



**PUBLIC NOTICES**



**NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm** at the Town Hall, located at 791-29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and on the Town's website: [www.townoflakelandwi.gov](http://www.townoflakelandwi.gov)

**Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk**

**Town of Lakeland**

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**NOTICE**

There will be a meeting of the Cumberland Board of Appeals on Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Cumberland City Hall to consider the following.:

Consider approval of a variance for front yard setback to locate garages in the front yard of the apartment building at 1900 Carlone St, parcel ID: 212-8178-40-070.

Consider approval of a variance for a reduced side yard setback at 1640,1650,1660 & 1670 Berdan St, parcel ID: 212-1075-04-000, 212-1075-05-000, 212-1075-06-000 & 212-1075-07-000.

**Rick Rieper, Zoning Administrator**  
**City of Cumberland**  
**715-822-2752**

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

**Partisan Primary – August 13, 2024**

**and**

**General Election – November 5, 2024**

**State of Wisconsin} Barron County}**

**Election of Presidential Electors**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at an election to be held in the several cities, villages, towns, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on November 5, 2024, ten electors for President and Vice President of the United States, one for each congressional district and two for the state at-large, are to be elected. The names of presidential electors do not appear on the ballot, but each vote cast for a presidential candidate is a vote for the electors of the candidate. Independent candidates for President or Vice President may circulate nomination papers beginning July 1, 2024, and must file nomination papers with the Wisconsin Elections Commission no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 6, 2024. The Wisconsin Elections Commission is located at 201 W Washington Avenue, 2nd Floor, Madison, Wisconsin.

**Partisan Primary and General Election**

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a primary election will be held in the towns, villages, cities, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin on Tuesday, August 13, 2024, and an election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The following officers are to be nominated and elected:

**Congressional Officer**

United States Senator, for the term of 6 years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on January 3, 2025:

**Tammy Baldwin**

Representative in Congress, for the term of 2 years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 3, 2025:

**7th Congressional District Tom Tiffany**

Representative to the Assembly, for a term of 2 years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term will expire on January 6, 2025:

**Redistricting Disclaimer:** *On February 20, 2024, 2023 Wisconsin Act 94 was signed into law. The Act described the boundaries of new senate and assembly districts which will go into effect in November 2024. The districts and incumbents listed in this notice consist of those that are currently in place, not those that will be in place pursuant to the new redistricting law.*

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| <b>District 75</b> | <b>David Armstrong</b> |
| <b>District 67</b> | <b>Rob Summerfield</b> |

**County Officers**

District Attorney, each for the term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose terms of office will expire on January 6, 2025.

**Barron County Brian Wright**

County Officers for each county, for a term of four years, to succeed the present incumbent in the office of County Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, whose terms of office will expire on January 6, 2025:

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| <b>County Clerk</b>      | <b>Jessica Hodek</b>       |
| <b>Register of Deeds</b> | <b>Margo Katterhagen</b>   |
| <b>County Treasurer</b>  | <b>Samantha Sommerfeld</b> |

**For Candidates**

The first day to circulate nomination papers is April 15, 2024, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 3, 2024. Candidates for constitutional, congressional, and legislative officers file with the Wisconsin Elections Commission. All county partisan office candidates file with their respective county clerk. Congressional and legislative district boundaries are described in Chapters 3 and 4 of the Wisconsin Statutes by 2023 Wisconsin Act 94, which is available at: <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/2023/related/acts/94>.

The state legislative maps will be updated for the fall elections. The new maps can be viewed by clicking the “Download Data” option for the 2023 Wisconsin Act 94 legislative districts at: <https://gis-ltsb.hub.arcgis.com/pages/district-maps>. Additional information regarding which legislators represent which districts is available at: <https://maps.legis.wisconsin.gov/?version=2022>.

**Additional Information**

Acceptable Photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

DONE in the County of Barron on April 3rd, 2024.

**Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk**

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**THANKS FOR READING**

**THE ADVOCATE**



# Baseball; A Major Part of the Early Days of the Island City

by Mark R. Fuller

As we wait for better weather to begin another baseball season this spring, one can look back at the sport being part of the lives of Island City residents as far back as we can find. Every town and township had a team and many a Sunday afternoon was spent at a ballpark in the surrounding area.

The games were a gathering of friends and neighbors and commonly played under honorable conditions. An 1896 Advocate described such a game played on a Sunday in June between Cumberland and Crystal Lake, won 22 to 10 by the hometown team. The paper would call the visiting team, “Perfect gentlemen and very congenial fellows.”

Sometimes, however, the opposition would draw the wrath of the local paper, as was the case when New Richmond dropped a 16-11 contest to the Cumberland Baseball Club in 1897. When the visitors blamed the loss in part on, “An umpire partial to the Cumberland squad”, the Advocate responded by saying, “This sounds a little fishy, when sixteen of the visitors failed to hit the ball at all. People who play ball should learn the rules as the days of prairie ball are over.”

The high school formed their first team in 1896. After a couple years with minimal games, they joined the newly formed Barron County League in 1898, where they went 8-3-1 their first season. The sport would continue as a high school activity from that point on, except for a few years when it was temporarily postponed with America at war.

As we try to imagine what it might have been like during those early days of baseball, we are aided by the memories and notes of Ed Christopherson, who settled in the Section 10 area in 1874. Before his passing, Ed and his son Bill, born in 1894, recorded their recollections of their life in Barron County and the Cumberland area. Here are some of their memories from the early days.

“There were many outlets for recreational activities, but the most popular seemed to be baseball during the spring and summer months. Before the school term came to a close in May, baseball was participated in by most all of the boys, before school convened, during recess, and as soon as lunch could be consumed at the noon hour.

Usually the age-old game of rounders or work-up was played, where a player could bat until he was retired. Then, he would have to take his place in the outfield while other players moved up a notch. In this way, everyone would be obliged to play at all positions. Occasionally however, sides would be chosen near the end of the school year when regular games were played that would be carried over from day to day.

Where the diamond had been laid out, probably at the time the schoolhouse was first built, the base paths were well worn and the bases were nothing more than holes in the ground, worn there by years of use. The diamond itself was smaller than regulation size and it had seen a lot of service.

The school yard had a board fence built around it, which served a dual purpose. It not only marked the boundary of the schoolyard, but the boards were also used as a scorecard. We indicated the number of runs, or tallies as we called them, by cutting notches with a pocket knife.

This was the place where all youngsters of the Section 10 area got their start playing ball. There was very little money spent for equipment in those days. If you were fortunate enough to own a glove, well and good, but if none was available, you got along without and played barehanded. Uniforms were out of the question and a work shirt with overalls plus tennis shoes, filled the bill.

One of the biggest problems we had, what’s having balls to play with and we did make our own much of the time, although they didn’t last very long. We would scrounge up a tiny rubber ball for the center and wrap it with some of our mother’s yarn and then make a cover out of old shoe leather. They didn’t often conform in size or weight to a regulation ball, but it was nevertheless a ball and they saw plenty of service.

When it got to the point where it was necessary to buy balls and bats, we could usually raise enough cash by passing the hat. Usually enough money could be collected to purchase a ball or two and maybe a bat, either of which could be had for a dollar or less. Bats were very often broken, in which case they had to be replaced, but balls weren’t discarded until after several sewing jobs on the ripped seams.

The Section 10 School used to have an attendance of slightly over 100 pupils, so this meant a lot of boys were available for baseball. For a couple of years there were two teams. The first team consists of boys who were out of school and they would schedule games with any of the surrounding towns or country teams.

This team consisted of only nine players, just enough for one at each position. The starting pitcher would, as a rule, finish the game except on rare occasions when he would exchange places with one of the other players. One quite outstanding peculiarity about the team, was six of the nine players batted left-handed and many opposing teams were very unhappy about that. They were very successful as a group and lost very few games.

With the younger generation of players coming up, a second team was organized and was called the Section 10 juniors. It was made up of teenagers and that’s the team I played with. We also had a good team and played many of the first teams around the country with lots of success.

Transportation was not too great a problem and was quite simple. If we had to meet a team less than four miles away, we walked both ways. Sure, we got tired, but we have been having fun. If the distance was 10 or 12 miles, one of the players would borrow a team and wagon from his dad and we traveled in style.”

Their stories of hardships in trying to play the sport they enjoyed, makes waiting for better spring weather a bit more trivial. Here’s looking forward to Island City Baseball in 2024.

**Life on the Family Farm**

**Under an Open Heaven**

*By: Tom Heck*



You’re Sitting on it With the winter season nearly behind us now, it’s nice to have spring finally coming on again. It takes a lot more work to take care of the cattle over the long winter months. We always look forward to putting the cattle out to pasture in the spring, and they really look forward to it too. They love to run around and kick up their hooves after a long winter indoors. And then there’s all that lush, green grass to eat.

What a joy it is going out the door in the morning to the barn and hearing the red-winged blackbirds and robins singing beautifully in our large burr oak tree by the milk house. Many years ago, I wondered why they would sing so. Over the years I’ve come to realize they’re singing their praises to their Creator. If they do so, how much more shouldn’t we?

In the spring also, it’s such a joy to see our large, feathered friends honking at us as they fly over our barn heading straight north to Canada. We don’t especially like to see the geese go south in the fall because we know it means winter is on the way, but it is such a joy to see them going north in the spring because it means there is another growing season coming. It tells us that new life is coming once again.

With spring comes so much new life, it’s wonderful. The grass greens up, the trees get their buds on them, the hayfields green up, and last, but not least, the spring flowers start to bloom. Flowers, the kids and I can pick for Joanne to bless her.

But with spring comes something else of incredible importance – Easter. We remember back many years ago, when a man on the other side of the world died for us so that we could be redeemed to God. Not only did He die, but He did something no other man ever did, He rose from the dead and He lives forevermore. Because of that, I live today, and have life and that so much more abundantly.

So we always celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, for without Him, life would be empty and meaningless. One of the ways we celebrated it years ago, when the kids were small, was by hiding Easter baskets with candy in them. Now we didn’t do it the way most people do it.

We would make a trail of about twenty clues that a person would have to follow to find their basket. We would always start in the house here with the first clue written down on a piece of paper and they would have to figure out exactly what it meant and then go there and find the next clue to eventually led them to their Easter basket. We would oftentimes have clues placed outside here around the farm buildings to make it much more challenging. As the kids got older, they wanted harder and harder trails to their Easter baskets, which we gladly did! Sometimes if they would get stumped on a clue we would let them ask us for help and we would give them some extra information to help them find it. The last clue would always inform them that the next place would have their Easter basket. And where would that be you ask? It could be in a chopper box, a tractor’s toolbox, the hay baler, a feed cart, a tree stump or in the house some place. We got real creative and it was a lot of fun.

But, it just wasn’t for the kids; the kids and I would always hide one for Joanne, and Joanne and the kids would always hide one for me. We all liked the fun challenging trails and good candy afterwards.

One trail that we made for Joanne once, nobody here will ever forget. She started to follow the trail perfectly. It took her outside around to some of the buildings and then back into the house. The last clue told her that her basket of goodies was in our living room. She looked and looked in that room, high and low and couldn’t find it. She finally asked for help, so we told her, “It’s in the corner of the room where the rocking chair is.” Our rocking chair has a cloth skirt that goes down around it. It sits really close to the floor. There was just barely enough room to squeeze her Easter basket under it.

Joanne looked and looked in that corner of the room, never looking under the chair. She sat down in the chair and started to rock, asking us for more clues. We kept telling her it was right in that corner. Well, after looking how long and not finding it, she was ready to start to cry, she thought we weren’t being honest and fair with her. The kids were almost laughing because she was sitting right on it! Finally, we had to tell her, “You’re sitting on it!” When we told her that, a look of total bewilderment went across her face. She got up and pulled the skirt away from the rocker and found her basket. Then a big joyous smile came across her face. After a minute of laughter and talking, we asked her, “Why didn’t you look under there sooner?” Her reply, “I just knew there wasn’t enough room under there for an Easter basket!”

Joanne obviously found out what she thought she knew was wrong. It did not seem possible that it could be there, so she never looked there. Today we all remember it and smile and laugh about it, even Joanne!

Many people today think they know all about God, but they’re wrong. They believe Jesus died and rose again and they hope they will make heaven their home. But, they have never really repented of their sinful ways and asked Jesus to be Lord of their lives. Down inside they know they’re coming up short with God.

Easter is about dying and new life. If you will die to self and follow the risen Savior, you will have the most wonderful life possible. I know, because I have done it!

*Tom Heck and his family have a small dairy farm in WI. To order a copy of Tom’s book, “Life on the Family Farm” send a check to: Tom Heck, 21079 80th St., Bloomer WI. 54724. \$15 each plus \$4 for S&H. Order two or more at \$15 each and get free S&H. To view Tom’s past articles go to: [tomheckfarm.com](http://tomheckfarm.com) Email Tom at: [lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com) Copyright © 2024 by Tom Heck. All rights reserved.*

**Are you feeling sick?**



**STAY HOME.**

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