



Barron County Skywarn “Storm Spotter” Training Upcoming

The Barron County Sheriff's Department has partnered with the National Weather Service to host a no-cost SKYWARN “Storm Spotter” Training for residents and field responders of Barron County.

When: Thursday, April 3rd from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm AND Thursday, April 3rd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Where: Barron County Government Center, Main Auditorium, 335 E. Monroe Ave, Barron, WI 54812.

WHAT IS SKYWARN

SKYWARN is a National Weather Service program designed to obtain critical information during times of severe weather. Skywarn volunteers receive training in storm identification and evolution, and when severe weather threatens, they become “storm spotters”, reporting information to the local NWS office.

Storm spotters are the nation's first line of defense against severe weather, and they know that their efforts may ultimately help to save lives. Their information, when combined with sophisticated technology such as Doppler radar, sat-

ellite and lightning displays, helps NWS meteorologists in their primary mission... the issuance of warnings and advisories for the protection of life and property. Training is conducted by a National Weather Service Warning Coordination Meteorologist

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Anyone with an interest in severe weather. Volunteers include police and fire personnel, dispatchers, EMS workers, public utility workers HAM radio operators, and concerned private citizens. Individuals affiliated with hospitals, schools, churches, nursing homes or who have a responsibility for protecting others are also encouraged to become a severe weather spotter.

HOW TO REGISTER

To register for either class, click this link. You can select your preferred class start time (2:00PM or 6:00PM) when selecting your tickets. <https://SkyWarn2025.eventbrite.com>

**Mike Judy, Director
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Check Fire Conditions Before You Burn; Forecasted Wind And Dry Weather Mean Increased Wildfire Risk

MADISON, Wis. – Spring wildfire season is upon us and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging the public to check fire danger before conducting outdoor burning activities.

Nearly 170 wildfires have burned over 450 acres already this year, according to the DNR; four times more than a typical year at this time.

Dry weather and gusty winds are expected today and tomorrow, leading to the potential for increased wildfire activity. Burn permit suspensions will be in effect in several southern and central Wisconsin counties.

Some minimal chances of rain are expected over the weekend, but fire officials anticipate the fire danger will be on an upward swing over the coming weeks until there is significant precipitation.

With the onset of the spring fire season and the forecasted conditions, fire officials have begun staffing fire equipment throughout Wisconsin. Areas are especially vulnerable after the snow cover melts and prior to vegetation greening up. Northern Wisconsin still has lingering snow in the woods but it is rapidly melting with the warmer temperatures.

The main cause of wildfires this time of year is burning brush and leaf piles,

and debris burning continues to be the No. 1 cause of wildfires in Wisconsin.

Burning permits are required in DNR Protection Areas anytime the ground is not completely snow-covered. Permit holders are authorized to burn vegetative materials, such as leaves, brush and needles and are designed so that burning is done safely with minimal wildfire risk. Permits are free and can be obtained online or by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876).

Once a burn permit has been obtained, the individual must call or go online after 9 a.m. on the day of the planned burn to check daily burn restrictions, such as the legal burning hours, size limitations or if burning has been suspended for the day. Small campfires for warming or cooking do not require a burning permit.

Some areas of the state are not regulated by the DNR so it's important to check with local municipal or fire department officials for any ordinances or other burning restrictions.

Sparks from recreational equipment, campfires and hot ashes from fireplaces are also contributing fire causes. Smoldering embers can remain hot for days, even weeks. If using a wood stove or fireplace, empty the ashes into a metal container

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A Heartwarming Good Bye!



Members of the Cumberland Fire Department paid tribute to Bill Metnik with a final goodbye stopping by the Metnik home last Thursday, March 13th in full gear along with every fire truck the department has along with some fireworks. Metnik who was battling cancer passed away on March 15th. Metnik was a 20 year member of the department and was instrumental in forming the Cumberland Fire District which includes the townships of Lakeland, Cumberland, Maple Plain, Crystal Lake and the City of Cumberland. Metnik was also Lakeland Town Board Chairman for over 30 years. Rest in peace Bill.



Young Pilot!



Congratulations to Mya Gardner who completed her first solo flight on February 18th, 2025. Most traditional training aircraft had tandem seating (one in front of the other, with the student in front), and before headset technology improved an instructor would commonly have to tug on the back of the student's shirt to get their attention. Cutting your shirt tail off was a right of passage showing that there was no need for the instructor to tug on their shirt anymore, as the student now knows how to fly the airplane. She also passed her FFA written knowledge test for her private pilot license.



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Northwoods Notebook: My special, special-needs nephew

By Larry Werner

“Uncle Larry, can I go see my pal Ian?”

We were sitting at Peter & Annie’s on a Saturday afternoon, listening to music, a couple years ago. My brother, Don, and his wife, Susie, were visiting from Michigan with their son, Brian. They would come for a few days in summer, and we would make a point of attending a live-music event or two because they love that kind of thing as much as I do.

Especially Brian, who was born with a developmental disability that predisposed him to loving music. It’s called Williams Syndrome, a rare condition that limits those who have it in some ways physically and intellectually, but not musically or socially.

In addition to loving music, Williams Syndrome people tend to be very outgoing. It was at an Island City Music Concert in 2022 that Brian met Ian Haugen.

Ian, owner of Cumberland Boat, Storage, Dock & Lift, was introduced as the sponsor of that evening’s concert. At the intermission, Brian walked up to Ian and shook his hand.

“I’m Brian Werner,” my nephew said, and thanked Ian for sponsoring the music. A few days earlier, Jazz Alley was playing at Peter & Annie’s Saturday “Beans & Beats.” Brian had to meet the members of Nancy Keeler’s combo.

“I’m Brian Werner.”

Brian liked meeting everyone. He left our table at the Country Skillet one morning and went into the kitchen to meet Chef Steve. At a family graduation party several years ago, he met my pal, Bob, who is an authority on rock music.

“How’s my buddy Bob,” Brian asked whenever we talked.

He met Ann’s brother, Mark, a property developer, at our wedding 30 years ago.

“How’s my buddy Mark?” Brian would ask, and he’d call Bob and Mark occasionally, to chat.

Brian was especially fond of music from the 1960s. He was crazy about the Beach Boys and The Four Seasons. When my brother and his family were in town two years ago, we took Brian to “The Jersey Boys” at the Chanhassen Dinner Theater in the Cities. Turns out, it was the fourth time Brian had seen that play about the Four Seasons. He loved it, I think, as much as he did the first time he saw it.

As you might know, “Oh, What a Night” was one of that group’s many hits. I’ll never forget as we left the theater to get into our car Brian threw up his arms and shouted, “Oh, what a night!”

The Williams Syndrome Association sponsors camps for people with the disorder, and musical groups would donate their time to play for the campers. So Brian got to sing

with Aerosmith, Darius Rucker and other recording artists. We got to see him sing in Nashville at The Grand Ole Opry with a choir of WS folks.

It’s true my nephew, who worked at places that employed people with special needs, never got a big job, or a home of his own, but Brian met more celebrities during his life, and touched more lives with his loving personality, than I have during my career as a journalist.

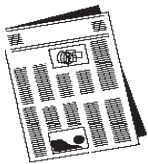
He sang beautifully, loved to dance and taught himself to play keyboard.

One of the hundreds of posts on his Facebook page, where his parents announced his sudden passing Feb. 5 at age 48, was from a man who recalled moving into Brian’s neighborhood when he and Brian were both young. The kid told Brian one day that he was being bullied.

“I’d had a rough day at school after getting picked on, and Brian told me to come over,” the man wrote. “He wanted to play me something on his piano. That’s when he sat down and serenaded me with ‘Lean on Me.’”

I suppose Brain was technically special-needs. But what the world needs now is more special people like my nephew, who could meet someone like Ian Haugen once and consider him a friend for life. If only the rest of us could be so gifted.

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



I made the trip to Eau Claire both Thursday and Saturday night to cover the boys basketball team’s run to the State Tournament. Unfortunately the boys came up a game short dropping a 13 point decision to who else, but La Crosse Aquinas. The private school Bluegolds have been a thorn in the side of the Beavers for some time now having beaten the basketball team at the State Tourney in both 2017 and 2024. Boy, did I want the Beavers to take them out. It wasn’t meant to be. The guys left it all out on the court and should be proud of an EXCELLENT season. I know the community is proud of you! The gym at both Eau Claire Memorial and Eau Claire North were nearly filled to capacity. It was a fun run!

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I have been ice fishing on some pretty nice days throughout my life, but I don’t think I have ever ice fished on a day when the temperature reached a whopping 76 degrees. That’s pretty crazy. The fishing was good and the weather was even better. I sat on the deck that evening and enjoyed a couple of beverages. The next night (Saturday) it was 30 degrees! Ah, March in Wisconsin!

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So as I’m sure most of you know how if that little projects grow into a big pain in the rear. I swear it happens to me all the time. We decided to do a little remodel after being in our house for 30 years. There was some (not gonna lie) pretty ugly old waynes coating wall board stuff in two bedrooms. We have some drywall that is getting spruced up this week so I said I will take off all the old crap and get ready. Well, what was behind the old waynes coating but some lovely wallpaper! Are you kidding me? My wife Sarah spent many hours this weekend scraping that stuff off. What a pain. Anyway, I sure hope there are no more fun surprises as we update this spring!

Have a great week!

LETTERS

Dear Town of Lakeland Residents

To the Editor:

As you may be aware, I am currently battling a life-threatening health condition. Given the situation, I have decided that I can no longer continue as the Chair of the Town of Lakeland. I have formally resigned. A new temporary Chair will be appointed by the current board at the next board meeting on Monday, March 24, 2025.

The election on April 1,2025 is very important for our town and it’s continued success. I am very proud of our team (board and staff) and am confident the tools are in place for the future. The job of Chair has become increasingly complicated over the last 30+ years I have

served. It now requires an understanding of state law, the ability and interest in learning new computer programs, complicated funding programs and requirements as well as the willingness to respond quickly to resident needs. It is for these reasons that I am endorsing Jeneene Rydberg as the next town chair. She is currently a supervisor and has been on the board for 4 years. Jeneene is dedicated to the town and its viability. She chairs the town Planning Commission and is well equipped, with the support of current staff, to lead

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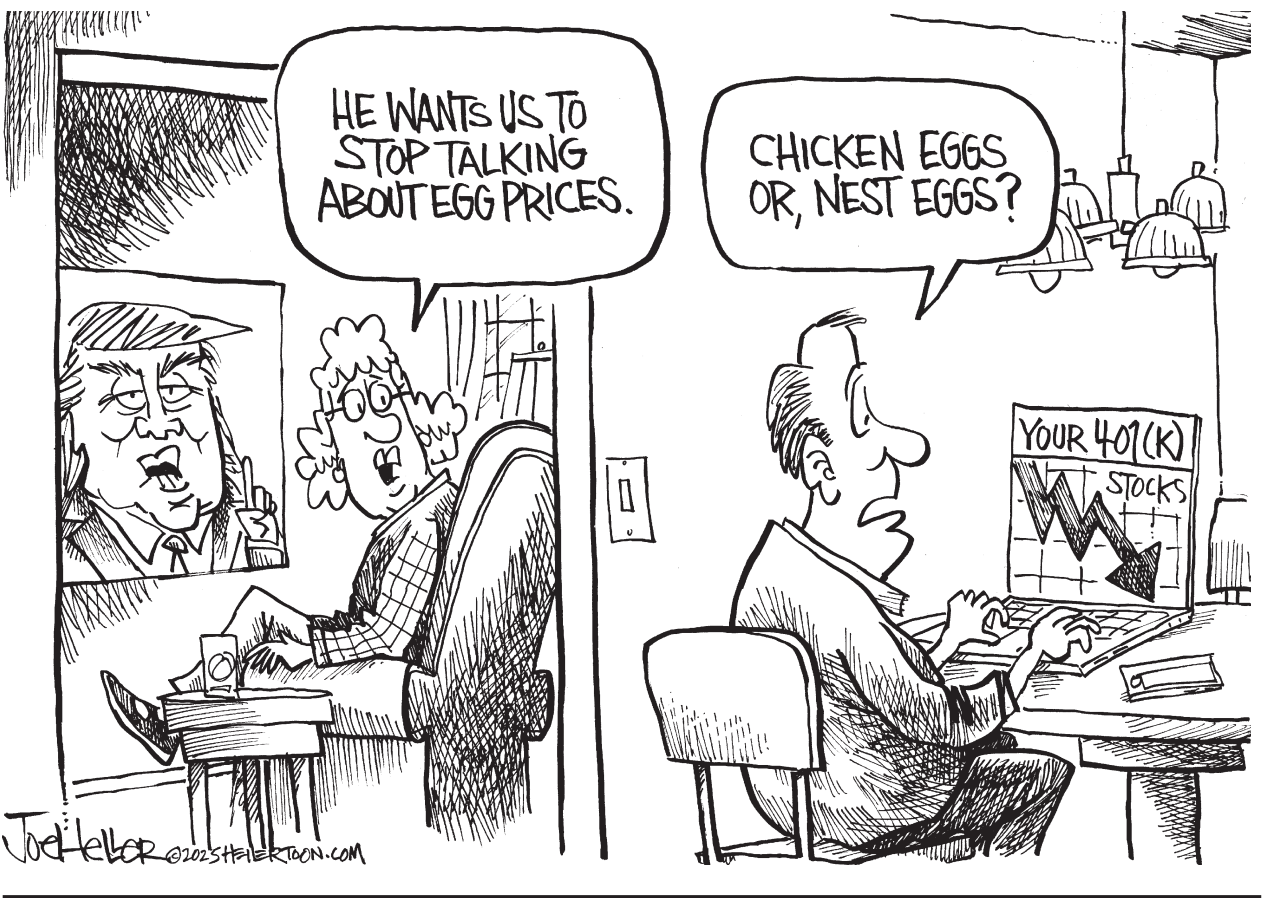
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Research funding has produced real human benefits, with the promise of more”

MADISON, Wis. – There was a time when most people who underwent appendectomy surgery could expect to stay in the hospital for a week and not fully recover for up to a month, often experiencing pain along the way.

Today, thanks to research that led to the development of laparoscopic or “key-hole” surgery, recovery is typically much faster with patients returning to normal life inside a few weeks. In fact, same-day discharge after laparoscopic appendectomy is safe and somewhat commonplace in uncomplicated cases, with low rates of readmission.

That’s one example of how medical research is helping improve and even save the lives of people everywhere. It’s the kind of research that usually would not take place without federal grants to eventually move new diagnostics, devices, drugs and cures out of the laboratory and into the public domain.

The prospect of less federal funding for such research, most often through the National Institutes of Health, has triggered worries among researchers and medical professionals who have seen human paybacks over time. Not every research path yields results, of course; there are no guarantees of success.

If core funding dries up, however, the main guarantee is that nothing good will happen.

Examples of such research include better treatments for several types of cancer; understanding the role of bacteria, fungi and viruses that live inside the human body, for better and worse; treatments for inflammatory bowel disease; modeling for rare disease cures; implantable artificial organs and animal-to-human organ transplants, such as kidneys and livers; improved antibiotics; use of artificial intelligence in health care; and new ways to better target drug delivery through nanoparticles.

One promising area of research right now is Alzheimer’s disease, which is becoming a scourge in an aging population. It often robs its victims of basic functions and leaves them dependent on others for care. Alzheimer’s affects 7 million people nationally and about 120,000 in Wisconsin alone today – and the numbers are growing.

Having lost relatives to this disease, I paid close attention at recent events where researchers described their work and how it wouldn’t take place without federal support.

UW-Madison Professor Sterling Johnson leads one of the world’s largest and

longest-running studies of people at risk for Alzheimer’s disease. His team aims to diagnose the disease years before people develop symptoms and then identify ways to slow its progression.

“A key problem we are trying to solve is how we can diagnose the disease earlier, before people even develop symptoms,” Johnson said during a campus news conference. “Early diagnosis allows time for individuals and their families to take control of their situation, maintain good quality of life, take steps to protect brain health and learn about treatments.”

Called the Wisconsin Registry for Alzheimer’s Prevention, this NIH-funded study began in 2001 and follows more than 1,700 adults, most of whom with a family history of Alzheimer’s.

Another speaker was UW-Milwaukee professor Karyn Frick, who directs a neuroscience-focused program and laboratory on that campus.

“For much of the past 25 years, my research has been driven by the fact that women are at significantly greater risk of developing Alzheimer’s disease than men, which we think is related to estrogen loss at menopause,” Frick said.

The NIH-funded research

conducted in her laboratory is designed to understand how estrogens regulate memory on a cellular and molecular level. The goal is to “use this information to develop new treatments to help reduce memory loss and the risk of Alzheimer’s in women, as well as men,” Frick said.

A major part of the process at UW-Milwaukee and elsewhere is training tomorrow’s scientists to continue the work that may one day lead to treatments and even cures.

“My own NIH-funded research has led to the development of new therapies for reducing memory loss, alleviating hot flashes, and reducing the risk of Alzheimer’s disease that we hope will reach the clinic within the next five to 10 years,” she said.

Political trends come and go, and there’s always room for disagreement on what’s effective and what is not. However, the long-term record of federal support for research has paid off in dollars and cents as well as human health. It deserves to continue.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago March 25, 2015

At a recent meeting of the Barron County Master Gardener Volunteers, Marilyn Saffert, Cumberland, was honored for 2500 hours of service as a Master Gardner Volunteer. Only seven of 2,689 volunteers in the state of Wisconsin received this recognition in the past year.

Cumberland firefighters responded to a building fire at the William Ailport residence near Barronett just after noon on Monday. Flames totally engulfed the structure and destroyed the contents, including two vehicles. No injuries were reported. The cause of the blaze is yet to be determined.

20 Years Ago March 23, 2005

In an effort to diffuse any confusion, Cumberland Mayor John Schwanke has explained why the late Dick Olson’s name will still appear on the voting ballot. This is not a process the City has decided to follow, it is proper under Wisconsin Law. Because no one has filed papers for the position of 3rd Ward Alderman, Olson’s name will still appear on the ballot. Had someone else chosen to run for the position,

Olson’s name would have been removed.

30 Years Ago March 22, 1995

Jack Walsh III., a 1977 graduate of Cumberland High School, was promoted to Vice President of the Galbreath Company in California. He is the son of Jack and Betty Walsh of Cumberland.

Cumberland Memorial Hospital announces the addition of a new staff psychiatrist, Dennis Biros, M.D. Biros will provide general psychiatric services.

40 Years Ago March 20, 1985

Many students of the Cumberland band and choral students who participated in the recent Class A and B Solo Ensemble Festival earned Superior Ratings. The students were: Todd Schlechte, Chris Vocolka, Shawn Thomas, Todd Organ, Mike Leahy, Ryan Bents, Scott Thomas, Kay Anderson, Tammy Mysicka, Jill Greener, Michelle Sirianni, Lisa Modjeski, Scott Bents, Jennifer Heffernan, Jo Mayer and Boo Ruppel.

50 Years Ago March 20, 1975

Don Clark of Cumberland, was presented with the Lester Patrick Award at ceremonies

held in New York last week. Clark is vice-president of the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States, president of the United States Hockey Hall of Fame and was instrumental in the founding of the Minnesota Bantam Hockey Tournament, the first state-wide competition of its kind.

A pump house building and contents were destroyed in a fire on Friday at the Lindemann residence, about four miles west of the city. The origin of the fire is unknown at this time.

60 Years Ago March 25, 1965

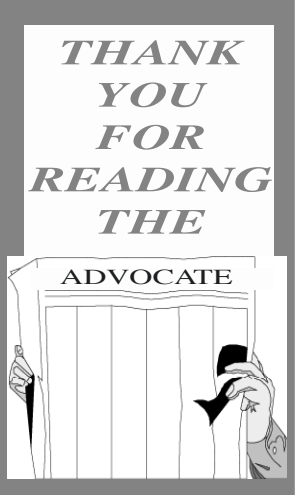
Spring arrived by the shovelful in this area and local residents have been shoveling ever since. The umpteenth snowstorm of the winter hit northern Wisconsin with eight and a half inches of snow, high winds and cold temperatures. Roads were impassable.

70 Years Ago March 24, 1955

L a V o n n e Olson, Cumberland, was rated among the ten highest in the spelling contest in Barron on Saturday, and George Glovka Jr, came in second place.

80 Years Ago March 22, 1945

Herb Williamson, Cumberland, has been on duty in the navy in the Pacific and has recently been promoted to Petty Officer A.R.M.



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Sports

Boys Basketball Season Ends in Sectional Finals

The Cumberland Boys Basketball Team’s outstanding season came to an end last Saturday night in Eau Claire, when the Beavers dropped a 69-56 decision to the La Crosse Aquinas Bluegolds in the Sectional Finals. The Beavers finish the 2024-2025 with a final record of 21 and 6.

“The boys had an excellent season and came up short against a very good and experienced team in Aquinas. I’m very proud of the efforts they the put in to get one win away from going to State,” said Head Coach Brian Dutton.

The team opened up Sectional play last Thursday with a 64-59 semifinal victory over Conference foe, Ladysmith. A large Cumberland contingent attended the contest for which Coach Dutton said, “We had great fan support the last few weeks of the conference run and playoffs and their support has been greatly appreciated.”

The Beavers came out on fire and established a 38-19 lead against the Lumberjacks by halftime. Ladysmith came roaring back in the second half to outscore the Beavers 40-26, but it was too little too late.

The Beavers received 33 points from Gavin Gores in the contest, while Chayden Berghammer had an excellent game with 22 points on six of eight from behind the arc. Gores added a game-high 18 rebounds, while Uriah Johnson added six assists. The Beavers only made 9 of 18 free throws, but shot 56 percent from the floor in the game.

This set up a showdown with Aquinas, who came

into the contest with a record of 23 and 3 as Champions of the Mississippi Valley Conference. They defeated Onalaska Luther 67-49 in the semifinals.

Aquinas had good size in the back line with three starters over 6’3 coming into the match-up, each averaging over 12 points per game. Their size and emphasis on stopping Gavin Gores helped hold the Beavers outstanding forward to 13 points and six rebounds, his lowest totals of the year. The end result was a great effort, but left Cumberland short of winning the contest, ending their season.

Senior Uriah Johnson ended his career with a team-high 14 points, while Junior Troy Majewski added 12 points and six assists. Seniors Chayden Berghammer and Jack Richter added nine and six points respectively.

Aquinas shot the ball with efficiency, hitting nine of 20 three-point attempts and 12 of 14 free throws. They will be a handful for any team they run into in Madison.

Despite the loss, it was an outstanding season for the Beavers and their fine group of seniors and underclassmen. Their achievements this season leaves them with a HON Title, a Regional Championship, and a Sectional runner-up.

Coach Brian Dutton also thanked his two assistants, Ryan Zemke and Eric Butzler by saying, “Yan and Eric deserve a lot of credit helping coach the boys and we wouldn’t have had the season we had without their efforts.”

It was a season everyone will remember as we head towards spring.

Sports Look Back, March 19, 1965

Frenzy was the word to best describe most Cumberland area residents this week and it all can be blamed on to 12 young men and their coach. They have left “Wisconsin Island City” literally on the ropes and gasping as they fought their way from behind and scored two big wins in the Spooner Sectional Tournament this past weekend.

In Friday night’s action, the Beavers were hard-pressed by a Cornell quintet that seemed determined to pull the big upset. However, when the smoke cleared at the end of the game, the Beavers were on top, 62-56. In the first game Friday night, the Ashland Oredockers whipped a game Chetek five, 86-70.

In the consolation on Saturday night, Cornell won the honors with a 63-59 win over the Bulldogs.

But the real heart-stopper in Saturday night’s action was the championship between Cumberland and Ashland, won by the Beavers 98-90. Both teams came ready to play basketball and the contest was as wild as ever seen in tourney action in this area. The total of 188 points scored by both teams is indicative of the offensive battle waged.

As both teams poured through bucket after bucket after bucket, it was anyone’s ball game until the final minute of play when the Beavers gradually pulled away to their eight-point victory.

In addition to the sectional crown, the Beavers won the coveted trip to the state meet at Madison, this weekend.

Cumberland-62
Cornell-56

The Beavers won the right to enter the final of the sectional with an unimpressive

62-56 victory over a scrappy Cornell unit. It was Cumberland’s 21st straight victory.

Cumberland looked very impressive to most observers who saw the eighth rated Beavers for the first time. Except for the first three minutes of the game when they grabbed a 14-4 lead, Cumberland looked like anything but a state contender. Cornell trailed by one at the end of the first quarter and tied the game at half time. John Schell shook lose for 10 points in the final stanza to edge the Chiefs 62-56.

Three first quarter baskets by Helbig and two by Nelson, spearheaded a first Beavers drive. The Beavers hit seven of their first eight shots and appeared to be well on their way to an easy victory, leading 14-4. But the Beavers went cold making just two points in the last five minutes of the quarter. Cornell started some sharp shooting from the outside to trail 16-15 at the end of the quarter.

The Beavers opened the gap again early in the second quarter 22-17. Mike Beighley and Dave Bourget kept pressure on Cumberland with their hot outside shooting, grabbing a 27-26 lead with two minutes left in the half. The lead changed hands four times with Dennis Klass tying the score 31-312 with a long desperation at the buzzer.

The third period was another barn-burner with Cornell holding a 47-46 edge at the end of the period. Cumberland never led by more than one point with Cornell’s biggest margin being three points with four minutes to go in the period.

Carroll Schell started the winning rally in the fourth

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Sectional Win!



Chayden Berghammer drives around a Ladysmith defender during the boys win Thursday night in Eau Claire. Berghammer had a great night scoring 22 to help the Beavers get past the Lumberjacks.



Cumberland’s outstanding senior Gavin Gores gets fouled on his way to the hoop Thursday night vs Ladysmith. Gores had an excellent night with a game high 33 points and 18 rebounds to lead the Beavers to a big win in the Sectional Semi Final win at Eau Claire Memorial High School.



Junior guard Troy Majewski guards Trey Bahr of LaCrosse Aquinas in Saturday night’s Sectional final at Eau Claire North High School. Majewski had an excellent all around game with 12 points and 6 assists while also taking several charges on the defensive end of the floor. Unfortunatley the Beavers fell to the Bluegolds 69-56.

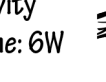


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03/21 Fri	11:22	5:09	11:48	5:35	07:09	07:20	2:30a	10:18a	6:25a	6:51p	*
03/22 Sat	----	6:03	12:16	6:30	07:07	07:21	3:27a	11:10a	7:18a	7:45p	*
03/23 Sun	12:42	6:56	1:10	7:24	07:05	07:22	4:16a	12:14p	8:13a	8:41p	*
03/24 Mon	1:34	7:48	2:02	8:15	07:04	07:23	4:55a	1:28p	9:08a	9:35p	*
03/25 Tue	2:24	8:37	2:51	9:04	07:02	07:25	5:27a	2:49p	10:03a	10:29p	*

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

After Dark Coyote Hunt

Hello friends,
I spent 3 nights chasing coyote in Fond du lac, Columbia, Dodge and Winnebago Counties with two very avid outdoorsmen, Brian Ball and Tom Hoinacki both of Waupun.

**Sunday, February 23rd
High 40 , low 25**
We actually started our adventure fishing walleye on Lake Butte des Morts but that's another story and while fishing I had plenty of time to shoot the bull with Brian and Tom and started to learn a lot about what life long, hardcore and very successful outdoorsmen both of them are.

Brian and Tom made sure we had all of their gear loaded in the truck for tonight's hunt as we would be hunting Winnebago and Dodge Counties on night one. I would be an observer all 3 nights and learned from minute one about the importance of not slamming truck doors, making sure your phone is off, and not talking or moving while on a set up.

After hiking anywhere from 75 to 300 yards, a FoxPro electronic call is setup and in each hunt wind direction is always a major factor. Brian shoots a Daniel Defense M4 with a Griffin Suppressor and an ATN night vision scope

Tom uses a Colt AR 223 with a Banish Suppressor and a Pulsar scope. Both Tom and Brian also use thermal scanners that in short, make it so you can see anything with heat like a deer, cow, raccoon etc. in the dark.

I might add that tonight, there was deep snow, and it was very windy. One is work, the other is not good for hunting. So here is the scoop, I also learned how to use a scanner and from my first look on night one, to my last look on night 3, I saw raccoon and it was literally unbelievable how many there are. Seemed like they were either roaming fields or hanging out in trees.

**Monday, February 24th
High 48, low 29**
We have gone from deep snow to plenty of mud in 24 hours and tonight we are hunting in Columbia county near Columbus and Randolph. A bit about Brain and Tom, they are both retired and from 1990 to 2010 they fished the Masters Walleye Circuit and the Midwest Walleye Series as a team and these guys kicked hiney, it was very cool to listen to their stories. Like last night, not only did we see at least 5 raccoon on each of our 7 set ups we saw deer almost constantly and it is really neat to watch them through the thermal optics.

We only saw one coyote, I was the only one to see it and it was about a 5 second experience.**Thursday, March 6th
High 49, low 26**
I am starting to get the hang of this and let me tell you, any direction from Waupun for at least 40 miles is loaded with deer and raccoon. Here are some interesting facts. Tom and Brian actually have farmers request that they hunt their land at times as they have problems with coyote stressing out their calves that are sometimes in pasture or in calf hutches as well as chasing cattle that then bust through fences. Brian makes mittens, wall hangings and does taxidermy and until the fur market fell apart a coyote hide brought a healthy dollar.

Tonight we would hunt within 20 miles of Waupun and on our first setup as soon as Brian started working the call Tom spotted two coyotes that gave us a great show but did not get close enough. We kept doing hunt after hunt and as usual the coon and deer were everywhere and we had a very close call on another coyote and then watched a large coon attack the call which was pretty cool as we could see it stalking the call across the field.



This is an excellent setup for hunting coyote after dark.



Good friends, left to right Tom Hoinacki and Brian Ball do alot of hiking for each coyote setup

On our last hunt we had one final experience with a fox or small yote and before I knew it, I was driving home with some excellent memories while watching a couple of top notch outdoorsmen do what they love to do
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Look Back...

period with a left handed hook shot. Brother John shook loose for six straight points, giving the Beavers a 54-47 lead with five minutes left in the game. The Beavers went into a semi-stall but it backfired as Cornell scored three buckets to cut the lead 54-53.

Helbig hit two free throws and Schell hit a lay-up on an assist from O'Dell for a 58-83 lead. The Chiefs still were not convinced and Klass hit from the outside. Schell hit two free throws, but Bourget cashed a free throw with 14 seconds left. Talbot hit a 10 footer at the buzzer to make the final score 62-56.

**Cumberland-98
Ashland-90**
Head University of Minnesota Basketball Coach John Kundla, scouting the Spooner Sectional, pretty much summed up the feelings of area basketball fans, when he said, "This was one of the best high school games I ever seen".

In what was called the greatest high school game ever seen in Northern Wisconsin, the undefeated Cumberland Beavers won the right to enter the state basketball tournament with a stunning 98-90 victory over the Ashland Oredockers at Spooner last Saturday night. The Beavers have won 22 straight games and are one of only two undefeated teams left in the state.

Cumberland had fresh ball players on the floor throughout the contest while Ashland used just five men until they substituted four players who fouled out late in the game. Coach Elmer Beran did a masterful job of coaching as he continually shuffled seven men in and out of the game.

John Schell, the magnificent crew cut center, led the Beavers with 36 points. But it wasn't a one man game as six other Beavers were just as important in the victory. Brother Carroll carried the Beavers with 14 points in the first half of play and finished with 17 points. Unsung hero Jim O'Dell cashed in 16 points

and came up with a key rebounding game.

Steve Helbig, bitten hard by the flu bug, was forced to take frequent rests on the bench, but still tallied 11 points. Phil Nelson scored Cumberland's key baskets in their last quarter surge, while John Talbot shined with fine floor play.

The amazing part of the game was the Beavers poise under fire. They were continually trailing Ashland, sometimes as much as seven points.

The first quarter set the tempo for the game as both teams burned the nets. The score was tied three times and changed hands nine times with Oredockers pulling out to a seemingly commanding lead 25-17 at the quarter. Cumberland rallied to trail 49-47 at half time but trailed 73-69 at the end of three quarters, setting up the fourth quarter rally which gave them the victory.

O'Dell started the fourth quarter with a rebound bucket. Schell's rebound basket made it 75-73 but a 10 footer by Joanis made it 77-73. Nelson's jumper and Schell's lay-up tied the game with 5:33 left. Nelson gunned the Beavers into the lead and O'Dell made it 81-77 on a jumper from the corner.

Hicks made a long one from the side and converted a free throw to cut the lead 81-80. Schell was fouled and converted. Joanis picked up his fifth foul as Schell drove again and made the bucket. Schell converted the free shot and the Beavers led 85-80 with 3:48 to go.

Schell made it 89-80 with two more buckets. Helbig drew a foul on the dribble and converted the bonus shot. Hicks hit two long ones but Helbig came up with a tip-in to make it 93-84 with a minute left in the game. Hicks hit again but fouled out on the next play. Schell converted five of six free throws in the last minute and Cumberland won 98-90.



Sisters Macy (left) and Raegan Beecroft were named to the 2024/25 HON All Conference Girls Basketball Team. Pictured with the girls are dad Jim and mom Kate. Congratulations girls!

Beecroft Girls Named to All-Conference Basketball Team

The Cumberland Girl's Basketball Team had two of its players named to the 2024-2025 HON All-Conference squad. Senior Macy Beecroft was chosen to the Second Team, while Sophomore sister Raegan Beecroft was named as an Honorable Mention choice. The Conference Champion Cameron Comets had all five of its starters named to one of the honors teams.

Macy Beecroft was an intense competitor for Coach Tim Obr, playing strong defense and averaging 9.2 points per contest, where she was a constant threat from beyond the arc.

Raegan Beecroft improved throughout the season to eventually lead the team in scoring at 9.8 points a game and rebounds, grabbing eight a contest. She will be a strong presence in the HON the next two years.

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HEART O' NORTH GIRLS BASKETBALL ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM 2024-2025				
1st Team				
Rylin Vruwink	Barron	5'4	Senior	Guard
Lexi Kuffel	Cameron	5'7	Senior	Guard
Bailey Olson	Cameron	5'7	Sophomore	Guard
Taya Whittenberger	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	5'7	Senior	Guard
Mariko Gago	Ladysmith	5'9	Junior	Guard
Abby Johnson	Northwestern	5'10	Senior	Forward
Jillian Kunert	Northwestern	6'	Sophomore	Forward
2nd Team				
Kasey Stauner	Barron	5'6	Senior	Guard
Macy Beecroft	Cumberland	5'6	Senior	Guard
Holly Froemel	Hayward		Junior	Wing
Melody Isham	Hayward		Junior	Guard
Rachel Miller	Hayward		Senior	Wing
Avery Voeltz	Spooner		Sophomore	Guard
Catherine Williams	St Croix Falls	5'8	Sophomore	Guard
Honorable Mention				
Izzy Donica	Barron	5'10	Junior	Center
Hailey Fick	Barron	5'5	Junior	Guard
Olivia Leschisin	Cameron	5'11	Senior	Forward
Cora Romsos	Cameron	5'10	Senior	Guard/Forward
Inez Schmidt	Cameron	5'9	Sophomore	Guard
Raegan Beecroft	Cumberland	5'8	Sophomore	Guard
Mya Gago	Ladysmith	5'2	Junior	Guard
Ellie Tucker	Ladysmith	5'8	Sophomore	Forward
Braylee Wiles	Ladysmith	5'9	Sophomore	Forward
Ashley Sutherland	Northwestern	5'8	Senior	Guard
Amber Bateman	St Croix Falls	5'8	Senior	Forward

Players are listed alphabetically by schools

Abby Johnson of Northwestern is the Heart O' North Player of the Year

**THANKS FOR READING
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OBITUARIES



William “Bill” C. Metnik

William “Bill” Charles Metnik, 68 of Cumberland was called to the woods for the last time, without his chainsaw, on March 15th, 2025. After a short battle with cancer.

Born October 15th, 1956, in Chippewa Falls, WI to Frank and Dorothy (Parr) Metnik.

He grew up in Cumberland and graduated from Cumberland High School in 1974. On June 12th, 1976, he married Tonja (Albee) Metnik. During and after high school he worked with his

dad installing furnaces. He went on to be a man of many talents. He was a heavy equipment/big truck mechanic, excavator, truck driver,(over the road and local) and a logger. Logging was in his blood. After he retired from logging, you could find him in the woods on his days off cutting trees for firewood or in his shop fixing or building something. He was very proud of the super sucker that he and a fellow fire fighter built for the Cumberland Fire Department. He was also very proud of the log house he built.

Bill had a rough and gruff exterior. But deep down he was a teddy bear. He was loved by many, liked by a few, disliked by several. But he was respected.

Bill served our community for many years as a fire fighter, fire board member, Town of Lakeland Chairman and Hungry Hollow member.

Bill is survived by wife,

Tonja (Albee) Metnik Cumberland; daughter, Billie Jo “BJ” Metnik (Eric Anderson); sister Cindy (Carl) Jaeschke; half-brother Willard “Bill” (June) Metnik, sister in laws, Sandy (John) Peichel; Tammy (Bruce) Hanson; Kathy (Clarence) Bever; brother in laws; Jim (Lynn) Albee; Larry (Joanne) Albee; Donnie Albee (Kari Owens); Tim (Sue) Albee. Many cousins, nieces and nephews on the Metnik side and Albee side, 4 step siblings. And his loyal pups Rip & Teeter.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frank & stepmother Nancy Lee Metnik and Dorothy Metnik; brother Frank “Butch” Metnik Jr. and in laws Bob and Shirley Albee.

There will be a celebration of life held at the Hungry Hollow grounds April 12th, 2025, from noon to 4pm. Lunch and beverages will be served.



Carol A. Asp

Carol Ardis Asp, 88, of Turtle Lake, WI, passed away peacefully at her home on March 8, 2025, surrounded by family, joining her loving husband Tony in heaven. Carol was born on August 1, 1936 near Rice Lake, WI to Albert and Laura (Matton) Nelson, and was the youngest of seven children.

When Carol was 10 years old her family moved to Cumberland and purchased a small bait shop on Beaver Dam Lake. They added on to the newly renamed Al’s Bait House and also built seven cabins. She enjoyed working in the bait shop, especially during summers when the tourists came up. She graduated from Cumberland High School in 1954.

Carol met Stanley “Tony” Asp from Clear Lake, WI and they married on August 18, 1956. After

their marriage they established their home near Turtle Lake, halfway between their hometowns. Their home was one of the first on Horseshoe Lake. In the years following, they were joined by their children, Rick, Joleen, and Jenny. Carol worked at 3M for a few years. She also helped out with her husband’s milk route business. Her favorite roles, however, were being a mom and grandma, and she was enjoying her recent promotion to great-grandma.

Carol epitomized what it means to be a people person, and always enjoyed getting together with family and friends. She made meaningful connections easily, whether it was during frequent trips to the casino, on vacations, or even in the waiting rooms at clinics; everywhere she went, she was likely to make a new friend. She was proud of being a “second mom” to her children’s friends or others who needed one at the time. Beyond this, she had a terrific sense of humor that she would reveal at the right times. In 2021, she lost the love of her life. While this was understandably difficult, she was fortunate to find a special friend in Jerry in her final years.

Carol is survived by son Rick (Linda) Asp; daughters Joleen (Marv) Jensen and Jenny (Tom) Hullander; grandchildren Jacob (Katie) Jensen, Rachel (Josh) Woods, Logan (Jenna Bauer) Steglich, and Jamie (Devin Dodge) Steglich; great grandchild Lily Jensen; step-grandchildren Jay (Amanda) Jensen, Zach (Christine) Hullander, and Maddie Hullander; step-great grandchildren Madysan Jensen, Karl Jensen and Miriam Hullander; sister-in-law Sharon Fall, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She is also survived by special friend Jerry Purdin, Sr. and special family friend Tom Johnson. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 65 years, Tony; her siblings Elaine McClaine, Orville Nelson, Maurine McClaine, LeRoy “Bud” Nelson, Wanda Flesch, and Arlene Waite.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, March 22, 2025 at Moe Lutheran Church near Clear Lake, with visitation at the church starting an hour before the service. Pallbearers are her grandsons Jacob and Logan. Honorary pallbearers are her granddaughters Rachel and Jamie. The family would like to thank St Croix Hospice and Skinner Funeral Home for their compassionate care.



John G. Bever

John G. Bever, age 68, of Wheeler, WI passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, February 19th, 2025. He was born February 11th, 1957 to George and Beverly (Fladten) Bever in Menomonie and was raised and attended school in Prairie Farm. He was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Almena and graduated from Prairie

Farm High School in 1975. On November 23rd, 2001, he was married to Susan (Matthys) in Almena, WI. John worked many years in the cheese industry as a maintenance technician. In his spare time, he taught Hunter Safety and coached Little League, touching the lives of many young hunters and baseball players. He enjoyed his retirement years by golfing, hunting, being outdoors, and spending time with his siblings, children and grandchildren. His love of nature and the outdoors was second only to the love he had for his wife and family.

John was preceded in death by his parents, sister: Catherine, nieces: Christy and Jessie and nephew: Joseph. He is survived by his wife: Sue, sons: Taylor (Shannon), Anthony (Jessica) and Jo-

seph (Alyssa), stepchildren: Joshua Hetherington and Sarah (Steve) Bridges, grandchildren: Blake, Nolan, Wyatt, Olivia, Henry, Sophia, Jonathan and Milo, step-grandchildren: Liam, Eli, Makya, Kylee, Marley, Ashlynn and Evalynn, brothers: Nicholas (Cindy), Timothy (Peggi), Daniel (Barb) and Michael (Cindie), sisters: Colette Danmeier, Colleen Swanson and Patricia (Todd) Mickelson, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A private service will be held on Saturday, March 29th at the Ridgeland Community Center, followed by a Celebration of Life open to the public from 1-4p.m. Arrangements are with Rausch-Lundeen Funeral Homes, Cameron & Dallas.



Anthony L. Awonohpay Jr.

Anthony Lucas Awonohpay Jr., passed peacefully in his home on the Maple Plain Reservation, Wisconsin, on March 13, 2025. His Menominee name was “Kaywaska,” which means Thunder Turning Around. He was named after the great Thunderbirds, powerful and sacred spirits. He was the most optimistic person who held amazing strength and courage from his namesakes in the face of numerous illnesses and medical challenges.

Wask was born on September 25, 1983, and was the third child of Anthony Sr. and Jeanne Awonohpay. He was a traditional man who was the Pipe Man and then the First Ogimaa on the

ceremonial Big Drum. Wask grew up loving bike-riding around the rez, playing with Transformers, competing in Pokemon tournaments, dancing like Michael Jackson, and watching all the Godzilla and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movies. He also loved Japanese culture and landscapes, collected Samurai swords, and it was his lifelong dream to visit Japan.

In 2004, Wask’s twin children (Cyrus and Winter) were born. It was the happiest day of his life and the driving force for his lifelong battle against the odds. Wask lived for his children and whenever he needed strength in his battle, he remembered their birth. With this strength, he was able to witness his twins become grown-ups and begin their adult lives. Wask was so proud of his children.

In his later years as his health declined, Wask enjoyed listening to as many audiobooks as he could, keeping up on politics and current events, talking to his family on the telephone, listening to throwback 1990s jams, cuddling his two cats, and visiting with all his nephews.

Wask is survived by his children Cyrus and Winter, his mother Jeanne, sisters Aimee and Amanda, nephews Trenton, Tyrone Jr, Parker, Teran and Hysen, uncle BahWahSung Merrill and beloved cats Smoky and Onyx. He was preceded in death by his father Anthony Sr, brother Tyrone Sr, paternal grandparents Johnson and Frances Awonohopay, maternal grandparents Johnny and Grace Bearhart, cousin Robert Lemieux Jr, and nephew Remy Awonohopay.

Traditional Midewin funeral services were held at the Maple Plain Community Center on March 16, 2025.

Vincent Merrill and Joey Awonohopay were officiants. Pallbearers were Ryan Dominick, Adam Waukau, Antonio Waukau, Carlos Merrill, Colten Begay and Reuben Crowfeather, Jr. Honorary pallbearers are Cyrus and Winter Awonohopay, Trenton Awonohopay, Mauricio Hart, Parker Awonohopay, Jeremy Freer and David Haverly II and Blake Awonohopay.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, March 20

Classic lasagna, tossed salad, garlic breadstick, vanilla pudding.

Friday, March 21

Egg salad and lettuce sandwich, bean and vegetable soup, fruit juice, raspberry poke cake.

Monday, March 24

Chicken teriyaki over brown rice, oriental vegetables, vegetable egg roll, mandarin oranges.

Tuesday, March 25

Entrée salad with deli meat, cheese, veggies, three bean salad, assorted bread, Cook's choice cookie.

Wednesday, March 26

Classic meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, stewed tomatoes, dinner roll, peanut butter bar.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 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. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. (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



Joan Webster Mears

Joan Webster Mears passed away peacefully at home on North Pipe Lake surrounded by family on March 12, 2025, after a long battle with Dementia.

Born December 23, 1940, Joan grew up in St. Paul, MN graduating from Central High School. Joan attended the University of Minnesota for her undergraduate degree and University of Strasbourg for her Masters degree in Linguistics. Joan's first job was with 3M as a document translator and then went to work for the University of Minnesota Medical

School as an administrator. She ended her career as an administrator at the University of Minnesota Agriculture Institute. Joan and Tom married in 1974. She loved and adored their three beautiful children: Sarah, Meghan, and Brennan. Joan left the working sector when she and Tom moved from Minnesota to Ft. Worth, TX in 1984. At the time, Joan chose to put her career aside to be a mom. When the kids were older, she became an avid supporter and volunteer for many charities. Joan and Tom returned in 1996 to where her heart always remained - back to Minnesota and to Pipe Lake in the North Woods of Wisconsin.

Joan was preceded in death by her father, Edward Sheldon Webster; mother, Marie Elizabeth Brennan; and her sister, Lynn Webster Allen (Don). She is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Tom Mears; daughters, Sarah Mears Helfrich (Ed) and Meghan Mears Fugitt (Ray); and son, Bren-

nan Thomas Mears (Amy). She also leaves behind five cherished grandchildren: Jack Helfrich, Tad Fugitt, Anna Helfrich, Ashley Fugitt, and Harper Mears. Additionally, she is survived by her "adopted daughters," Mayumi Ohara (Koichi) and Ilonka Rus (Jeff and daughter Sophia). She will also be missed dearly by her sister, Bonita "Bonnie" Sletten (Keith), her brothers and sisters-in-law, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and lifelong friends.

Joan loved the people in her life and had a gift for making new friends wherever she went. She opened her heart and home to anyone and everyone. Joan's love of entertaining was unmatched. She would set beautiful tables and plan delicious meals. While everything was meticulously planned, the joy this gave her came from the people who were gathered around the table and the lively conversations.

Joan was passionate about giving her time, serving on boards, supporting and planning events for organizations, and creative arts that she believed in including the Episcopal Church, International Christian Youth Exchange, Minnesota Public Radio, St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, Kinship (of Cumberland), ETC, Cumberland Coop, Friends of the Library, and many other good causes (too many to name).

Joan loved traveling. She enjoyed exploring new places and visiting friends with Tom. When they traveled, they had an unspoken tradition to purchase one piece of art, pottery, or furniture from a local artist to bring home. Their home is filled with many "stories" of their travels.

Joan summed up herself and what she was proud of in her later years of life on her personal business card: "All around - Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend, Mentor, Volunteer, Driver, Gro-

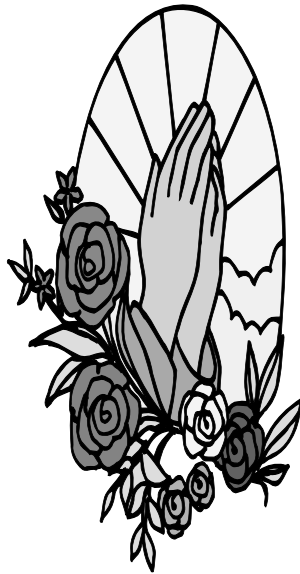
cery-getter, Cook (AKA, 'Maker of All') and General Resource person."

Although we won't be holding a formal celebration of life, we know Joan would want us to continue living as she did. She would want us to enjoy the fine arts and the beauty surrounding us. She would want us to reach out to the people we care about, to celebrate the friendships that have stood the test of time, and to live with a heart open to giving to the world and to others.

In lieu of flowers, and in Joan's memory, we invite you to reconnect with old friends, to meet new friends, to travel, and to celebrate life as Joan would have wanted — with open arms, a spirit of giving, and a heart full of love. If you feel moved, please send a note or photo to Tom of your adventures honoring Joan.

A heartfelt thank you to First Lutheran Church of Cumberland, including Pastor Tim and the many dedi-

cated volunteers who have contributed over the years. Your unwavering support has fostered a true sense of community, spirit, and friendship for both Joan and Tom. In addition, our overwhelming gratitude and thanks goes out to St. Croix Hospice, especially Terianna and Stefan who have stood by our sides during the toughest of years. The family will hold a private burial at a later date.



Church Directory

“Finding Your Faith Foundations in 2025”

by Reverend Matthew A. Earls
Senior Pastor/Northern Lakes Church

The Book of Genesis, the first book of the Holy Bible, is often seen as the cornerstone of Christian faith. It begins with the creation story (Genesis 1:1-31), where God creates the universe, establishing His power and our role as His creations. This narrative gives believers a sense of identity and purpose, rooted in being intentionally made by God. The story of Adam and Eve (Genesis 2:7-25) and their fall from grace (Genesis 3:1-24) introduces sin into the world, explaining why there is pain and suffering. However, God's promise in Genesis 3:15, that Eve's offspring will crush the serpent's head, offers hope, pointing to Jesus Christ as the redeemer. This sets the stage for the entire Biblical narrative of creation, fall, and redemption, making Genesis essential for understanding Christian beliefs.

Genesis also highlights the importance of community and covenant, which are crucial for effective church membership. God's covenant with Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-8) emphasizes relationship and community, mirroring the church as a new covenant community where believers can find fellowship and support. The stories of Noah, Abraham, and Joseph illustrate faith and obedience, inspiring church members to be active and faithful in their communities. The church, as a continuation of the community seen in Genesis, from Adam and Eve to Israel's tribes, provides a place for unity and purpose. Being an effective church member means actively participating, serving others, and fostering community, much like the patriarchs and matriarchs of old.

Given Genesis's foundational role, attending and participating in a church in 2025 is vital for living out these truths. The world is constantly changing, with new challenges and distractions, but the church remains a constant, offering a place to connect with Genesis's timeless lessons and with fellow believers. Whether someone is a long-time believer or just beginning to explore faith, the church provides a welcoming community where you can find joy, support, and fulfillment. My encouragement is to take the step to find a church that resonates with your beliefs and values, and to get involved. This could mean volunteering, joining a small group, or simply attending services regularly. Such participation will not only enrich your life, but it will also strengthen the church community, reflecting the communal spirit of Genesis.

Heavenly Father, in 2025, may we find and engage with a church community that reflects Your truth and love. As we participate, may we live out the lessons from Genesis: valuing creation, acknowledging sin, and seeking redemption through Christ. May our church be a place of unity and purpose, just as You intended for Your people. In J  sus' name, amen.

Blessings & Love
Pastor Matthew Earls

AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
1025 Second Avenue
Phone: 715-822-2890
Pastor Shane Anderson
Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion at all services.

BARRONETT LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)
776 Prospect Ave.,
Phone: 715-822-5511,
cell: 715-671-3197
Minister: Todd Ahneman
Sunday: Worship 9 a.m.; Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS, Pipe Lake
See us on Facebook
Polk County Hwys. "G" and "T"
christlutheranpipelake.com
Steve Miller, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-3096
Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
All Year; Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:00 am. Sept. -May.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
644 South 6th St., Barron
Bishop Jay Jevne
Chapel: (715) 537-3679
Home: 402-677-0574
Sunday Sacrament Meeting: 10-11 a.m.; 11:10-Noon: Priesthood, Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School.

CUMBERLAND BAPTIST
Jared Andrea, Pastor
1225 Hwy. 48
Phone: 715-822-3520
Bible Study: 8:30 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
www.cumberlandbaptistchurch.com

FIRST LUTHERAN (ELCA)
Elm and Eighth Avenue
Timothy Schmidt, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-4416
Worship Times: Sunday 8 am, 10:30 am; Sunday School 9:15 am
Communion 1st and 3rd weeks of the month.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Adelbert Frejas
Phone: 715-822-4293
Worship Service & Sunday School 8:45 a.m., Worshiping, witnessing, sharing community, Cry room available. Sunday Fellowship following each service. Holy Communion 1st Sunday each month.

GOSPEL MENNONITE
Almena, WI.
Sunday: Sunday School, all ages 10 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Evening services: 7:45 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
Clayton, WI.
Father Christopher Wojcik, Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.; Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1788 Elm Street
Pastor Paul Green
Phone: 715-822-3586
Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 am
hopecommunitychurch.life

HOSANNA FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH
662 20th Ave., Cumberland
Tom Olson, Pastor
Phone: 740-644-0537
1st & 3rd Sundays • 4:30 pm
Worship & Refreshments
www.hosannacumberland.org

LAKE PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH
Shell Lake, WI.
John Sahlstrom, Pastor
Phone: 715-468-2734
Prayer: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m.

NORTHERN LAKES CHURCH
825 8th Ave., Cumberland
Matthew Earls, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-5502
Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am for sermons from the Bible and Contemporary Worship, Children's Church and nursery during service; Wednesday 5:30 pm AWANA for Children and Youth Impact (returning in Sept.); Online services and calendar of events available at
www.northernlakeschurch.com

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Soo Ave., Almena,
Father Jayanna Kanna
Weekend Mass: Sun., 8:30 am

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
320 Pine St., Turtle Lake,
Father Jayanna Kanna
Phone: 715-822-2948
Masses: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY ABBOT CATHOLIC PARISH
900 St. Anthony Street
Father Jayanna Kanna
Phone: 715-822-2948
Weekend Masses: Sat. 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:30a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
502 Second St., Shell Lake
Father Edwin Anderson
Phone: 715-635-3105
Saturday Mass; 4:30 p.m.

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
Almena, WI.
Vacancy Pastor: Isaac Nicholson
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Divine Service: 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday's 6:00 pm-Vesper Service
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
1 mile East on Hwy. 48
John Miels, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-8690
Sunday morning traditional worship: 9:00 a.m.; Wed. evening contemporary worship: 6 p.m..

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Rice Lake, WI.
Hwy. SS 1/2 mi. S. of Cedar Mall
Pastor: Scott Manly
Phone: 715-434-7798
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:15 pm.

SHELL LAKE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Shell Lake, WI.

Josiah Hodgett, Lead Pastor
Worship Service: Sundays at 10 am; Kids for Christ: Sundays at 10:30 am, Utum Student Ministries: Sundays at 6 pm.

SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
483 7th Avenue, Clayton
Pastor: Rev. Quentin Buechner.
Divine Service: Sunday 9 am; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

STANFOLD LUTHERAN
Hwy 48, 9 mi. E. of Cumberland
Pastor John Bergson
Phone: 262-354-4537
Assistant Pastor Gerald Hibbard
Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Coffee & bible Study

TIMBERLAND RINGEBU FREE LUTHERAN
12 miles north on "H"
Timothy Carlson, Pastor
Sunday School, all ages 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of each month.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
10 mi. W on Hwy. 48, McKinley
Pastor Diane Norstad
Phone: 715-822-3001
Sunday Worship and Holy Communion: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10:00 am

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Blue Hills Fellowship
Phone: 715-234-6337
www.bluehillssuu.org
230 W. Messenger St., Rice Lake
Services Sunday 10 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN
Wl. Ev. Lutheran Synod
715-641-0945
3 miles NW of Almena
Worship Service: Saturdays 11:00 am; Holy communion first and third Sunday

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

CUMBERLAND FEDERAL BANK Your Hometown Bank 715-822-2249 www.cumberlandfederal.com Member FDIC	RE/MAX NORTHSTAR See us for all your real estate needs 800-511-2615 www.remaxnorthstarwi.com	CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL UTILITY 715-822-2595 Online Payments got to: www.cumberlandutilities.com	CUMBERLAND ACE HARDWARE & LUMBER Home of the <i>Helpful Hardware Man!</i> 715-822-8459	White Electric, Inc. Wiring, Trenching, Commercial, Industrial Residential, Farm 715-822-2147	NORTH COUNTRY PACKAGING Home of North Country Gourmet Cheese Spread 1623 6th St. • Almena 715-357-3080 Retail Store Hours: M-F 8 am - 4:30 pm
Odden's Flowers Open Mon-Fri: 8 AM - 5 PM Saturdays 8 AM - 4 PM Phone: 715-822-4835 Cumberland, Wisconsin Cut Flower Arrangements • Perennials Shrubbery & Bedding Plants Big Geranium Pots • Hanging Baskets	5 O'CLOCK CLUB "Your Cumberland Caribbean" Phone 715-822-2924 Hwy. 63 North Cumberland	CUMBERLAND HEALTHCARE Hospital <i>Medical Clinic</i> 715-822-7500	KINDLED HEARTH FIREPLACE STORE WOOD • GAS • PELLET • ELECTRIC Sales - Service • Complete Installation Downtown Cumberland 715-822-5355 www.kindledhearthfireplacestore.	DAIRY STATE BANK 1405 2nd Ave., Cumberland Phone: 715-822-8316 Member FDIC	
DIRKS Heating & Cooling We service ALL brands! 24 Hr Emergency Service Free Estimates! 715-537-3990	SENECA FOODS CORPORATION "Compliments of Management and Employees" Cumberland, Wisconsin	1268 on Main What are we? Check out Our Website www.1268onmain.com	NILSSEN'S FOODS Groceries • Deli • ATM • Lottery Open 7:00 am - 10:00 p.m. 7 days/week 1170 2nd Avenue • Cumberland 715-822-4541	FARR INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC Farm - Homeowners - Fire & EC Liability - Auto - Commercial Recreation Vehicles Office: 715-822-8151 • Cell: 715-671-8411 Cumberland, Wisconsin	LOUIE'S FINER MEATS "Home of Award-Winning Sausage" Phone: 715-822-4728 Hwy. 63 North, Cumberland
LakePlace.com Brothers Realty 715-822-3303 1345 Elm St. • Cumberland Lake Properties, Cabin Rentals, Family Resorts	BOB & STEVE'S BP AMOCO SHOP BP FUELS • Pizza & Deli Phone 715-822-4202 1633 Superior Ave. Cumberland, Wisconsin		LAKELAND CO., INC Steel Fabricators Factory Direct Trailers Hwy. 63 North • Cumberland Phone 715-822-8748	CUMBERLAND BUS SERVICE John & Sandy Peichel Locally owned and operated 715-822-2348 1750 Industrial Blvd., Cumberland	HAACK ORTHODONTICS Working with you and your general dentist to create healthy, happy smiles. 715-234-9071
	NORDQUIST TRUCKING LONNIE FOREHAND, OWNER 110 Prospect Ave. • PO Box 117 Almena, WI 54805 715-357-3286 or 715-357-3716 nordquisttruck@chibardun.net	MIDWEST MOTOR GROUP Quality Cars & Trucks 715-419-1772 or 715-803-4889 Kevin Monson Matt Torgerson Corner of CTH P & US HWY 8 • Almena	WISCO RV & MARINE Sales • Service • Storage 2236 Hwy. 63 Cumberland, WI 715-822-8714 www.wiscomarine.com	ASPEN ACUPUNCTURE Stacy Rischette, L.A.c, MT Chinese Master www.aspenacupuncture.com mail@ aspenacupuncture.com 715-822-4418 1268 2nd Ave. • Cumberland	



PUBLIC NOTICES



**1ST AND MARSHALL RECONSTRUCTION
CUMBERLAND, WI**
**Bid Opening: 2:00 p.m. (local time),
Wednesday, March 26, 2025**

The City of Cumberland, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service for the construction of 1ST AND MARSHALL RECONSTRUCTION until 2:00 p.m. (local time) on Wednesday, March 26, 2025. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud at CBS Squared, Inc., 770 Technology Way, Suite 1A, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, at that time.

Work on this contract consists of reconstruction of 1st and Marshall streets including storm sewer, curb and gutter, and sidewalk.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price basis as indicated in the Bid Form.

Bids shall be on the forms provided for that purpose and according to the Contract Documents prepared by CBS Squared, Inc. identified as "1st and Marshall".

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: CBS Squared, Inc., located at 770 Technology Way, Suite 1A, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Contact person is: Tyler Hastings, 715-505-8633, thastings@cbssquaredinc.com.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.cbssquaredinc.com> for a fee of \$30. Documents may be downloaded by first selecting BIDDING from the menu tab, then selecting this project from the CBS SQUARED CURRENT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBidDoc™ Number 9574666 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$45 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service via QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. All prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through Quest CDN for bids to be accepted.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. Bidder is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within 72 hours of the bid opening to CBS Squared, Inc., ATTN: Kristi Lentz, 770 Technology Way, Suite 1A, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Cumberland reserves the right to retain the deposits of the three (3) lowest bidders for a period not to exceed 61 days after the date and time set for the opening of bids. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 61 Days after the date and time set for the opening of bids.

Bidders must submit a Bidders Proof of Responsibility in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Bidders will be required to provide performance and payment bonds of 100 percent of bid amount.

The City of Cumberland reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Randall Reeg, City Administrator
950 1st Ave
Cumberland, WI 54829

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**PRELIMINARY PUBLIC NOTICE FOR
POTENTIAL IMPACTS TO WETLANDS**

The City of Cumberland intends to seek financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for the Cumberland Wastewater Collection System Improvements. The proposed project consists of renovations to lift station 3.

All work will take place within the right-of-way, property owned by the City of Cumberland, or obtained easements. If implemented, the proposed work will impact wetlands at sewage lift station 3. The proposed work encroaches 479 square feet or approximately 0.011 acres into the delineated wetland. Multiple engineering considerations have been incorporated into the proposal to mitigate potential impacts on the wetland area and minimize the footprint of the proposal. The WDNR has granted permit GP-NO-2021-3-00159 allowing the proposal to proceed. The Army Corp of Engineers has granted a permit under Regulatory File No. MVP-2024-00133-DDP allowing the proposal to proceed. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts.

The environmental documentation regarding this proposal is available for review at the USDA – Rural Development State Office located at 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482. For questions regarding this proposal, contact Scott Schatschneider at Scott.Schatschneider@usda.gov or 715-889-0332.

Any person interested in commenting on this proposal should submit comments to the address above by Wednesday, March 26, 2025.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Electronic Ballot Tabulation**

Under Wisconsin State Statute 5.84(1), public tests of the electronic ballot tabulation system will be held to ascertain that the equipment will correctly count the April 1, 2025, 2025 Spring Election votes cast for all offices and on all measures. All tests are open to the public.

- City of Cumberland**
Tuesday, March 25, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.
Municipal Administrative Building
950 1st Avenue, Cumberland, WI
Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
715-822-2752
- Town of Crystal Lake**
Saturday, March 22, 2025 at 8:00 a.m.
Town Hall
1876 Hwy. 63, Comstock, WI
Arlene Frisinger, Clerk-Treasurer
715-822-8039
- Town of Cumberland**
Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.
Town Hall
902 20th Avenue, Cumberland, WI
Holly Nyhus, Clerk
715-357-6154
- Town of Lakeland**
Friday, March 28, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall
791 29 11/16th Avenue, Barronett, WI
Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk
715-529-2741
- Town of Maple Plain**
Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Town Hall
393 26th Avenue, Cumberland, WI
Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk
715-529-2741

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**DOCUMENT 00 11 13
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Main Street Lighting
Cumberland, Wisconsin
SEH No. CUMBE 180720**

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Cumberland until 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2025, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Main Street Lighting.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

MAIN STREET LIGHTING Bid Opening
APRIL 7, 2025 AT 2:00 PM (CDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:

<https://bit.ly/4iQlknG>
Meeting ID: 227 252 871 141
Passcode: ta789FL3
Dial in by phone
+1 872-242-7640, 958563972# United States, Chicago
Phone conference ID: 958 563 972#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.
Major quantities of the Work include:

<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Estimated Quantity</u>
Remove Existing Light Foundation	Each	52
Remove Existing Underground Wiring, including Handholes	LF	3,700
Remove Concrete Sidewalk	SY	620
Sawcut Concrete Sidewalk	LF	2,600
Concrete Light Base	Each	45
Service Cabinet with Concrete Equipment Pad	Each	1
1-inch and 2-inch Non-Metallic Conduit	LF	7,500
Underground Wiring, 1/C AWG 6 to 8	LF	18,000
Underground Wiring, 1/C AWG 4 to 3/0	LF	22,000
Street Lighting Unit including Pole, Luminaire, and Accessories	Each	45
Speaker Mount, including Wiring	Each	16
Concrete Sidewalk Patching with Aggregate Base	SF	5,600

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDoc™ Number **9594926** on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

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For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated March 19, 2025.

In addition to digital plans, paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$85.

Bid security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Cumberland reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City.

Randy Reeg, Administrator
City of Cumberland
950 1st Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829

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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I hope you had a very happy St. Patrick's Day. It doesn't seem as though the Barronett, Cumberland and Shell Lake area do much celebrating on that day. I saw in the news that Chicago dyes their river green as part of their celebration. And, St. Paul goes all out. The parade, the green beer, the bloody Mary drinks – it is a crazy time there.

You know, of course, that no one believes that St. Patrick drove all the snakes from Ireland, right? Actually, if you are interested in the history, when he was about 16 years old, he was captured by pirates from his home in Britain and sold as a slave in Ireland. He was an animal herder there for about six years, then escaped and returned to his family in Britain. After becoming a cleric, he returned to Ireland and spread Christianity around the country. (I did not see any mention of green beer in his biography, by the way.) So now you know "the rest of the story."

Lynn Thon had a wonderful girls' weekend with her daughter, Jamie Anderson, and grand-daughters, Kaitlynn and Jessica Holmen. They spent a very relaxing time hanging out, sketching, beading, watching television and, of course, playing some games on their phones. Kaitlynn and Jessica walked down to visit with us on Saturday morning. It was so great to have them here. They are teenagers now, you know, and have lives of their own. Darn it. I think children should stay

four or five years old for at least twenty years and then suddenly become adults.

Anyway – On Sunday Jamie made a wonderful corned beef boiled dinner for all of us. Her husband Kurt, and his son, Alex, were also there, of course. It was so good!! I had a plate and was comfortable, then went and got more and was miserable. (Why do we do that to ourselves?)

I made Irish soda bread for Jamie's meal. I had never made it before, and I had never eaten it before, so I was a little nervous about how it would turn out. Actually, it's very easy to make, and from what the others said, it was very good. Even Duane, who isn't easily impressed, said that he liked it. Yea!!

Geri Pittman stopped by to visit after church on Sunday morning. I didn't go to church this week because I had Dr. Miller freeze some sun damaged skin off my nose on Wednesday, and it looked pretty ugly. I am hoping the discoloration fades by Wednesday so that I can go to the soup and sandwich supper and Lenten service.

Shirley Overvig called Sunday evening just to chat. She was out walking – she does that every day, more than a mile – and that is one of the few times during the day that she isn't bustling around so she has time to just talk. She and I have been planning to get together and do some crocheting, but she said it won't be until way into April now. She had some eye surgery

done and doesn't feel comfortable driving this far yet. She's living in River Falls now, you know, so it is quite a distance. She should just move back here where she belongs. We, her friends, are way more important than her kids and grandkids. (Maybe.)

Duane and I were just pulling out of the garage one day last week when a pick-up truck stopped by the driveway. Well, it was Dean Holmes, and we had a nice long chat with him. We haven't seen him around for ages, so it was great getting caught up on everything that has been going on in his world.

Duane and I took advantage of the one day of very warm weather and picked up the branches that had fallen in the yard over the winter. We went down and checked out the treehouse too, and found that there was no evidence of any little rodents having been in there, but there are lots of bugs to be vacuumed off the windowsills and swept off the floor. I am so looking forward to summer and spending more time down there.

Jay Olson is responsible for the joke this week. It seems that three British soldiers were on maneuvers and found that they were hopelessly lost in the woods. Suddenly another man in a British military uniform appeared before them. They didn't realize that he was a general, ran up to him without saluting, did not call him "sir," and asked if he knew the way

**NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(INFORMAL
ADMINISTRATION)
CASE NO. 2025 PR 24**

In the Matter of the Estate of Jerry H. Paulson Case No. 2025 PR 24.

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth May 1, 1960 and date of death January 8, 2025 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1911 8th Street, Cumberland, WI 54829. All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 16, 2025.

A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Hwy. 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

/S/ Deanne E. Alsbury
Registrar in Probate
Signed March 4, 2025
Robert L. Loberg
Loberg Law Office, LLP
359 W. Main Street,
Ellsworth, WI 54011
715-273-5072

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting* on **Monday, March 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**, 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 can also be found on the Town's website, www.townoflakeland.wi.gov

*Please note that the date of the monthly board meeting for the subsequent month will be set by the board during each monthly meeting.

Danielle Maxwell-Parker
Clerk
Town of Lakeland
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www.wisconsinpublicnotice.org

out of the woods. The general was outraged that they did not show him the proper respect, and demanded in a loud voice, "Do you know who I am?" One soldier turned to the others and said, "Oh Blimy! Now we are in real trouble. We don't know where we are, and he doesn't know who he is."

I'm going to go and get busy. I hope you have a wonderful week. I hope you will join us for Wednesday supper and Lenten services.

Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

We have had changes to our board lately. I am now president and I appointed Tom Hodgson as vice president and John Bavier replaced Tom as a board member. Now Carol Wallin will be replacing Kathy Mason in April.

We will be having computer workshops at the center starting on Mondays at 10am thru 1130.

There is sign up sheet at center so check it out.

We will be having a flea market April 26th from 9am till 2pm. You can rent a table for 10 dollars same as we charged last year. So let me know if you want to reserve a table. Also we will have a garage sale so we appreciate everyone bringing in stuff for us to sell.

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**Cumberland School District
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
- VOCAL MUSIC TEACHER -

Job Title: Full-Time Vocal Music Teacher

Job Description: Full-time Vocal Music Teacher position for grades 5-12 at the Cumberland School District, effective at the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The candidate must be enthusiastic and self-motivated to promote and expand the choral music program. The successful candidate will have knowledge in a variety of pedagogical techniques, including Kodály, Orff, Suzuki, and Dalcroze. Additionally, candidates should enjoy interacting with young students and building positive relationships between students, staff, parents, and community members.

Qualifications: Piano proficiency is desired but not required. Candidate must hold or be eligible for Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Certification in Choral Music (1511), General Music (1515), or Music (2500).

How to Apply: If you are interested in this position, applications should be submitted through the WECAN website: <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu>. Applicants may also mail or email a resume, a letter of interest, three letters of recommendation, and copies of transcripts from all universities attended to:

**Daniel Hopkins, Principal
Cumberland High School
1000 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
dhopk@cstdmail.com**

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Heavy Equipment Operator/Patrolman

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**Town of Cumberland
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**Cumberland School District
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
- MARCHING BAND ASSISTANT POSITION -
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(color guard) -

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

**Daniel Hopkins, Principal
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Cumberland, WI 54829**

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**Cumberland School District
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**
- SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER -

Job Title: Full-time Special Education Teacher

Job Description: Full-time Special Education teaching position at the Cumberland Middle School in Cumberland, WI, effective at the start of the 2025 – 2026 school year.

Candidates will:

- Have excellent communication, leadership and organi- zational skills
- Work with a variety of abilities
- Possess strong classroom management skills
- Develop and implement individualized lesson plans aligned with students' IEP goals
- Assess students' academic, functional and behavioral abilities to develop appropriate IEP goals
- Modify general education curriculum to meet the aca- demic and functional needs of students
- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies, assistive technology, and hands-on activities to enhance learning
- Monitor student progress and adjust instruction and ac- commodations as needed
- Teach social and emotional skills and self-regulation strategies in addition to instruction in daily living skills
- Work closely with general education and special educa- tion teachers, paraprofessionals, therapists and administra- tors
- Communicate regularly with parents/guardians regard- ing student progress, behavior and IEP implementation
- Participate in IEP and evaluation meetings and profes- sional development opportunities
- Case manage special education students and complete IEP and evaluation paperwork, while ensuring compliance with special education laws and regulations
- Perform other duties as assigned

Qualifications: The qualified candidate will possess or be eligible to hold a WI DPI Certification for Cross-Categori- cal Special Education. Extracurricular and coaching opportunities are also avail- able.

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**Tami Bowman, Director of Special Education
Cumberland School District
1010 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
tbowm@cstdmail.com**

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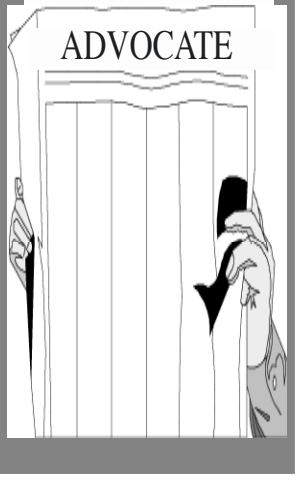
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LETTERS 

the town for the next two years. Since my name will still be the only name to ap- pear on the ballot for Town Chair you will need to write in Jeneene Rydberg on the write in line of the ballot.

I want to close with a thank you to all residents. I know you love this town as much

as I do and even if we did not agree in the past, I know you will continue to support the town board and staff to maintain our great quality of life. You might even miss me.

**Sincerely,
Bill Metnik**

Response to Vote Brad Schimel Letter

To the Editor:

Regarding the charge that Susan Crawford, worked to weaken election security, Wisconsin has one of the most secure and restric- tive voting procedures in the US. The constitutional amendment proposal on the ballot wants to makes it even tougher to vote in the state of Wisconsin and re- strict voter right to sue the state if a voter's rights are violated. Susan Crawford thinks our current voting procedure is enough and opposes the constitutional amendment that would re- strict voter rights. Voter fraud is extremely low in our state. We do not need to create a solution for a prob- lem we do not have.

Regarding the criti- cism that she has funding by George Soros and J.B. Pritzker, I am glad to hear it. Her opponent, Brad Schimel has the backing of ELON MUSK! If Soros and Pritzker backing Crawford injects political activism into her campaign, the same is true when Musk backs Schimel. The playing field is leveled as far as money is concerned. I hate it that MONEY decides elections in this country.

As for the case of the 19 year old rapist of the child, the prosecutor recommend- ed a 10 year sentence, not 100. The defendant in the case was of diminished cog- nitive capacity and it was uncertain if he was even ca- pable of standing trial. Un- able to make bail, he spent 777 days in jail before the trial. Crawford sentenced him to four years with six years probation. Given his cognitive capacity, prison did him no good and would

bring no justice for the vic- tim.

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