelievable back-ups. We sat for at least an hour three different times, moving at about five miles an hour, while vehicles were being towed off the highway. I will try to remember to be a little more patient when we have rush-hour traffic in Barronett during the summer on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons.

I’m pretty sure I have bored you long enough with the details of our trip. I hope you have a wonderful week. Remember, this Sunday if Palm Sunday and service at Barronett Lutheran is 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there.

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Monday, April 3
Cheesy tator tot casserole w/mixed vegetables, assorted bread, baked apples.

Tuesday, April 4
Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes w/gravy, stewed tomatoes, assorted bread, frosted cake.

Wednesday, April 5
Chili baked potato w/beef, beans, onions, cheese, diced tomatoes, sour cream, dinner roll, pineapple chunks.

Lunch is served at 11:30 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$5.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$10.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

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OBITUARIES



Gene J. Larson

Gene Jacob Larson, age 66 of Cumberland, passed away Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire.

Gene was born February 6, 1957 to Gerald Sr. and Vera (Anderson) Larson. He kept busy with all his siblings as a child. He graduated high school. On September 26, 2009, he married Janelle Erickson in Cumberland. Gene worked many years for Antoine Olson and Ron and Trish Olson milking cows.

Gene was known for be-

ing a handyman for many different people. Many could count on Gene if they needed something fixed or worked on. He was a strong, caring, compassionate man who loved his family very much. His boys were his whole life.

Gene is survived by his wife, Janelle of Cumberland; his 3 boys, Drew Rhin, Nic and Tyler Larson, all of Cumberland; brothers, Dan (Chris) Larson of Wakonda, SD, Paul (Diana) Larson, Joe (Linda) Larson, both of Cumberland, Jim Larson, Gerald Jr (Sue) Larson, both of Rice Lake; sisters, Judy (Fred) Boettcher of Rice Lake, Sandie (Earl) Merry of Cumberland and Lois Vance Benson of Alaska; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Roger Erickson.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date

to be determined.

Arrangements are being handled by Rausch and Steel Funeral Home in Barron. Online condolences can be made at www.rauschandsteelfuneralhome.com.

Eugene "Gene" R. Griffin

Eugene "Gene" Roy Griffin, 85, of Shell Lake, WI went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at Our House Memory Care in Rice Lake.

He was born February 7, 1938 in Manito, IL.

Gene loved spending time with his family, and he kept them in a close embrace. He enjoyed going for rides and always had to have a Dairy Queen chocolate cone on the way. He was a tender-hearted soul and will be greatly missed.

Survived by his wife, Amy; son, Steve (Julie); daughter, Candace (Steve); granddaughter, Rachel; sister, Evelyn; brothers, Harold

(Louise), Gary (Judy), Russ, Terry (Jan), and brother-in-law, George.

Gene is preceded in death by his precious Mom, Aggie; three brothers, Larry, Jim and Carl; sister, Linda; sister-in-law, Mary.

A private interment was held.



Passport Program at Libraries in Northwest WI

Did you know that the oldest Dairy Queen in Wisconsin can be found in Lake Nebagamon? Or that Sayner is the birthplace of the snowmobile? Northern Wisconsin is full of history, culture, and natural splendor – and this spring and summer, you can discover it all – with help from your local library!

Launching in late April, the Library Passport Program from the Northern Waters Library Network invites you to stop in at any Northern Waters library and pick up a passport. Make sure to bring your passport with you as you travel throughout northern Wisconsin this spring and summer and get a stamp at each library you visit. Collect 10 different stamps and you'll be given an entry form to submit for a prize drawing! You could win gas

cards, Wisconsin-themed travel books, road trip supplies, and much more!

The passports will contain a variety of "fun facts" about each library in the Northern Waters Library Network, including library and community attractions. So, if you visit the Sherman & Ruth Weiss Community Library in Hayward, make sure to check out the library's half-mile Nature Trail with a StoryWalk® and a four-season audio guide. And make sure to stop by Shell Lake Public Library on a Friday – that's when they have popcorn!

Passports will be available to pick up at any Northern Waters library in late April. To find a Northern Waters library near you, go to the website: <https://northernwaters.org/passport> or find more information at your closest library shelllakelibrary.org.



Church Directory



"Holy Week"

by Pastor Todd Ahneman
Barronett Lutheran Church

In churches across the world, we see preparations for Holy Week, a special time for the church. It begins with Palm Sunday, the day that marks for us the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem for the Passover festival. Passover time is also known as the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and it was a major celebration for the Jews of Jesus' day.

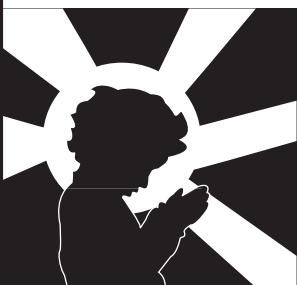
The eight-day Passover festival was a thanksgiving to God, and it drew people from all areas of Israel, as well as from foreign lands. And as was the custom at Passover time, they would sing hymns of thanksgiving to God, like Psalm 103 which speaks of the kindness of God, and 118 where the people sing 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.' There, they saw Jesus coming as the Prince of Peace, on a donkey. The people laid their coats in front of Jesus, and palm branches, much like the celebration given to kings in the past.

That week, Jesus taught the disciples many lessons through parables. On Thursday evening, Jesus shared the bread and wine of the Last Supper, the model for our present communion practices. Paul described it in these words: 'For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.' (1 Corinthians 11:26)

On Friday, we feel sorrow at his death upon the cross, but again rejoice when we discover the presence and power of God in the resurrection on Easter morning.

Jesus held true to God's purpose. Through his trustworthiness, Jesus became the way to reconciling man with God, the way to everlasting life. By our baptisms were welcomed to the family of Christ. In communion we remember Christ's death that we might know his love and live each day as cherished children of God forever.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." John 3:16



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NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK

Pursuant to s.70.45, Wis. Stats., the assessment roll for the 2023 assessment year will be open for examination at the following time: Wednesday, April 5, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the McKinley Town Hall.

TOWN OF MCKINLEY
NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of McKinley, Polk County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the McKinley Town Hall, 2527 15th Street, Cumberland, Wisconsin.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.

2. After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.

3. The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

4. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property.

The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

5. When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

6. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of McKinley has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.

7. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

8. No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 20th day of March 2023.

Anna M. Weaver, Clerk
Town of McKinley

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NOTICE THAT THE ASSESSMENT ROLL IS OPEN FOR EXAMINATION AND OPEN BOOK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the assessment roll for the Town of Lakeland is available for inspection beginning April 10, 2023, at the Lakeland Town Hall by appointment and online at www.apraz.com.

FURTHER BE ADVISED, the Assessor for the Town of Lakeland will be available by phone for **Open Book which will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, 12 pm - 2 pm**. Call Assessor Walt Hughes directly at 920-475-4597 to schedule an appointment. Instructional materials shall be provided. Other resources are available online at www.revenue.wi.gov. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk at 715-529-2741.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Lakeland, Barron County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on **Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 11:00 am-1:00 pm** at the Lakeland Town Hall located at 791 29-11/16 Ave, Barronett, Wisconsin.

Notice of Intent to File an Objection must be given to the Town Clerk at least 48 hours in advance. Forms are available upon request or on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue website: revenue.wi.gov/Pages/FAQS/slf-bor.aspx

Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk
Town of Lakeland

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BARRON COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF LAND SERVICES

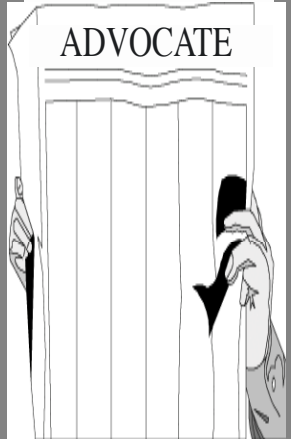
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin that a public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in Room 2106 of the Government Center, 335 East Monroe Avenue, Barron, Wisconsin, on the amendments to Sections 17.32, 17.36, 17.64, 17.73 and 17.74 of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance.

A copy of the amendment will be available from the Barron County Department of Land Services. Please contact the office at 715-537-6375 for revision details or more information regarding the hearing, and contact David Gifford, Director of Land Services, for specific questions on the ordinance changes.

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Barron County Sheriff
537-3106

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Cumberland School District Board of Canvassers will meet in open session at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2023, in the conference room of the administration building, 1010 8th Avenue, Cumberland, WI, to determine the results of the school board election.

A copy of this notice is posted at the elementary school, middle school, high school and administration building and sent to the Cumberland Advocate.

AGENDA

1. Open meeting
2. Determine the results of the School Board Election
3. Adjourn

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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NOTICE OF ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS (S.120.06(8)(c), Wisconsin Statutes)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Cumberland School District that on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, an election of school board members will be held. The candidates for the school board are as follows (vote for one member at large):

Adam M. Skinner
Michael Furseth

Electors will vote in their regular polling places. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Dated this 23rd day of January 2023.
Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk

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Sample School Board Ballot
Spring General Election
Tuesday, April 4, 2023

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

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

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

Cumberland School District	
School Board Members	
Vote for not more than one	
☐	Adam M. Skinner
☐	Michael Furseth
write in:	

Most common forms of identification to show at voting polls: Wisconsin DMV's driver license or ID

Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds voters to check and be sure that they have the proper identification needed to vote in next month's election (April 4, 2023).

Wisconsin driver licenses or IDs are the most common form of identification used for voting purposes. A federally compliant REAL ID card is not required to show at the polls. The Wisconsin Elections Commission notes other forms of identification are valid for voting, such as military or student ID cards. To see if a card meets the requirements, visit the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Voters looking to get their first Wisconsin ID can turn to DMV for help. To obtain an official ID card, there are documentation requirements such as a birth certificate. If all documentation is not readily available, the ID Petition Process (IDPP) may be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained.

DMV offers this service and ID cards for voting purposes free of charge. DMV's toll-free hotline (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID that can be used to vote.

DMV's website has a locator to help find the nearest DMV and check wait times (wisconsindmv.gov/centers).

Armstrong Votes for Law and Order Package

MADISON, WI – On Wednesday, March 22, 2023, the Assembly passed a series of bills to improve public safety and accountability. Each of the criminal justice proposals passed with the support of State Rep. Dave Armstrong (R-Rice Lake).

“Violent crime isn't limited to cities like Milwaukee and Madison,” Representative Armstrong said. “It can affect even our smallest, most rural communities. That is why I voted for Senate Bill 75, which defines ‘serious harm’ and ‘violent crime’ for the purposes of the bail-reform constitutional amendment on the ballot in April. I also voted to improve transparency at the Parole Commission [Assembly Bill 47], require judges to approve prosecutors' decisions to dismiss or defer certain criminal charges [Assembly Bill 57], and define and criminalize participation in riots [Assembly Bill 70].”

The Assembly also approved Assembly Bill 51 to allow Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) recipients to serve as municipal and county law enforcement officers.

“Wisconsin already allows DACA recipients to serve as State Patrol officers, corrections officers, and game wardens,” Representative Armstrong explained. “It doesn't make sense to bar them from local law enforcement positions when police and sheriff's departments across the state are facing staffing shortages.”

Senate Bill 75 will now go to Governor Evers for his consideration, while Assembly Bills 47, 51, 57, and 70 will go to the Senate for further action.

Are you feeling sick?



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Whether it's COVID-19 symptoms, influenza, or a bad cold, staying home is one of the best ways to stop the spread.



PUBLIC NOTICES



Advertisement for Electronic Bids
For Construction at Cumberland Municipal Airport
Cumberland, Wisconsin
Project no. AIP 3-55-0016-14

THIS PROJECT WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY BID. **Paper bids will NOT be accepted or allowed.**

Sealed ELECTRONIC proposals for the work described herein will be received until 2:00 p.m., local time, Thursday, April 20, 2023, by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Bureau of Aeronautics, on behalf of the Secretary, authorized agent for the City of Cumberland, in accordance with Wis. Stat. §114.32(3). Bids will be unsealed (electronically opened) as provided above and will be publicly read. The bid opening will be broadcast live via Teams. The correct meeting and call-in information for the bid opening is:

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device
Click here to join the meeting
Or call in (audio only)
+1 608-571-2209,105343418# United States, Madison
Phone Conference ID: 105 343 418#

This contract is federally funded with an established DBE goal, dollar values will not be shown until after the 24-hour supplemental information timeline has expired for DBE documentation submission and bid responsiveness has been determined by the Department. Bids determined to be non-responsive will not have results posted.

The bid results will be posted to the Bureau of Aeronautics' website and BidExpress.com here:

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/arpt-bidinfo.aspx>
<https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>

Electronic Bid submittal: Bids must be submitted via the bidexpress.com bidding service. **No paper bids will be accepted.** Bids will not be accepted past the established deadline for the close of bids.

Description of work: Replace airfield lighting.

Estimate of major quantities:

Airport Wind Cone, 1 LS; Polyduct, 19,250 LF; Trench or Plow, 24,000 LF; Cable (various sizes), 48,600 LF; Regulator 6.6A 4KW, 1 LS; L-854 Control Panel, 1 EA; L-854 Radio Controller, 1 EA; Duct/Conduit, 1200 LF; Electrical Handholes, 14 EA; REILs, 2 Rwy Ends; MIRLs Base Mounted, 100 EA; PAPIs 2-Box, 2 Rwy Ends; Miscellaneous Demo of Existing; Etc.

DBE Goal: 3.79% Contract Completion Time: 30 Working Days

Proposals: Proposal forms are included with the plans and specifications, and are subject to the provisions of Wis. Stat. §66.0901(7).

Plans and specifications: Plans and specifications can be obtained free of charge and at the following site: <https://bidexpress.com/businesses/51671/home>

Proposal ELECTRONIC Submittal: This contract is being electronically bid. The bid template within BidExpress.com platform established for the project includes all elements required to be submitted with the contract. Required fields are established within the template. Automatic checking of the bid proposal will identify if any required fields are missing and alert the bidder to complete the missing information prior to final submission. Submission of an incomplete bid will result in the bid not being opened, and/or rejected as non-responsive.

Plan holder registration required: Plans and specifications are available to anyone after completing a simple registration. There is NO cost to obtain a registration. Registration is required to be recorded as a plan holder. Registered plan holders will be notified of important project information such as issuance of addendums or other critical information. Only the prime or general contractor selecting to submit a bid is required to obtain additional Digital ID credentials. Please see the BOA website notice 2 for information on how to register.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/aerobidmem2.pdf>

Bidder Digital ID Required: Firms who select to submit a bid MUST also obtain a free digital ID in addition to registering. Obtaining a digital ID is relatively quick, however it may take a couple of days to complete the process. Please request and obtain registration and digital ID's as early as possible to not jeopardize your ability to submit a bid. There is NO cost to obtain a digital ID. Please see the BOA website Notice 2 for information on how to obtain a digital ID.

<https://wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/aerobidmem2.pdf>

Cost to bid: There are two options for bidders to submit bids: A cost of \$35 per project, or a monthly subscription wherein the bidder is able to submit bids for all projects in bidexpress.com system for \$50 per month. Subscriptions can be turned on and off at any time by the registered user. Only the prime or general contractor submitting a bid are responsible for payment.

Proposal guaranty: A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total amount of the bid is required for the contract. Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid bond, certificate of annual bid bond, a certified check, bank's draft, bank's check, or postal money order made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary for 5% of the total amount bid.

The electronic template will allow the following options for meeting the proposal guaranty. E-Verify bid bond (Surety2000 & SurePath), uploading a copy of the bid bond or certificate of annual bid bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order.

Any bid security, other than a E-verified bond or certificate of annual bid bond is provided, the department will require that the apparent two lowest bidders to mail or hand-deliver the original bond, certified check, bank draft, or money order to the Bureau of Aeronautics by close of business two business days following the close of bids and must be received by the Bureau of Aeronautics no later than 5 days from the posting of the bid results.

Qualification of bidders:

IMPORTANT: A paper hard copy prequalification is required to be submitted PRIOR to the bid opening. The proper prequalification form must be sent to the DOT to establish prequalification and remain valid prior to the deadline for prequalification indicated below. Prequalification's submitted after the deadline will be processed but a bid from that firm will not be opened for any project where the deadline has been exceeded. The following prequalification is required for this contract:

TWO prequalification methods are acceptable for this project. EITHER Bureau of Aeronautics "Statement of Bidder's Qualifications and Experience" (AKA: "Short form" <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/aeronautics/airports/arpt-prequal.aspx>) will apply. OR the Bureau of Project Development "Prequalification Statement" (AKA: "Highways" <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/doing-bus/contractors/hcci/prequal.aspx>). **If your firm does not already hold a valid WisDOT highways prequalification and you do not expect to bid WisDOT highway projects in the future, please complete the simplified Bureau of Aeronautics "short form".**

Bid proposals will be opened only from those firms that have established their qualifications for the work being bid upon. If a prospective bidder has previously submitted a current and valid (not expired or revoked), proper statement and received prior approval from the department, a re-submittal for this project is not required.

Any prospective bidder who has not previously established their qualifications must file a pre-qualification statement on the proper forms and be received by the department no later than 12:00 noon, local time, Friday, April 7, 2023. Only prime or general contractors submitting the bid need to be prequalified; subcontractors do not need to be prequalified.

The qualification statement is a sworn statement and consist of information relating to financial ability, equipment, and experience in the work prescribed in this proposal. The statement shall be in writing on the proper standard form furnished by the department. The department will evaluate the statement and determine acceptability prior to bid acceptance. Failure to establish prequalification as stipulated will result in the bid not being opened and/or rejected.

Federal Requirements: This project is federally funded and federal provisions and requirements apply. Federal provisions made part of, but not limited to this contract include: Buy American Preference, Federal Tax Certification, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Affirmative Action, Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension, Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace

Hours of labor and minimum wage rates: Pursuant to regulations provided by applicable federal and/or state laws, the hours of labor and minimum wage rates are set forth in the proposal.

Affirmative action: The department hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Affidavit of non-collusion: A required affidavit of non-collusion will be incorporated as part of the proposal for each prospective bidder. Failure to complete and sign the sworn statement makes the bid non-responsive and ineligible for award consideration. By completing the electronic signature and submitting the proposal, each bidder by or on behalf of the person, firm, association, or corporation submitting the bid, certifies that such person, firm, association, or corporation has not, either directly or indirectly, entered into agreement, participated in any collusion, or otherwise taken any action, in restraint of free competitive bidding in connection with the submitted bid. This sworn statement shall be executed and sworn to by the bidder before a person who is authorized by the laws of the state to administer oaths.

Pre-bid conference: A pre-bid conference will be held virtually by a MS Teams Meeting on Tuesday, April 4th, 2023 at 10:00 am. **You can access the virtual meeting at:**

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 287 390 047 479

Passcode: ZWXRtd

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A physical visit of the site is encouraged and must be scheduled and coordinated with airport management (Richard Brekke, 715-205-4474). Questions arising from site visits shall be submitted by email to the contact person below. Answers will be provided to all plan holders via a subsequent addendum. The purpose of the meeting and site visit will be to familiarize all concerned persons with the project and conditions at the airport.

For further information, contact Brad Volker of Cooper Engineering at 715-234-7008, email bvolker@cooperengineering.net

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Represented by Craig Thompson, Secretary
Department of Transportation
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PERSONALS


AA-Mondays at 7 p.m.,Augustana Church; Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Senior Citizen Center. Women's inspiration AA meeting: 6 pm Tuesdays at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Community Meeting Room 715-529-9592. tfn
Weekly AI-Anon Meetings: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Cumberland. tfn

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information to:
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(847411).

Northwest Region Construction Update

Chippewa County

Highway: County TT

Location: Cobban Bridge between Jim Falls and Cornell
Schedule: Aug. 8 to late October 2023

Cost: \$4.7 million

Description: Replacing the bridge.

Traffic impacts: County TT in the work zone remains closed.

The shoulder and right-turn lane on northbound WIS 178 are closed by barrier wall.

The Old Abe Trail remains open.

Eau Claire County

Highway: I-94

Location: Just west of the WIS 312/County EE interchange to the Chippewa River Bridge northwest of WIS 37.

Schedule: July 11, 2022, to September 2023

Cost: \$23.71 million

Description: Reconstructing east- and westbound I-94 by removing and replacing the existing pavement from WIS 312/County EE to County E, replacing culverts and guard-rail, installing median cable barrier, restoring the ditches and slopes and placing new pavement markings. Making improvements at the I-94/WIS 312/County EE interchange, including replacing the joints on the bridge, overlaying the deck with concrete and replacing the pavement on either side of the

bridge and the ramps. Resurfacing east- and westbound I-94 by milling and overlaying the existing asphalt pavement from County C to the Chippewa River Bridge.

Traffic impacts: I-94 is open to one lane in each direction on the westbound lanes from County E to just west of the WIS 312/County EE interchange.

St. Croix County

Highway: I-94

Location: Safety and weight enforcement facility (SWEF) off eastbound I-94 east of Hudson

Schedule: Sept. 12, 2022, to October 2023

Cost: \$6.14 million

Description: Replacing the existing SWEF building with a modern one, re-constructing the parking lots and ramp/loop roadways and constructing an automated truck traffic monitoring system along eastbound I-94, a virtual weigh station along US 12 and an approximate 300-foot communications tower near the new building.

Traffic impacts: Work will continue throughout the winter, but no additional work along I-94 will be completed this year.

For more information regarding traffic impacts and transportation news in Wisconsin's Northwest Region:

Michael Furseth...

to upgrade or rebuild the aging high school. Tell us your thoughts on the referendum and what needs most attention.

The high school needs renovations, and I would like the opportunity to help. I’ve led the development of Ardisam’s new headquarters and would like to make sure we execute a well manage project that does not waste tax dollars. I have the management experience needed to help ensure a successful completion of our school renovation project. We want a good cost-efficient design and a well-run project that maximizes value for our taxpayers while providing a great facility for our current and future students.

That said, what I am most concerned with regarding the referendum is the process of writing the referendum. We need to make sure that the community is properly involved in the decision-making process. It is important that the school board involves other stakeholders when creating a referendum proposal. The school should work with the city and surrounding villages to understand the impact on taxpayers. We need to establish a committee of stakeholders to determine a plan that will benefit the children and the community. We should have an honest discussion on enrollment projections, district finances, and how large the school needs to be. School boards must approve the language contained in the referendum at least 70 days prior to it being voted on by the public. A community committee should be created to draft a detailed plan for financing and design before the school board approves the language that will appear on the referendum ballot.

4. Describe your understanding of the school board’s role and the administration’s role in the district?

The school board exists to represent the voters of the district and to oversee the administrators who run the school district. Administrators oversee all other employees of the school and day-to-day operations of the school. If the school is not performing to the expectations of the voters, then it

is up to the school board members, the ones that represent the voters, to ensure that administrators make the necessary adjustments. While the school board is responsible for holding the administration accountable, it is still the responsibility of the administrators to run the school. School boards members must stay engaged and be diligent in their role to make sure they represent the will of the voters. What we need to avoid is complicit school board members who simply exist to go along with, and approve whatever the administration presents. Without school board members who are willing to challenge the administration, school districts will operate without proper oversight. With strong leadership on the school board the system works great, and schools remain accountable to the voters.

5. As a school board member, how would you be an advocate for students and the district?

The community of Cumberland has the desire to provide our students with a top-notch education and our students are talented enough to make it a reality in both education and extracurriculars. Openly discussing our challenges and successes at public meetings will lead to the most positive outcomes for our students. We need honesty and humility if we want our educational realities to align with our community expectations. Our schools should not operate in isolation. As a rule, what is needed for the realities of life and for success in industry is not being well taught in the vast majority of schools. Here in Cumberland, we can buck that trend and make sure that we have high quality and practical education for our children. We need to open the school to input from other talented people in the community so we can take advantage of all the people who are willing and able to participate in making our schools as effective as possible.

If elected, I would push for all school board meetings to be live streamed and recorded so those not in attendance can see and hopefully be more involved in the process.

Adam Skinner...

of students at all levels in our schools.

3. A referendum to upgrade or rebuild the aging high school is approaching. Tell us your thoughts on the referendum and what needs the most attention.

Obviously, it should come as no surprise that our 65-year-old high school building requires significant upgrades and remodeling to meet modern educational standards, and the District is committed to finding solutions to do so. We need it to be a safe and sound learning environment, but also an attractive and functional facility for our entire community; one for which we can all be proud and stand behind. Especially in small, rural communities like ours, schools are not just a building, they are the heart of a community; we need to keep ours strong now and into the future.

There are many areas of the current high school facility in need of serious attention. We have successfully exceeded the useful life of many areas of the building, especially the 1958, two-story high school ‘wing’. However, there comes a time when fixing recurring problems is no longer the best, or most financially sound, option. For example, replacement parts for the existing heating system no longer even exist. With improvements, modern efficiency savings will also offset maintenance costs.

Further, enrollment continues to grow as Cumberland strengthens its reputation as an outstanding school district in the area. Classroom space for general numbers, as well as specific, future-focused learning will be needed to facilitate growth, now and in the future.

In the next months, the District will be soliciting input on this question from our community, staff, parents, and students via planning sessions and citizen’s committees. Please consider taking part to share your thoughts and help the District shape this important building project for the future.

Collectively, we need to look at a referendum as a positive opportunity to invest in our schools so that they will continue to be a true asset for our community now, and well into the future.

4. Describe your understanding of the school board’s role and the administration’s role in the

District?

Our role as a school board is to provide an educational framework for what the community values, namely “Keeping Children First.” Every decision is about doing what is best for our children with the resources we have available. For example, we made difficult decisions to keep our schools open when others closed during covid, and in recent years we have dedicated more attention and time to safety and mental health issues.

Our administration’s role is to act on the framework the school board provides, which is to provide quality education for our children. Our current administrative team has been very successful in delivering on this promise and are a critical element of our district’s continued success.

As a whole, administration needs to embody solid leadership, which they have done for many years in the schools and in the community. Finally, administrative teams need to be accessible to answer concerns from parents, teachers, and students. In all, they have done an excellent job at keeping lines of communication open with these groups and with the community.

5. As a school board member, how would you be an advocate for students and our District?

“How are the schools?” is often a question I hear asked by prospective businesses, parents, and even grandparents moving into our School District. It is an important indicator of community involvement and pride. As such, we all need to be clear and accurate in our goal: that our schools provide students optimal opportunities to thrive. Thriving schools are essential pillars of successful communities.

Over the past six years I have had the opportunity each year to listen to our senior students’ speeches about their experiences in the Cumberland School District, ranging from pre-K through graduation. The lifelong memories and lessons these students share are reminiscent of what I remember experiencing while attending Cumberland Schools. I will continue to listen and learn from our students, teachers, and parents, working together to provide our students the highest level of education and opportunities available.

I will always advocate for and support this District that I was proud of when I graduated, and am still proud of today.



City Hall...

this is completed. In addition to the planning tools, we are improving spending evaluation in the areas of needs/alternatives analysis, financing options and assessment of taxpayer/ratepayer impact.

The City and Cumberland Municipal Utility are working toward better operational efficiencies. The first action was to select a common accounting firm for our audit needs. This will provide a completed audit by May rather than November and a combined cost savings of \$30,000+. A no brainer. We will continue to identify other opportunities for cost savings.

The Police Officer union contract expired December 31, 2022. After prolonged negotiations, we are in the final stages of completion.

The Cumberland Economic Development Committee hosted The Cumberland Housing Conference to discuss the City’s housing needs. (Described in detail in a separate article).

Public Works is updating The Street Plan. This update includes additional detail for improved project prioritization and delineation of large and small cap projects.

As reported last year, Cumberland Municipal Utility needs to relocate

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary to Host Beasts & Beer

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary will be hosting a Beasts & Beer program at Bloomer Brewing Co. in Bloomer, WI on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Check-in is at 5:30 pm with an opportunity to socialize with other nature enthusiasts before the nature presentation begins at 6:00 pm. This month’s topic is Awakening Amphibians.

Beasts and Beer is a monthly program that gives nature lovers an opportunity to socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages, and enjoy an engaging presentation from a local expert in a happy-hour atmosphere. Each Beasts and Beer program features a different presenter at a different location.

This month’s speaker is Wisconsin herpetologist, Erik Wild, from University

from one of their facilities this year. The City and Utility worked on a joint project to address the Utility shed and replacement of the City Garage. Since initiating the design process, construction costs have skyrocketed. In January, the City placed consideration of the Garage on hold pending availability of planning tools described above. Subsequently, the Utility is reassessing its options and is pursuing a significantly less expensive project.

In April, the City conducts the annual organization meeting, with committee assignments part of the agenda. Committees play an important role in the operation of the City. The responsibility includes support of the committees’ charter, compliance with City objectives, oversight and guidance of management. We are fortunate to have citizens with the skills and interest to actively perform this role. I encourage anyone with an interest to contact City Hall for consideration.

We are working diligently to ensure responsible use of funds. While we have made a lot of progress, there is still much to do. I look forward to reporting on future improvements.

of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Learn how Wisconsin’s salamanders and frogs survive winter and progress through emergence. Amphibian reproduction will be highlighted and your knowledge of frog calls tested.

Registration is required by Tuesday, April 4th at noon or when the program limit of 50 people is reached, whichever comes first. To register, visit www.hunthill.org to complete online registration or call 715-635-6543. The program fee is \$15 per person and includes a drink and snacks.

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at www.hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.

Free Family History Classes Offered

If you’ve been wanting to learn more about your ancestors, this opportunity is just for you. The Blue Hills Genealogical Society joins with the Family Search Center to offer a series of free classes on how to search for your ancestors. The class will start April 12 and be held on Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30 p.m. for 7 weeks in the lower conference room at Sterling Bank, 234 E. LaSalle in Barron.

To register, e mail or

call Gloria Dobberfuhl at mgd5579@hotmail.com, 715-637-5579, by April 7. If you have a laptop computer, tablet or smart phone, please bring it to class. Internet will be provided, and you will be able to actually work on your family history during the classes. If you do not have an internet device, paper copies will be provided for you to work on. If you have questions about the course, please contact Mrs. Dobberfuhl.



PUZZLE

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9		10	11	12
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ACROSS

1

Airport (abbr.)

4

Slide on snow

7

Viper

10

Slippery frigid

13

Game official

14

Business title ending

15

Central Intelligence Agency

16

Prompt

17

Country floor

19

Marksmen

21

Hurt

22

Maggot

23

Track

25

___ and Clark

29

Insect

32

Italian "dollars"

34

Staff

35

Monte ___

36

Discs

37

Dried & powdered red pepper

40

Workout place

41

Queasy

42

Can metal

43

Official canine registry (abbr.)

46

From Laos

48

Spiritedness

51

Cool

53

Congressional vote

54

Screams

56

Jewish scribe

57

Sacred poem

59

Prefix for half

60

Russian ruler

62

Location

64

Octagon minus pentagon

67

Arise (2 wds.)

70

Bard's before

71

Lodge

72

___ A Small World...

73

East northeast

74

Abdominal muscles (abbr.)

75

Unused

76

Representative

77

Skull

DOWN

1

Make a mistake

2

Ball holder

3

Things to be done

4

Sound of relief

5

Prayer position

6

Frozen water

7

American Cancer Society (abbr.)

8

Makes music vocally

9

Set of 2

10

Titanic sinker

11

Pooch

12

Affirmation

18

Ca. University

20

Insect in a cocoon

23

Tender loving care

24

Succor

26

Hires

27

Battle of nations

28

Early

30

Slick

31

Male cat

33

Run over

35

Astute

38

Wing

39

Killed in action

43

Genius

44

Rate

45

Cycles

47

Thirst quencher

48

Beggar

49

Tree

50

Pressure unit

52

Languid

55

Eve's garden

57

Likely

58

Dull

61

Against

63

Grating sound

64

Legume

65

Bolus

66

North northwest

67

Title of respect

68

Spanish "one"

69

Church bench

Sudoku Puzzle #4151-D

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7	8					9	4				
3						7				5	
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	9					8			6		



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