



Don't Forget to

VOTE!

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Spring Election set for April 1

Next Tuesday, April 1st, make sure you take time to stop and vote in the Spring Election. Locally, we have four people running for two spots on the Cumberland School Board. Incumbents are Jonelle R. Gideo and Eric Stone while Nancy Keeler and Michael Furseth look to take their place on the board. In the City of Cumberland, Alderperson District 4 sees Michael Benjamin running against incumbent Doris Laursen.

On the State level, the race for Wisconsin Supreme Court features Brad Schimel squaring off against Susan Crawford. The two candidates are running for the 10 year term now held by Ann Walsh Bradley who is retiring.

While the race is officially nonpartisan, both candidates have received backing.

The Democratic Party backs Crawford while the Republican Party backs Schimel. Crawford is a judge on the Dane County Circuit Court, while Schimel is a judge on the Waukesha County Circuit Court. The race will determine whether Liberals retain majority. State Superintendent is also up for grabs with Brittany Kinser squaring off against Jill Underly. Take time to get out and vote. It's what makes the United States of America the best country on the planet. If you don't vote, you can't complain!

School Board Holds March Meeting; Referendum Timeline on Schedule

by Mark R Fuller

The Cumberland School Board held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 18 and following the Pledge of Allegiance and acceptance of the Consent Agenda, the Board moved into District Reports.

Director of Learning, Isaac Lundquist, began the night by discussing pilot Science programs currently under trial in both the Middle and High Schools. With instructors finding the programs valuable to the learning process, the next step will be to consider their purchase for the 2025-2026 school year.

Lundquist additionally discussed upcoming State testing at each level while researching past data to find any gaps in student learning to help District students meet State Standards.

Athletic Director Lorne Majewski concluded District Reports by summarizing the winter sports season and addressing the beginnings of spring sports. He announced that the WIAA Annual Meeting will take place this coming Friday in Stevens Point, with the potential passage of High School Name, Image and Likeness of school athletes one of the major discussion items.

The Board then moved into Action Items, which began with the approval of a 2025-2026 CESA 11 shared services contract. The contract with CESA 11 provides educational services and support for students, teachers, and administrators in a cooperative and cost-effective manner in the areas of special education, Title I administration, and professional development. Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose called the contract, "A nice resource for the District."

This was followed by recommendations for the Board from High School Principal Dan Hopkins regarding requests from students wanting to be involved in either the Early College Credit Program or the Start College Now Program for First Semester next fall.

In the Early College Credit Program, students may apply to take a maximum of 18 credits over their last two years of high school from any college in the UW-System. Their request may be made to the District if those classes are unavailable in their current setting.

The application deadline is March 1 and students must get the approval from the Board whose decision comes following recommendations from the High School Administration regarding the student's classwork, attendance, and scheduling needs prior to graduation.

Principal Hopkins said recommendations of students is a multifaceted issue, with the ultimate decision being, "Academically, can they be successful taking these college credits." Even if a student is approved for the program, they could still be turned down by any college for which they apply as they look further into the student's GPA, ACTscores, class rank, and rigor of schedule before either accepting or denying their request.

The Start College Now Program will allow eligible high school students the opportunity to take college courses at Wisconsin Technical College. Students must have a minimum of a 2.5 grade point average, have no major disciplinary

Four Running For Two Spots On School Board



Michael Furseth

1. Tell us a little about yourself and your family.
My wife Linette and I moved here in 2009 from southern Wisconsin when I took a job at Ardisam. We have two children. Our daughter is in 8th grade and our son is in 6th grade in Cumberland. My professional background is in engineering, but since 2015, I have been the CEO of Ardisam here in town. Linette is a veterinarian and in December she opened the Fur Barn Vet Clinic on the west side of town. Our kids are involved with lots of sports and band and that keeps us very busy. I am the president of the Cumberland Boys Basketball Club and have coached my son's basketball team for the last few years. When I get a chance, I love deer hunting and bird hunting and just about anything else that will get me outside.

2. What makes you a good candidate to serve the School District?
I have served on numerous boards in my life, and I am currently serving on two boards: Ardisam's Board of Directors and the Tree-stand Manufacturers Association Board. I know how boards operate and how to get things done through a board. I am well researched on the topic of school boards and have a passion for education. Further, I have two children in the district, so I have a vested

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Nancy Keeler

1. Tell us a little about yourself and your family:
My name is Nancy Keeler and I moved to Cumberland after growing up in a suburb of Chicago and graduating from UW La Crosse with a K-8 teaching degree in the 1980's. Brian Keeler, my husband, was part owner of JJS Auto Body Clinic and now we do a family business and we service many people in the Rice Lake and Cameron area. Scott has a beautiful wife and four glorious kids. Our second son, Gary, is also married to a wonderful wife and they have one terrific daughter, who calls me the "toy master".

I am an energetic creative thinker and I love to research and explore new opportunities for learning and encourage the kids of the future. Home Again is a three piece band, and I am the leader of featuring the bassoon which I have played since the 5th grade. I also raise monarch butterflies and am very interested in health and exercise. I have lifted weights for 40 years and was Ms. Tall Southern Wisconsin in Women's body building. I am driven to do the best I can possibly do for all people. Upholding Christian morals and values is the meaning of my life.

2. What makes you a good Candidate to serve the School District?
I believe I am an excellent candidate to serve the

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Eric Stone

1. Tell us a little about yourself and your family.
I have lived in Cumberland for over three decades and am thankful to be part of this community, although I still see myself as a newcomer. I have been a small-town "animal doctor" at Northern Lakes Veterinary Clinic since I arrived here. I am very grateful that my three children were educated in the Cumberland School District. Having attended school in Stillwater, MN (yes, I started life as a Mud Duck) and graduated with a class size of over 600, I am jealous that my kids were able to attend Cumberland schools, supported by their teachers and community, and given such incredible opportunities in a small town environment. My three children were very different from each other, and all found the support and grounding they needed here in Cumberland. I am now an empty nester, fully understanding another side of life, while still valuing our schools as a touchstone of our community.

2. What makes you a good candidate to serve the School District?
A good candidate needs to value our kids, our school, and our community. A good candidate needs to respect the values of their community and fellow citizens, even when they vary. A good candidate should value fellow Board Members, be able

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Jonelle Gideo

1. Tell us a little bit about you and your family:
Hello- I'm Jonelle Gideo, married to Michael (Spike) Gideo. We have three children, all of whom went through the Cumberland School District. I have been involved on the School Board with the Cumberland School District for 17 years, serving as Treasurer of the School Board since 2009. Over the years, our children have been very involved in band, choir, National Honor Society, and various sports, which, in turn, made me VERY involved!

Two of our three children have already graduated from CSD, and our third child will graduate in May.

2. What makes you a good candidate to serve the School District?
Having served 17 years on the Board, I am wholly vested and want to continue to be a trustworthy bridge between our community and the district. As a Board Member, my priority has always been our students and staff, and I am 100% committed to our kids' education. Children learn as individuals, and while the standards are continually changing, education is one of the most essential rights (and gifts!) we can provide them. As a Board, we listen to our administrators and teachers to recommend materials and individualized plans to best serve our students. Our Board has done

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The Snow Queen!



The Cumberland High School play "The Snow Queen" opens at 7 p.m. this Thursday, March 27th at the ETC Theater. The show continues on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. with a matinee scheduled for 1p.m. on Sunday, March 9th. Tickets can be purchased by calling the high school office at 715-822-5121. Tickets are \$10.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 1st



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for
Cumberland School Board

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April 1st

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, March 27
Popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, peas, homemade wheat bread. MS/HS: Chicken noodle soup. ES: Jelly Sandwich & string cheese.

Friday, March 28
Cheese pizza, broccoli, coleslaw, applesauce MS/HS: Grilled chicken sandwich. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Monday, March 31
ES: Cheesy lasagna rollup. MS/HS: Lasagna with meat, homemade bread, peas, pears. MS/HS: Hot ham & cheese sandwich. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Tuesday, April 1
Walking Tacos, Refried Beans, corn, brown rice, applesauce. MS/HS: (2nd option) Hamburger/Cheeseburger ES: (2nd option) Jelly Sandwich & Cheese string

Wednesday, April 2
French toast sticks, Cheesy Hashbrowns, Broccoli, Applesauce. MS/HS: (2nd option) Chicken Patty ES: (2nd option) Jelly Sandwich and String Cheese

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pint of milk, fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. DUE TO VENDOR AVAILABILITY. This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider



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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

Thursday, Friday, Saturday - March 27-29 Spring Play at ETC
THURSDAY, MARCH 27: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • Daisy Girl Scouts Troop #3054
FRIDAY, MARCH 28: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball •
SATURDAY, MARCH 29: • 8:30-10:30 CBBC - Boys Little Dribblers • 11 am - 1 pm CCE: Pickleball •
SUNDAY, MARCH 30: • 1:30-5:30 pm Cumberland Youth Softball Open Gym 1:30-3:30 Grades 2-4 & 3:30-5:30 Grades 5-8 •
MONDAY, MARCH 31: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball •
TUESDAY, APRIL 1: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-9 pm MS Wrestling @ Cameron • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

THE CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER
Come & Check out the
Cumberland Fitness Center!
Located in the Cumberland High School.
FREE!
- OPEN -
Mornings: Monday-Friday 6:00-8:00 AM
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Now Open Friday afternoon 4:00-7:00 PM also!!

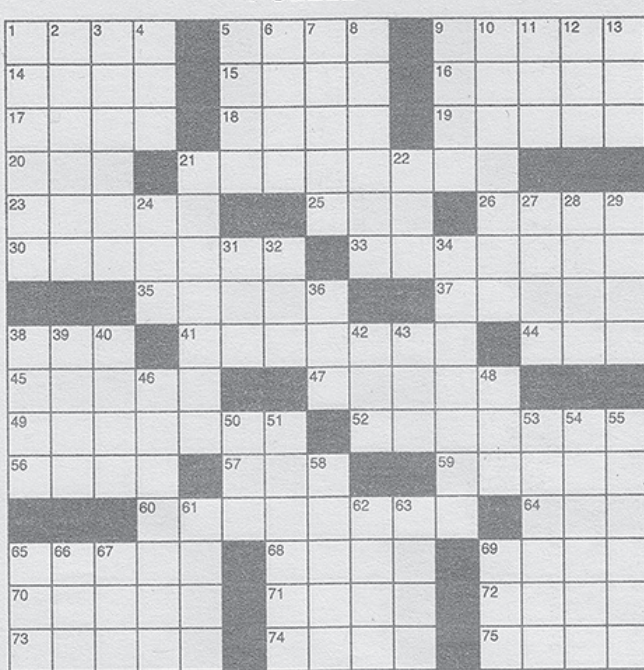
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Questions or concerns please contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director HS: 715-822-5121 ext. 403 \sbrid@csdmail.com

WALK THE HALLS
NO COST FOR THIS GREAT EXERCISE OPPORTUNITY!
Don't let rainy/snowy weather keep you from your routine!
Come walk the halls of Cumberland HS & MS
Please stop at the High School Office or the Cumberland Fitness Center (High School) to register for this activity before your first walking session.
TIMES: 6:00-7:30 am or 4:00-7:00 pm
Cumberland High School
We ask that all participants adhere to these hours for their safety and the safety of our students.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL
TUESDAY EVENINGS
8:00 - 10:00 PM
CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL GYM
COST: FREE

Questions or Concerns? Please contact: Susan Bridger, CCE Director, 715-822-5121 ext. 403 \sbrid@csdmail.com

PUZZLE



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1 Way

5 Two good friends

9 BB Player Abdul Jabar

14 Tub spread

15 Little Mermaid's love

16 Infra's opposite

17 Powdered drink

18 Thoughtless

19 Ground

20 Poisonous snake

21 Court summons

23 Work carelessly

25 Chinese sauce

26 Wading bird

30 Leia's pursuer (2 wds.)

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35 Meeting

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52 Force out

56 Father

57 Hair stuff

59 Revoke

60 Toasted chewy bread roll type (2 wds.)

64 Women's partners

65 Shoe leather

68 Serving dish

69 French Sudan

70 Muslim's religion

71 Eye

72 A cozy room (2 wds.)

73 Utters

74 Looked at a book

75 Do it again

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1 Chemical salt

2 Mainland State

3 Pin

4 Shoat

5 South American nation

6 Middle East dweller

7 What a small child does

8 What children attend

9 Association (abbr.)

10 From Kuwait

11 Environmental protection agency (abbr.)

12 Make a mistake

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24 Chinese seasoning

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Sudoku Puzzle #4151-M

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Furseth...

interest in the success of our schools. Through coaching and just being around all my kids’ activities I have gotten to know many of the kids, parents, and teachers at the school. I want nothing more than to see these kids succeed and excel and being on the school board will give me the opportunity help more. Another factor that makes me well-suited for the school board are my other community connections. Through my position at Ardisam, I have become well-connected to numerous business leaders within Cumberland and Barron County and I am also very familiar with some of the challenges facing the City of Cumberland. The school district has a major impact on the entire community, and it is important to understand that decisions made by our school board can have a ripple effect throughout our entire community. As a school board member, I will make sure we keep our children the priority while making decisions that are good for the community as a whole.

3. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing the School Board?

The responsibility of the school board is to oversee the full-time management of our school district. In the case of the school board, the District Administrator reports directly to the school board and, in turn, he manages the entire district. When things are running smoothly, being a board member is relatively easy. However, if there are issues that bubble up to the board level, the work required to do a good job as a board member can stack up quickly. As a board member, it can be difficult to know when to jump in and address issues with management. Over the past year our school board has had to face a difficult situation regarding our District Administrator who was convicted of OWI (3rd) and was sentenced to 60 days in jail. This major ethical violation by the leader of the district can only be addressed by the school board. As a parent, I could not have anticipated the lack of action and communication from our school board. I do not think it is appropriate for a District Administrator to remain in authority over the entire district while serving a jail sentence. However, the lack of communication from the board is the biggest issue. If our District Administrator is going to retain his position even while serving jail time, we should get an explanation. Instead, our school board has worked to keep the situation as quiet as possible, even silencing my wife and others signed up to speak after her when she appropriately addressed the school board during public comment period at a school board meeting last July. The best school boards are the ones that welcome and work to address concerns that come to them from community members. The best boards do not hide their problems, but rather share them with the community and look for input from the community as to how they should be addressed. Cumberland is a great community full of many reasonable and talented people. Our school board will improve if it improves communications with our citizens and works more closely with the community.

4. Were you in favor of the referendum and what if any, would you have liked seen done differently?

While I was in favor renovating the high school, I was not in favor of the referendum as it was presented. Increasing everyone’s property taxes by 20 plus percent is obviously a big deal and the community should know as much as possible about what is planned and why it is necessary. The school board passed the referendum question putting it to ballot to the vot-

ers without ever discussing the dollar amount in a public meeting. Public school board meetings are the only place the school board can discuss school business as a group. How did they put forth a \$32.95 million dollar referendum without any discussion about the dollar amount? I have looked into the details of how other communities have handled school referendums and know people who sit on boards for other districts. Most school districts will have a much more transparent process that invites much more community involvement than what Cumberland had before the question is even put on the ballot. Although I have tried to understand what is planned for the renovations, I still have many questions. None of the plans shared with the public include the large shed that is already constructed on the north side of the high school parking lot. Given the fact that the school district acquired the land where that new building sits over two years ago, I assume it has been part of the plan all along. The Cumberland community is extremely supportive of our school district and the district is very well funded. I just do not understand why our school board does not invite the community to get more involved. Had there been more community involvement with the creation of the referendum question we would all have a better understanding of what is planned and why it is necessary, and therefore I likely would have supported it.

5. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing students today?

Teaching kids is difficult and keeping them motivated to learn is very challenging. Each student is different and is dealing with their own unique challenges. The teachers that can get every kid in a class, regardless of their skill level, to advance and maximize their own potential have a very special and valuable talent. Luckily, we have a number of these very talented teachers in the Cumberland School District. My daughter participated in the marching band for the first-time last summer and the ability of the band teachers and directors to get those kids to work hard at improving their own skills while working together to coordinate a very elaborate performance is almost mind boggling. I can’t say enough about the teachers and support staff that make it all happen. I know the challenges firsthand from coaching basketball. The range of skill sets makes it so difficult to keep them all motivated to improve. On top of that, kids are motivated differently. Some need to be encouraged and treated gently while you need to be firm and tough with others, and the challenge of keeping kids motivated in the classroom is way more difficult than it is on the basketball court. How do you motivate the kids craving to be intellectually challenged side-by-side with the kids that are looking to do as little as possible? How do you push the most talented and hardest working while literally rescuing those that are dealing with major personal or family issues?

On top of the challenges regarding motivation, there are so many distractions for our students today. This past year the school put more restrictions on the use of phones within the school. This policy change is a big step in the right direction. We need our students to take a break from all the distractions of the modern world and lock in and learn when they are at school. Most of us are guilty of giving in too much to the digital distractions and endless entertainment that is always at our finger tips, I know I am, and it has to be even more tempting for children.

Keeler...

Cumberland School Board! I have been a public school teacher for nine years at Turtle Lake, teaching Kindergarten, 5th Grade and coaching Junior High girls volleyball and basketball. I lead their summer recreation program and worked continuously with many parents and students successfully. I have also taught at local Christian schools and home schooled. I also have substitute taught in Cumberland, Rice Lake, Barron and Cameron for over five years and thoroughly enjoyed working for Restorative Justice with kids that were dropping out of schools. I love encouraging kids and helping them reach their full potential. I have even taught in our Barron County Jail. As you see, I have a huge passion for working with kids, parents, teachers, principals, superintendent, and Cumberland staff members. I am here to support you! I will listen to parents and represent you. Being a teacher I will listen to teachers and try to help you in anyway I can.

3. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing the School Board?

I believe the biggest issues facing the school board is first understanding who is in charge. In a district, the chain of command is the people first, next school board, next superintendent, then principals, teachers, school staff. When I taught at Turtle Lake, the teachers were in a Union. We, the teachers, were against the principals and superintendent....wrongly. I was young and eager and just wanted to teach kids. I love the whole process of teaching and forming kids! The TL model stifled teaching. One beautiful 4th Grade Cumberland Teacher told me, “not all schools are like Turtle Lake”. She was right. The Cumberland School District was different. You guys got along. Your staff respected everyone. Cumberland and Cameron were known as the best school districts. When I became a substitute teacher, we all wanted to substitute in Cameron or Cumberland. That is true no longer. The ickiness has crept into Cumberland School.

We must get trust back! Kindness and setting the example with our lives of respect and genuine caring from the top down...starting with parents, school board, superintendent on down.

Other issues: I have gone door to door and listened to many people...your issues: high referendum costs raising taxes. Most people are on set incomes. Many people in Cumberland are not wealthy. A \$200 tax raise to support to support desired things, but not necessary thing affect people that don’t have extra money greatly.

Education concerns are over slipping scores and lack of classes are offered as the trades to students. No allowing teachers the freedom and creativity to teach from what they learned at college and experiences is a concern.

Cell phones and social platforms take over the minds of students and how

to combat that, are concerns.

4. Were you in favor of the Referendum and what, if any, would you have liked seen done differently?

I am running on the platform I would represent parents, teachers and staff. The community is struggling to live daily, we must limit our wants and desires to our needs. The school could do the same. What is necessary? My desire is that the teachers and principals need to be paid more. When I applied for teaching at Turtle Lake in the 1980’s, there were 350 applicants for the kindergarten job.

People do not wish to go into teaching anymore mainly because of low pay. We must pay teachers more. The request from the teachers was to pay subs more. It is very hard to get substitute teachers.

With that said, my expertise is teaching creatively and reaching all students! I would take that referendum money and spend just what is necessary, like improving the classrooms in the high school...no windows, ugh, making buildings safe and paying the teachers and principals more. I think we should teach more of the trades in high school, that was stressed by the public also.

A great teacher doesn’t need the best of everything. We need a larger classroom budget to work from so we aren’t always spending so much of our own money on items. That really doesn’t cost too much.

While going door to door, I talked to an elementary dishwasher in the school. I said, “You are very important in the school. You just don’t know what your words do to reach others”. She in turn told me of kids wanting her to come around the counter and give them hugs. That is what Cumberland School is about!

At the Sectional Boys’ basketball game, winning or getting another chance to do better is not the only outcome of the game. Character is much more important. As Aquinas Boys were getting their first place metals, I saw our coach and one player start to clap for the Aquinas team. Slowly most of our team joined clapping for the winning team. That is what our school is about. Without good character, what have you got?

5. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing students today?

I believe the biggest issue facing students today is examples set before them. We need to set the example of living correctly before the students. Parents need to show respect for teachers and come along side them. We all need to respect each other and encourage students to grow to their potential.

Media and cell phones are another issue....read the book “The Anxious Generation”. Phones and social media are destroying our kids and families.

Thank you for allowing me to represent you. I will do my best with the help of God.....For a time such as this. Keeler for Kids!!

Stone...

to work through disagreements and be willing to adjust out of respect for others’ knowledge and experience. As Board Members, we are called upon to make decisions that balance the needs of our students, local money and finances, educational needs, community opinions, and (more often than I’d like) requirements from distant government bodies in Madison and Washington. I have always walked this line, knowing that the kids in our schools and their families deserve better than politics.

3. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing the School Board?

In public education, there always seems to be the next most significant issue, the next goal, the next solution to everything. Too often, these issues are determined in Madison, Washington, on news channels, or by social media. The Cumberland School District, Board, Administration, and especially our teachers have done a great job utilizing the valuable parts of these initiatives while always keeping kids and Cumberland first.

Currently, the top priority of the Board is overseeing the rehabilitation and construction of our High School. Financial responsibility and wise resource use have been a hallmark of this Board. Our community has trusted us to continue to value their finances as well as their children. The construction project will be a top priority for the next year and a half. The key will be ensuring that the quality of our kid’s education continues, even while their buildings are disrupted.

4. Were you in favor of the referendum and what if any, would you have liked seen done differently?

I fully supported the referendum to replace our aged high school with one that better supports our children and our teachers. Our current 1960s-era building has served this district well. But it’s past its useful life and does not serve to best educate our kids today or into the future. Building a school for the next 70 years of Cumberland students is our challenge, duty, and privilege. Our community made this project possible by passing a referendum to finance the construction. Our schools survive and excel only because the citizens of our town believe in our kids. The referendum passed on the second attempt. My only regret is that the school board did not successfully show our community the need to pass it the first time. With record low interest rates and highly competitive bidding during the time frame of the first referendum, we would have saved our district so much money and provided so much more.

Our renovated high school will make our great school district even better, and I am proud and appreciative that our voters supported our kids in this way.

5. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing students today?

I could name violence, bullying, drugs, social media garbage, and societal stressors as the most prominent issues. We must protect them from all of these and more. But the greatest issue is the need to support our kids and help them be their own strongest asset. Our children face the challenges of developing tools of confidence and strength while remaining grounded in their beliefs and the faith their parents and community instilled in them. The support and guidance of their families and those who care for them are essential to developing these tools (or “weapons”) to combat the challenges they face. Strong kids who are confident in themselves and have support from family, friends, and their schools are their own best protection. Our schools and teachers must continue to support our students by supporting their parents and families, just as our teachers need the support of parents

and families to serve their students.

Please vote Tuesday, April 1st, to show your support for our kids and our schools.

Gideo...

a tremendous job at this for many years, and I want to see it continue.

3. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing the School Board?

Our most significant issues are balancing federal and state funding issues, while continuing to be fiscally responsible at the local level and keeping our taxpayer’s interests at the fore.

4. Were you favor of the referendum and what if any, would you have liked seen done differently?

I was 100% in favor of the recently passed building referendum. As a Board, we did solid planning and due diligence over many years while informing Cumberland taxpayers about the impacts and the district’s needs. I wouldn’t have changed a thing, but my only wish is that we could have passed it the first time when costs were significantly lower. We would have gotten so much more (especially another gym) and

greater value for our dollars compared to what we’ve had to settle for today. We’re pleased with the bids and fiscal reports we’re receiving for the current project, but what ‘could have been’ is still frustrating.

5. What do you believe are the biggest issues facing students today?

I believe the issues students face today are where to belong, who they are, and how their decisions will be accepted. As a parent, I know this in my heart. In every case, our job is to provide the best educators, facilities, and up-to-date curriculum so every child can learn, grow, and succeed.

Please VOTE on Tuesday, April 1st, to have a voice in Our Schools, Our Community, and Our Future!

Cumberland’s Thomas Fowler Chairman of the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin Gives State of the Tribes Address in Madison



Thomas Fowler

Chairman Thomas Fowler of the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin welcomed members of the Wisconsin’s 11 federally recognized tribes to the 21st Annual State of the Tribes Address at the State Capitol in Madison on March 18th, 2025. He is currently serving his third term elected to St. Croix’s Tribal Council. Fowler is married to his wife Melissa and has 7 children. Together, they make their home in the Maple Plain Community near Cumberland, Wisconsin. In his spare time, he enjoys creating jewelry for their husband and wife small business, Creatively Indigenous. He holds his Ojibwe culture close to his heart through participation in ceremonies, powwows, and youth and community events. This was his first time giving the State of the Tribes address. Chairman Lewis Taylor gave the address for St. Croix back in 2010.

Don't Forget to

VOTE!

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



I returned home Sunday morning at 2:30 am, from an ice fishing adventure on Manitoba’s Lake Winnipeg. It was most definitely a bucket list trip to chase big ol “greenback” walleye’s through the ice. The fish get a green hue to them due to limestone in the water. What a fun trip. There was tons of travel but well worth it. The fish are literally mean. They absolutely crush big baits. It’s not like around here where finess is the name of the game. Big and loud really trigger those fish. Our gang of Mike Knutson, Mike Rouzer and Trey Waite all caught some dandy’s. The fish this time of year are so fat as they prepare for the spawn. All fish over 21 inches are released. We caught many fish in the 22-26 inch range with a couple bigger. I hate to admit it, but the biggest of the trip was a 28 inch fatso that was well over 10 pounds, was caught by that Hardware Store guy again. Happened on last year’s ice fishing trip to Devils Lake North Dakota as well. As Trey said, it must be the way he rests the pole on his lap when he’s on his phone! Anyway, it was a blast! Can’t wait for next year.

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Spring sports are here. Track, baseball, and softball are all busy gearing up for the season. Golf starts next week. All four teams have some excellent athletes and all four should have solid spring seasons. Indoor meets and games start this week. Hopefully mother nature cooperates and games go on as scheduled. Probably not, but you never know. Good luck to all the teams!

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The Cumberland High School play, The Snow Queen, opens this Thursday night at the ETC Theater. The kids put in a lot of hard work. For just \$10.00, go have a fun night at the theater. Refreshments will be available as well.

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Correction. In last week’s article, I stated La Cross Aquinas ended the Beavers season in 2017 and 2024 in basketball. It should have said baseball. By the way, Aquinas went on to win the state title in basketball last week. They are really good in multiple sports, as they play a tough schedule. It takes a special team to beat the private school Bluegolds, who have kids on their roster from a wide area. Some day we will get them! Have a great week!

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Balls, strikes ... and data analytics: How tech comes to bat in major-league baseball”

MILWAUKEE, Wis. – As crowds go in American Family Field, the 220 people who gathered there March 17 for the 12th annual Wisconsin Tech Summit was tiny compared to those that show up for any Milwaukee Brewers home game.

In terms of its reach into Wisconsin’s tech sector – from major companies to startups, and from early stage investors to researchers – the event was a sellout of sorts worthy of the venue.

Sixteen major companies such as Faith Technologies, Google Cloud, Mayo Clinic, Microsoft, Oshkosh Corp., Plexus, Promega and Rockwell Automation engaged in one-on-one strategic meetings throughout the day with emerging companies of all descriptions. There were about 170 such 15-minute sessions as the pre-screened young companies “pitched” their products and services on the stadium’s Club Level.

With the Brewers’ opening weekend homestand around the corner, conference attendees also got a glimpse at technologies that enhance fan experience, analyze player performance and help to ensure those talented, well-paid athletes stay

healthy.

Derek Hyde, who is the Brewers’ vice president of information technology, held baseball fans and non-fans alike in their seats with a presentation that helped to explain why Major League Baseball’s smallest market is above the curve on home attendance. In a few words: Parking lot to seat to game-time fan engagement.

“We have recognized that we have a great opportunity to enhance fan experience through digital processes,” Hyde said.

He may have been preaching to a techy choir, but Hyde outlined specifics that helped to rank the Brewers 14th in home attendance (more than 2.5 million) among the 30 MLB teams in 2024. In order of fan arrival:

A streamlined approach to parking that helps people navigate stadium entry.

Wayfinding for seats, concessions and other ballpark attractions.

A scoreboard that is the third largest in the MLB and, according to Hyde, the sharpest in terms of quality. “It’s a massive canvass of digital,” he said.

About 40 cameras that are recording almost everything that happens on the field, leading to detailed

data about pitchers, hitters and “spray charts” that show who hits what ball where and in what game situation.

It’s all powered by a control center that was remodeled starting in December 2024 to ensure the latest technology is available – and more protected against cybersecurity attacks. That’s an important factor in baseball today when bad actors are more intent on stealing data than stealing bases.

Because most MLB players are well-compensated after having climbed the ranks of high school, college and minor-league baseball, they can be targets for hackers. It’s not just baseball that must be wary. Some recent examples include a ransomware scam involving the San Francisco 49ers football team, a hacked social media account used by the National Basketball Association, and a scam aimed at likely visitors to the 2025 National Football League draft in Green Bay.

Hyde said MLB teams are working with many “trusted partners” to fend off such attacks.

What the average fan may be most likely to see is how data analytics – powered in part by those 40 “Hawkeye” cameras

– can make a difference on the field. If coaches want to know more about how first baseman Rhys Hoskins has performed, for example, the analytics can summarize his catch probability, home run distance, highest and lowest hit probability, home-to-first speed and much more.

It makes one wonder how Robin Yount and Paul Molitor ever got as far as they did as Brewers without a computer dissecting every at-bat.

Perhaps most important is how those cameras and the data analysis behind them can help to diagnose injuries or potential injuries, sometimes before they happen. While it may not make every competitive player happy, the data can suggest when a player should sit out a game or two before he’s sidelined for weeks on the disabled list.

For the young tech-based companies that took part in the March 17 conference at Am-Fam Field, their “season” is just beginning. The same holds for a much larger business fueled in part by technology, the Milwaukee Brewers.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
April 1, 2015

Former Cumberland resident and Cumberland High School graduate, Monica Zappa, finished the 2015 Iditarod last week in 47th place. She finished one day and 12 hours faster than last year, even though the course was 18 miles longer this year.

Cumberland Federal Bank is proud to announce and welcome Jim Wick as its new Information Technology Director. In addition to the management of the IT function at Cumberland Federal, Jim will also be joining our lending team.

20 Years Ago
March 30, 2005

Hustad’s Sugar Bush, located in rural Cumberland, and Owners Al and Linda Hustad, were named Producers of the Year for 2004 at a statewide conference. Hustad’s began in the middle of the 1950’s and has been going strong ever since.

30 Years Ago
March 29, 1995

Cumberland Memorial Hospital and Extended Care Unit, announces the addition of a Director of Finance. Mark Cummings will be responsible for financial and statistical analysis of the facilities operations.

Kimberly Ricci, daughter of John and Mary Ricci, was the runner-up in the Regional Spelling Bee. Kimberly qualified for the Badger State Bee which will be held in Madison in April.

40 Years Ago
March 27, 1985

A fire at 6:15 am Saturday morning, destroyed the home of Harry Littlepipe on Sand Lake. Firefighters were at the scene for about two hours, but were unable to save the mobile home. No one was injured in the fire, which apparently started from a wood stove.

50 Years Ago
March 27, 1975

A long grueling day of competition proved successful for five Cumberland High School Students who emerged with “A” ratings at the district forensic tournament at Eau Claire. They are: Debbie Decker, Peggy Ranallo, Gisele Nelson, Mary Wilhelm and Shelley Duncan.

Following several weeks of spring-like weather, Ol’ Man Winter let the residents know who still ruled the roost as a huge snowstorm rolled through the first of this week. It started about noon on Sunday and before it tapered off

on Tuesday, it left eight inches of new snow, drifts of huge dimensions, plugged roads and everything else was at a standstill.

60 Years Ago
April 1, 1965

Airman First Class Robert Machala, of Cumberland, has been presented the USAF outstanding unit award at Grand Forks AFB, N.D. Airman Machala, an airman armament mechanic, received the award for helping the 18th Firefighter Interceptor Squadron achieve an exceptionally meritorious rating.

Arnold Jeska, a member of the sales staff of Central Motor Sales, will be honored at Ford Division’s 300-500 Club banquet this weekend. He has qualified for club membership for 10 consecutive years for excellent retail sales performance.

70 Years Ago
March 31, 1955

Cumberland High School students made a remarkable showing last Saturday at the Music Festival in Rice Lake with Jerry Jensen, Charlene Christensen and Robert Brown coming home with three of the scholarships that were offered.

80 Years Ago

March 29, 1945

15th Army Air Force, in Italy, 1st Lieutenant Robert H. Babcock, 22, of Cumberland, pilot of a B-24 Liberator bomber, has been awarded the Air Medal, according to announcement by the 15th Air Force.

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court Traffic Court

Jeffrey M. Cameron, 62, Fridley, MN., operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Logan A. Harnack, 23, Rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Dustin P. Soldner, 32, Homer, AK., operating while revoked, \$443.00. Sierra A. Stanley, 29, Rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Eleuterio Tzompaxtle-Sanchez, 21, Rice Lake, OWI, \$1,711.50. Lucas E. Adams, 22, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Ishmael D. Barreda-Moncada, 37, Barron, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Paul A. Becker, 37, Rice Lake, driving too fast for conditions, \$213.10, failure of operator to notify police of an accident, \$389.50 and deviation from designated lane, \$175.30. Preston L. Bhatti, 31, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Anthony T. Bloom, 26, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Luann L. Bronstad, 67, Barron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Ava M. Bucsko, 22, Cloquet, MN., operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Peter J. Clemetson, 50, Ridgeland, operating while suspended, \$200.50 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Gary R. Degerman, 69, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Levi M. Glaser, 24, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30. Hazel A. Hindsley, 68, Cumberland, permit unauthorized person to drive, \$200.50. Favian Itehua-Quiahua, 20, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Christina J. Jacobson, 41, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Kallen M. Kennedy, 18, Rice Lake, speeding, \$175.30. Issac A. Mason, 23, Colorado Springs, CO., fail/ properly maintain exhaust system, \$175.30. Stephen A. May, 70, Birchwood, speeding, \$225.70. Brookelynn C. Olsen, 20, Rice Lake, speeding, \$200.50. Casey J. Rush, 19, Prairie Farm, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. William F. Salisbury, 57, Ladysmith, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Kimberly A. Strand, 38, Wheeler, OWI, \$1,112.50. Thomas N. Tew, 20, Amery, speeding, \$175.30. Ashtin M. Vinson, 21, Anoka, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Joshua K. Vroman, 40, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Patricia A. Wolff, 62, New Richmond, speeding, \$225.70. Danielle E. Yarmolich, 37, Lakeville,

MN., fialure to stop at a stop sign, \$175.30.

D.N.R.

Maxwell P. Kusilek, 19, of Roberts, has been charged with fishing during closed season. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Eric J. Taft, 21, of New Auburn, has been charged with failure to identify fish shelter. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Jakob J. Wyss, 17, of Holyoke, MN., has been charged with fishing during closed season. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Brandon D. Horton, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with failure to identify fish shelter. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025.

Complaints

Travis G. Peterson, 31, of Chetek, has been charged with illegally operate ATV or UTV on/in vicinity of highway. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Caden R. Lundequam, 19, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court trial is scheduled for May 5, 2025. Jonathan W. Odenbreit, 23, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court trial is scheduled for May 5, 2025. Janell A. Cunningham, 46, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court appearance was scheduled for March 19, 2025. Andrew L. Boortz, 41, of Cumberland, has been charged with illegal loaded firearm (not handgun) in motorized vehicle. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Michael W. Church, 39, of Chetek, has been charged with operate snowmobile without trail sticker. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Stacy L. Ness, 49, of Rice Lake, has been charged with deposit or discharge solid waste on public or private property. Her court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Derek G. Stokes, 42, of Barron, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025. Joshua J. Glinski, 41, of Cameron, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025. Steven C. Miller, 29, of Janesville, has been charged with computer crime-modify data, disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 2, 2025. Jason A. Kolstad, 42, of Altoona, has been charged with knowingly violate a domestic

abuse order. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 2, 2025.

Tyler J. Crotteau, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with knowingly violate a domestic abuse order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Alexander C. Garner, 24, of Rice Lake, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His plea hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2025.

Joshua G. Cruz, 19, of Barron, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Kayla M. Young, 30, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI, operating with PAC and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Michael E. Grady, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His arraignment is scheduled for June 6, 2025.

Mason A. Gothberg, 36, of Bloomington, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Kyle T. Nack, 34, of Nelson, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Shawna A. Speth, 46, of Shakopee, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for March 25, 2025.

Brittany K. Whitten, 40, of Menomonie, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

Nathan P. Hanson, 40, of Almena, has been charged with second degree endangering safety, attempting to flee or elude an officer, operate a motor vehicle while revoked, obstructing an officer and violating the condition of bond in Rusk County stating the defendant must not commit a crime.

On February 20, 2025, an officer with the City of Chetek Police Department, was stopped at the intersection of Knapp Street and 3rd Street in the City of Chetek, when he observed a truck enter onto Knapp Street from 4th Street without stopping at the stop sign on 4th Street. As the vehicle drove westbound, the officer observed that it did not have a license plate. The officer reports the vehicle was also traveling above the

posted 25 mile an hour speed limit.

The officer reports he activated his emergency lights and the vehicle continued west on Knapp Street for approximately four blocks without stopping. The vehicle then made a right turn onto 9th Street and the officer activated his emergency siren. The vehicle continued, and then failed to stop at the stop sign at the intersection of 9th Street and West Stout Street, before making a right turn onto West Stout Street.

The officer reports the vehicle came to a stop on West Stout Street, near the address of 801 West Stout.

The officer reports he made contact with the driver, who he later identified by Barron County booking photographs as the defendant, Hanson. The officer reports upon approaching the vehicle, he had to knock on the window and motion to Hanson to lower it. The officer reports he identified himself and advised of the reason for the stop. Hanson became argumentative, and told the officer that he was wrong.

The officer asked Hanson for his name or identification numerous times, and that Hanson eventually stated that his name was “Nate”, but refused to provide identification or give his last name. While speaking with Hanson, the officer reports he could smell the strong odor of intoxicating beverages coming from the passenger compartment. The officer reports Hanson had glossy bloodshot eyes, and exhibited slurred speech as he spoke.

The officer reports he was able to identify Hanson’s passenger, as D.R.S. The officer reports D.R.S. visually appeared to be highly intoxicated, was slouched in the passenger seat and was struggling to keep his head raised.

The officer reports he eventually ordered Hanson out of the vehicle, and Hanson verbally refused. The officer attempted to open the door and pull Hanson out of the vehicle, but it was locked. The officer continued to order Hanson out of the vehicle. As the officer was reaching for his pepper spray, Hanson put the vehicle in drive and left the traffic stop.

The officer radioed dispatch and pursued the vehicle with his lights and sirens activated.

The officer reports Hanson left the traffic stop at a high rate of speed, and failed to stop at the stop sign on West Stout Street and Railroad Street. Hanson turned right onto Railroad Street and continued to Knapp Street, again failing to stop at the stop sign. Hanson continued east on Knapp Street and made a left turn on 3rd Street, again failing to stop at the stop sign. Hanson drove well above the posted 25 mile per hour speed limit on 3rd Street, and the officer estimated Hanson was

driving around 60 miles per hour.

The officer reports Hanson failed to stop at the stop sign on 3rd Street and Center Street, and made a left turn onto Dallas Street, again failing to stop at the stop sign.

Hanson made a left turn onto 2nd Street, failing to stop at the stop sign on Dallas Street and 2nd Street. Hanson continued across the Long Bridge in Chetek, and took a right on Pinegrove Street/Highway D. Hanson continued east on Highway D at reckless and dangerous speeds. The officer reports he continued to pursue and observed Hanson almost strike a vehicle headed west on Highway D just west of Gilligan’s parking lot.

The officer reports that at that time, three other deputies with the same department had also joined the pursuit.

The officer reports that just past Gilligan’s he lost track of the vehicle through the curves in the road. The officer reports that the roads had slippery sections caused by packed snow and ice.

The officer reports he discontinued the pursuit due to having lost sight of the vehicle and the road conditions.

The Chetek Police Department Lieutenant reports that on February 20, 2025, D.R.S. came into the police department requesting his driver’s license which had been left at the traffic stop earlier that morning. D.R.S. stated that he had been heavily intoxicated the previous night when

he and his friend were pulled over, and D.R.S. indicated he believed they had fled the scene.

D.R.S. advised that he believed he had given an officer his driver’s license, and wanted to know if he could pick it up. The lieutenant asked D.R.S. if he knew where his friend was, and D.R.S. stated he did not, and wasn’t even sure where they stayed that night.

The lieutenant asked D.R.S. if he remembered anything from the previous night, and D.R.S. stated that they were in a black truck and stated that the friend who was driving him around was Hanson, the defendant.

If convicted for second degree recklessly endangering safety, Hanson may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years or both. For attempting to flee or elude an officer, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both. For operate a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than one year or both. For obstructing an officer, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For violating the condition of bond in Rusk County, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 26, 2025.

School Board...

issues, and not be absent for more than 10 days a school year.

A lengthy discussion preceded the vote of Principal recommendations,

As they discussed the communication of the programs to parents, the appropriate schedule for obtaining credits over the two-year availability period, and its overall effect on the high school experience. It was also noted that should a student fail a college course, the cost must be totally absorbed by the student’s parents.

Once the discussion was completed, the Board passed all recommendations coming from Principal Hopkins.

The final Action Item was approval of the annual renewal of the Academic and Career Plan as required by the State, with a few minimal updates by the District’s Career Readiness Group.

The night’s Discussion Items began with a Referendum Pre-Construction Update from Superintendent Dr. Rose. He announced that the asbestos removal project had begun during spring break and the school was exploring the possibilities of either selling and lifting the ELC and Administrative buildings or their demolition, depending on the financial consequences of each.

Dr. Rose concluded his presentation with an update on the new Maintenance Building and the timeline for work on the West Wing of the high school building. Saying there are, “a lot of moving parts,” Dr. Rose finished his report by discussing the completed in-depth bidding process and announcing the bids came in \$1.4 million under the proposed budget.

The Principal Reports followed, as each school leader provided updates on

events going on in and out their classrooms. Elementary Principal Abe Ferguson discussed “Read Across America Week” activities along with the recent Parent-Teacher Conferences. Middle School Principal Colin Green discussed a recent Sled Dog Demonstration for students and upcoming testing, while Mr. Hopkins told the Board of this week’s Senior speeches, this weekend’s School Play, an excellent Spring Band and Choir Concert, and a recent an all-school assembly on Respect.

Dr. Rose concluded the meeting by announcing the annual August Audit has been scheduled, adding, “We look forward to know if we’re doing everything right and how we can improve.” He then gave a quick Financial update on the District, whose overall health has been awarded an A+ rating, suggesting the school has a robust financial profile, including ample cash reserves and a history of sound financial management. The rating anticipates the school’s financial position to remain strong in the foreseeable future.

Dr. Rose added, “There will always be challenges out there to District’s our size,” as he mentioned the unknowns of recent Executive Orders, increased regulations, and rising prices. But he added, “We’ll see through it and make it work.”

Dr. Rose concluded his report by discussing the annual Foundation Dinner at Turtleback Golf Course on April 12th, which has raised over \$575,000 in its past events enhancing the education of District students. Following his report, the meeting adjourned with the next full Board scheduled to meet on Tuesday, April 15.

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Sports

Track Team Opens Indoor Season at UW-Stout This Week

It is time once again for the Cumberland Track Team to begin another spring season as the Beavers heads to UW-Stout this week for a pair of Indoor Meets. The team participated in the Blue Devil Invite on Tuesday and heads back to Menomonie this Friday for Stout’s Elite Indoor Meet.

“Our coaching staff is excited about the upcoming season. We have great numbers with around 40 girls and 30 boys out for the sport,” said Head Coach Ryan O’Connell. Joining him on the coaching staff are returners Teri Schwartz, Beth McClain, Bob Chubb, and Wilbur Rosenow, along with newcomer Derek Fennern.

“We think both of our teams can place in the top three at the Conference Meet and push for a top finish at Regionals. Hayward, Northwestern and Cameron will be among the HON’s best teams on the girl’s side, while Hayward, St. Croix Falls and Northwestern should be contenders for the boy’s title,” added O’Connell.

Seniors girls on the team are Mya Anderson, Sarina Lang, Kyleigh McLemore, Charlotte Odden, Melody Taylor, Gabrielle Schug,

and Kadence Stencel, while the boys will be led by seniors Chayden Berghammer, Ashton Brannan, Ty Kiekhoefer and Jack Owens.

Owens will be among Cumberland’s top performers this spring after jumping 12-00 in the Pole Vault last year, the second-best leap in school history. “We have 20 other returning athletes who also placed at last spring’s Regional meet,” added O’Connell.

Many Track performers had strong seasons last spring, setting six School Records and having both teams finish among the top four finishers at the Regional. The Beavers advanced eight individuals in 11 events to the Sectional meet, while Andie Otto went on to become Cumberland’s first female State Champion in the hurdles.

Otto is off to a strong start in her college career at UW-La Crosse, running on the 4x400 meter relay team, which took third at the recent D3 Nationals in New York.

“We are excited to begin our season and look forward to having another great spring,” concluded Coach O’Connell.

Softball Season Underway; Opener in Stillwater on Friday

The Cumberland Softball Team opened practice last week for the 2025 spring season. The team returns all but two players off last year’s squad, which finished 6 and 10 in Conference play and 9 and 13 overall.

Among the top returners for Coach Jess Olson are 2024 MVP Morgan Monchilovich and HON Honorable Mention All-Conference selections, Joie Bayerle and Macy Beecroft. Other experienced players back for the year are last year’s “Clutch Player of the Year” Award winner Kelsey Reidy, Catcher Baleigh Stouffer, Jaydin Gowin, and “Most Improved” Team Winner, Raegan Beecroft. This all adds up to a lot of optimism for Head Coach Olson and her staff.

Bayerle was a solid outfielder for last year’s team while leading the Beavers with a team-leading 22 hits and adding 10 runs-batted-in. For that, she was named the team’s “Offensive Player of the Year.”

Beecroft, meanwhile, was the team’s “Defensive Player of the Year” for her fine play at shortstop. She also hit .292 with 12 RBI’s.

Monchilovich will head a pitching staff that will include Reidy among oth-

ers, while Stouffer, who hit .312, provides a solid glove behind the plate. Monchilovich also hit .355 with 15 runs-batted-in while Reidy was a .340 hitter last spring. It looks to be an exciting softball season for Cumberland Softball fans.

Hayward is the defending HON Champion and along with Northwestern, returns three First Team All-Conference players, making them the 2025 Co-favorites. Among Hayward returners is Conference Player of the year, pitcher Ellie Peterson. St. Croix Falls, Hayward, and Spooner also return First Team pitchers which leads up to a very competitive HON.

Olson will be assisted by Dylan Feiertag, Josh Anderson and John Anderson, a staff she says which, “Bring lots of knowledge and energy.” She also adds the seniors, “Have provided great leadership in early practices.”

Cumberland opens up their schedule this Friday, March 28, when they head to the Stillwater Dome for a pair of contests. The home opener is Monday, March 31, when the team hosts Clayton/Turtle Lake at Islander Park in a 5:00 start.

the team, where they will join Troy Majewski, Max Peterson, Parker Peterson, and Calvin Cunningham among others to compete for starting positions. Uriah Johnson returns as the Beavers top returning bat while Schramski, Wickstrom, and McCreary also enjoyed big junior years.

“Our expectations are to compete for a Conference Title, and win games in Appleton. We are incredibly honored to carry on the tradition of excellence paved by so many contributors before us and yet to come with Cumberland Baseball,” added Peterson.

Peterson mentioned Hayward, Barron, and Northwestern as chief competitors in the race for the HON crown while concluding, “I’m excited to work with a great staff that includes Joe Serbiak, Bernie Jobe, Wyatt Tift, and Matt Jobe.”

2025 Cumberland Track & Field!



Track and Field practice is underway. A large group of athletes should make for a fun spring!

Baseball Is Back!



The Beaver Baseball Team returns an excellent nucleus for the 2025 season. Experience should help lead to a solid spring of baseball. Pictured back row left to right are Parker Peterson, Calvin Cunningham, Landon Wickstrom, Uriah Johnson and Sloan McCreary. Front row left to right are Max Peterson, Troy Majewski and Cooper Schramski. Good luck guys!

Sports Look Back, March 30, 2005

Drills are entering their second week for the 2005 Cumberland Baseball Team. They will get a look at just how things are going this Saturday, as the Beavers travel to Chicago to scrimmage Wisconsin Lutheran and LaCrescent, Minnesota on the University of Illinois-Chicago Campus.

The team brings back some position experience, but some in-experienced pitching to this year’s squad. Only senior left-hander Dane Nickell had

much time on last year’s 17 and 5 team.

Inexperienced pitching is the main reason conference coaches have picked the Beavers to finish fourth in the this spring’s HON. It is a place the Beavers have had little experience with.

Returning from last year’s starting line-up are First Team All Conference performers Todd Bryce and Griffin Severson. Bryce hit .315 with 15 runs-batted-in, while Severson hit .293 with 16 RBI’s.

Other returning players are shortstop Michael Cifaldi, second baseman Barry Ranallo, outfielder Devon Anderson, and catcher Pierce FollansbeeDelong. Ranallo hit .233 with 14 runs-batted-in.“The competition for position spots will be intense. We have a solid core of young players, who will all push for playing time,,” said Coach Fuller. Derrick Zappa, Aaron Hendricks, Austin FollansbeeDelong, Devon Broome, Joel Cifaldi, Blake Cifaldi, Jordan

Erickson and Jed Lindberg are those vying for varsity spots.

The pitching is still the key spot, however. We must be able to hold down our opponents scoring to compete this spring. Nickell was 5 and 0 last year and was named Second Team all-conference. He suffered a broken pitching arm last summer, however, and is being brought along slowly.

In Search of Crane Counters!

The International Crane Foundation will sponsor the 49th Annual Midwest Crane Count on Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 5:30 to 7:30 a.m. More than 2,000 volunteer participants from throughout Wisconsin and portions of Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio, and Minnesota will participate in the spring survey, which gathers information on the

abundance and distribution of cranes in the upper Midwest.

New volunteers interested in taking part in the survey should first contact their local County Coordinator for instructions. The Barron County Coordinator is Deb Milligan, milligandeb@gmail.com. Additional information on the crane count can be found at crane-

count.org.

The International Crane Foundation sponsors the Annual Midwest Crane Count to conserve the world’s 15 species of cranes and the natural communities on which they depend. Sandhill Cranes once nearly disappeared from Wisconsin, but the species has successfully recovered and is slowly expanding into

neighboring states.

Observations of Sandhill Cranes can lend insight into threatened crane species, including the endangered Whooping Crane. There are now approximately 70 Whooping Cranes in the reintroduced population in central Wisconsin, and crane counters may have a chance of seeing one during the survey.

Baseball Team Opens Practice for 2025 Season

The Cumberland Beavers Baseball Team opened practice on Monday for the 2025 season, which opens up on April 4 with a 11:00 am contest against Somerset at the Mauston-Woodside Complex. The Beavers are coming off a State Tournament appearance, where they lost to eventual State Champion La Crosse Aquinas in a semifinal match-up.

The Beavers look to be solid on the mound this spring, where Head Coach John Peterson returns four of his top five pitchers from last year’s 21 and 9 team. They include Cooper Schramski, Landon Wickstrom, Uriah Johnson, and Sloan McCreary. Schramski was named to the HON’s Second Team for his work on the mound and Coach Peterson adds, “We have some other good young pitchers behind them.”

These five players also bring experienced bats to

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

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Kelley VanHeuklom - 217

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Kelley VanHeuklom - 517
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GO BEAVERS!

Reminder that all Cumberland High School Varsity and some lower level home events will be live streamed via YouTube, search Cumberland School District or go to the Athletics Page under High School on the District Website. Away events can also often be seen using the visiting school website.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table



SOLAR TIMES

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DATE	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Sunrise	Sunset	Rise	Up	Sets	Down	DST	
03/26 Wed	3:11	9:25	3:38	9:51	07:00	07:26	5:52a	4:11p	10:55a	11:21p	*	
03/27 Thu	> 3:57	10:10	4:23	10:36	06:58	07:27	6:14a	5:33p	11:46a	NoMoon	*	
03/28 Fri	> 4:44	10:56	5:09	11:21	06:56	07:28	6:34a	6:54p	12:37p	12:12a	*	
03/29 Sat	N 5:33	11:45	5:58	12:11	06:54	07:30	6:55a	8:17p	1:28p	1:02a	*	
03/30 Sun	> 6:26	12:13	6:53	12:40	06:52	07:31	7:16a	9:44p	2:21p	1:54a		
03/31 Mon	> 7:25	1:11	7:54	1:40	06:50	07:32	7:41a	11:12p	3:17p	2:49a		
04/01 Tue	8:30	2:15	9:00	2:45	06:48	07:33	8:12a	NoMoon	4:17p	3:47a	*	

LUNAR TIMES



MOON

Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window
F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity
DST will have * in it if it is in effect that day Calibrated for Time Zone: 6W



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Four Days on the Frozen Waters of Lake Superior

Hello friends,
Who would have thought that a day that would reach 80-degrees in Necedah would see myself and 3 good friends Rick Miotke, Jeff Moll and his son Nate, heading out onto the ice for a couple of miles and 4 days of winter camping at Ashland on Lake Superior.

On this same day a UTV would go through the ice due to current and warm weather.

Friday, March 14th
High 56, low 29

Two round trips by 2 atvs pulling multiple sleds and people ensured that our gang of 4 was ready to start building our camp which would consist of 3 Eskimo ice shacks and a whole lot of gear. For myself this is my favorite “ice escape” of the year and that is because whether it is on a jig pole or a tip up you never know what you are going to catch until you see it. On this trip we would catch smelt, coho salmon, brown trout, northern pike, perch, burbot, splake and have a \$5.00 per big fish bet on each so as you can imagine, there is a lot of competition.

Today was all about travel, getting our gear out a couple of miles, setting up camp, fishing and having fun. I cannot remember the exact facts but at nights end we had a couple of perch, and a coho.

Someone, late in the evening, may have sabotaged the length of one of the perch.

Very late in the evening when It was just the Jeff and Mark show. I had a heck of a good fight with what would be a 23.5 inch walleye that in the end would have a floy tag attached to it which is used to study fish populations and angler catch.

Saturday, March 15th

High 49 low 26

Today there would be a major wind storm that wreaked havoc on our camp and made it so that almost constant thought was required to keep our shacks from blowing away. Our gang of 4 had a blast and caught some beautiful fish, including a couple of perch just under 13-inches in length, several burbot, smelt, one northern pike, a splake, brown trout and one heck of a lot of laughing.

We eat great meals, last night Nate made steak, tonight Rick made wild rice soup. About 10ish I caught a 22.5-inch walleye. About 3 ish in the am, I caught a 26 inch walleye that propelled the “elder Moll” and myself to fish until 4:30 am.

Sunday, March 16th
High 28, low 19

We have witnessed spring and now winter on this trip, the winter part is a good thing because though there is a good 24 inches of ice, it was getting a bit on the weak side.

Today would be a day of coho on the rather small side but very tasty with more getting away than we would catch. The “Elder Moll” was on a rather “cold streak” as in not catching much but today that would turn around as he caught a 21-inch splake and what would beat the winning coho. Rick had big burbot, Nate had big gator and I was would take big perch, walleye and brown trout.

A trip like this is a constant test as in not falling on the ice or through it, fatigue is huge and how to adjust to actually catch what you are after and then of course there is the weather.

We had so much fun that we are going to keep doing it, until we are too old to do it.



Jeff Moll, Mark Walters and Rick Miotke after 4 great days on the frozen waters of Lake Superior at Ashland.



Three trips like this were required to get all of our gear off the ice.

And with that I would have to say, I think my winter sports are about over until next fall.

Sunset

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Further Honors For Boy's Basketball Team

The Cumberland Basketball Team received further honors last week as the Beavers were named D4 Academic All-State and two team members received All-Conference honors.

For Academic All-State, team GPA's are weighted and based on cumulative credits attempted by the top ten varsity players on each team, three schools receive recognition in each division. In D4, the Beavers (3.834) joined Oconto (3.895) and Stratford (3.836) as state honorees.

Added to this was the naming of Seniors Gavin Gores and Chayden Berghammer to HON All-Conference Team. Gores was named First Team and Berghammer Honorable Mention.

Gores was an easy First Team selection as well as the Conference Player of the Year. Averaging 34.9 points and 14.3 rebounds a game, he is one of six-finalists for the State's Player of the Year.

Gores had a tremendous career for the Beavers joining a select group of players

in state history to score over 2000 points during his four years of high school. He will move on to Wyoming as one of the very best to put on a Cumberland uniform.

Berghammer, meanwhile, averaged 11.5 points and 3.5 assists a game this winter. He was an excellent outside shooter and key performer and contributor for Coach Dutton and the Beavers success.

“These awards help tell the story of what a great season this year was,” concluded Dutton.

Two Alumni Make UW-River Falls Baseball Roster

David Olson and Vaughn Johnson, 2024 graduates of Cumberland High School, have made the baseball roster of UW-River Falls. Both players are in their second

year of college, but are freshmen eligibility-wise.

The Falcons are 5 and 3 overall and both players have appeared in one varsity game, with Johnson

pitching one and two thirds innings and Olson singling in his only at-bat.

The Falcons open up Conference play this weekend at UW-Stevens Point.

All Conference!



Chayden Berghammer (left) was named Honorable mention All Conference and Gavin Gores was named to the First Team and was also honored as HON player of the year. Congratulations guys!

**THANKS FOR READING
THE ADVOCATE**

CUMBERLAND
TRACK & FIELD

MEET SCHEDULE

SPRING 2025

DATE	MEET LOCATION	BUS & START TIME
3/16/25	FIRST PRACTICE	3:45
3/25/25	UW-STOUT FIELDHOUSE	1:00 / 3:00
3/28/25	UW-STOUT FIELDHOUSE	1:00 / 3:00
4/4/25	UW-RIVER FALLS FIELDHOUSE	12:40 / 4:00
4/8/25	ELEVA STRUM HS	1:30 / 4:00
4/10/25	UW-SUPERIOR FIELDHOUSE	1:30 / 4:00
4/14/25	ALTOONA HS	2:00 / 4:00
4/17/25	ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL	12:00 / 3:00
4/24/25	ST. CROIX FALLS HS - HON	2:15 / 4:30
4/28/25	WEBSTER HS	2:15 / 4:00
5/1/25	@HOME MEET	4:30
5/6/25	BLOOMER MIDDLE SCHOOL	2:15 / 4:00
5/8/25	BARRON HS - HON	3:00 / 4:30
5/13/25	BARRON HS	2:30 / 4:00
5/15/25	NORTHWESTERN HS - HON	2:00 / 4:30
5/20/25	CAMERON HS - HON CONF.	1:15 / 3:00
5/22/25	BARRON HS - HON JV CONF.	2:45 / 4:00
5/27/25	WEBSTER HS (REGIONALS)	1:30 / 3:45
5/30/25	COLBY HS (SECTIONALS)	12:15 / 3:45
6/6/25 & 6/7/25	STATE MEET @ UW LA CROSSE	

UNDERLINE DATES - INDOOR MEETS / HON - HEART O' NORTH ONLY MEETS

**HEART O' NORTH
BOYS BASKETBALL
ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM
2024-2025**

1st Team				
Brett McDonough	Barron	5'11	Senior	Guard
Carter Cherney	Cameron	6'4	Senior	Forward
Gavin Gores	Cumberland	6'10	Senior	Post
Andrew Lehman	Ladysmith	6'3	Senior	Guard
Timmy Meltz	Ladysmith	6'1	Senior	Guard
Kam Kroll	Northwestern	6'2	Sophomore	Guard
Boden Teal	Northwestern	5'10	Senior	Guard
2nd Team				
Zac Edwards	Barron	6'4	Junior	Forward
Treye Zimmerman	Cameron	6'3	Senior	Guard
Brady Lentz	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	5'11	Senior	Guard
Lucas Hansen	Hayward	6'1	Junior	Forward
Braeden Little	Ladysmith	6'1	Senior	Guard
Evan Potaczek	Spooner	5'9	Senior	Guard
Caden Folkestad	St Croix Falls	6'3	Senior	Forward
Honorable Mention				
Gavin Greene	Ashland	6'4	Sophomore	Guard/Forward
Glendon Thompson	Barron	6'4	Junior	Forward
Adam Wirth	Barron	6'5	Senior	Forward
Bryce Killoren	Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	6'2	Senior	Wing
Chayden Berghammer	Cumberland	5'11	Senior	Guard
Dawson Jorczak	Hayward	6'4	Senior	Post
Austin Lahti	Northwestern	6'4	Senior	Forward

Players are listed alphabetically by school

Gavin Gores of Cumberland is the Heart O' North Player of the Year

Northwoods Notebook: Kids at the arts center

By Larry Werner

The board of ETC was meeting last week in the lower level of the Cumberland Arts Center, and there was a steady stream of young people in strange costumes parading through the room. They were on their way from the dressing rooms to the theater upstairs for rehearsal of “The Snow Queen.”

That’s the high school play, which will be performed four times – at 7 p.m. on March 27, 28 and 29 and at 1 p.m. on the 29th. You might want to call the high school office (715-822-5121) to see if there are any tickets (\$10) still available.

The ETC board table sits in the midst of children’s art works and art supplies that are part of the After School Arts program that brings 60 or 70 elementary-age students in every Monday and Tuesday for classes conducted by professional artists Virginia Spurrier and Angela Nelli. The free program is in its second year.

At the table, board mem-

bers were being told by their treasurer, Ryan Olson, that donations to support the after-school program came in after we told you that the arts council’s finances were in the red. ETC is now in the black, year to date. Some money has also come in from parents of kids who are participating, and Annette O’Hern, on behalf of Delta Kappa Gamma, stopped by the meeting to announce After School Arts would be receiving a \$1,000 grant from that society of women educators.

At the end of the table, theater director Emilie Springsteen talked about auditions and set-building for the annual children’s play – “Thumbelina,” which will be performed on June 5, 6 and 7 and June 12, 13 and 14. Hannah Heer will be the director, and Emilie will assist.

So there’s a lot going on for kids at the former church on main street. And this wonderful community has stepped up to support the kids’ programs with do-

nations and grants. The program got some funds from Nilssen’s, where grocery bags decorated by the after-school kids were sold.

Virginia Spurrier announced she’s been told the after-school program has made it to the second round of the competition for a \$6,000 grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board. Of course, the program made it to the second round last year and didn’t get the grant, she pointed out.

Last year at this time, ETC had a loss of more than \$14,000. So far this fiscal year, Cumberland’s non-profit arts organization has net income of almost \$6,000.

On behalf of the ETC board of directors, of which I’m a member, thank you for your support. Many of our local kids who don’t participate in sports enjoy the visual, musical and dramatic arts. All that is going on at the arts center, thanks to the generosity of this giving community.

Larry Werner’s email is lhwner47@gmail.com.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Pastor Todd and Janice Ahneman have had a very busy, and enlightening, week. On Saturday they and a couple friends from Augustana Lutheran Church attended the “Walking Together” conference, which was held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake this year. Pastor Todd said that they enjoyed listening to some very good teachers and visiting with friends who were also attending.

And, if you are one of the old timers from Barronett Lutheran, you might remember Pastor Muschinske. (I have been going to Barronett Lutheran for about 35 years, and he was before my time – probably was our pastor 40 years ago or more.) Anyway, on Thursday, Pastor Todd just happened to meet Pastor Muschinske’s son, Pete. Pete also became a pastor, and then enlisted in the Navy and became a Navy chaplain. He is now a Rear Admiral in the Navy Reserve, and supervises 200 other chaplains. Pete was here attending the Heart of the North Conference with some other pastors from this area. Pastor Todd said that it was very interesting talking to Pete and hearing about his career.

Oh, and speaking of Pastor Todd and Barronett Lutheran, remember that we have a couple more Wednesday evening Lenten services and soup and sandwich suppers before Easter. We all enjoy getting together to visit, eat and attend the Lenten services. Hope you can join us.

If you are anything like Duane and me (nosey) you

have probably been wondering what that beautiful building, going up at Jon Kaufmann’s place, is going to be. Well, I just couldn’t stand it any longer – my curiosity got the best of me – and so last week I called to ask what it was they were building. I talked to Jessica, the director of marketing, and she told me that, because they had outgrown the office in the garage, they decided they needed to build a larger one. I’ll tell you what – that is one nice looking building. Be sure to take a look at it if you happen to be driving south of Barronett.

Lynn Thon had a visit from a former employee, Anthony Johnson, on Sunday evening. Duane and I knew that he was going to stop by, so we decided to drop in too and visit with him. Anthony is going to school to be an RN, and will be going to Kenya in April for a ten-day class. We told him to post lots of pictures on face book. (I’m a little jealous. I’d love to travel to Africa.)

Art and Jill Adams, Pat Olson, Duane and I had a wonderful breakfast at Hilltop Retreat on Sunday morning. Needless to say, Justin and Kasey seem to out-do themselves on the deliciousness every time we stop by.

You probably already know that the Lehmann family re-opened Sal’s on 63 this week. We are very happy about that – we enjoy going there, visiting with people and eating the delicious food. Welcome back Lehmann’ family and crew!!

My partner in crime, Geri

Pittman, stopped by on Saturday with a “just because” gift for me. (Trust me on this, I do not deserve “just because” gifts.) Anyway, it was a beautiful cross made of huge crystals. I put it in the bay window, which faces south, and that afternoon the lights reflecting from the cross, dancing across the front room, were amazing. Thank you, Geri.

I’m sure you read Bill Metnik’s obituary in last week’s Advocate. Bill was our Town of Lakeland chairman for many, many years, and it will be hard to imagine anyone doing a better job for our township. His letter to the editor was published a couple days after his death, and, even at the very end of his life, he was trying to do his best for the Town of Lakeland. No one had decided to run against Bill in the election coming up in April, and he suggested that we write one of the town supervisors, Jeneene Rydberg, in for the town chairman position. Duane and I plan to do just that – Bill was an excellent town chairman, and an all-around great guy, and if he thought that Jeneene is the right person for the job, she most likely is. Bill ended his letter with a thank you to the residents of Lakeland Township, and said that “You might even miss me.” That is an understatement. We will miss him terribly. Please pray for Bill’s family that they might find comfort in this time of sorrow. Rest in peace, Bill. 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 at Barronett Lutheran.

Armstrong Votes to Protect Children

MADISON, WI – Earlier this year, Governor Evers declared 2025 the “Year of the Kid”, and the Wisconsin State Assembly has passed series of proposals to protect Wisconsin’s children.

“Children’s wellbeing was the priority on today’s agenda,” State Rep. Dave Armstrong (R-Rice Lake) said. “My Republican colleagues and I voted to preserve the integrity of school athletics, protect parents’ say over how schools address their children, prohibit gender transition medical intervention for minors, and curb children’s access to harmful online materials.”

Assembly Bill 100 forbids biologically male students from participating on female K12 sports teams. AB 100 recognizes that biological males – even those who transition – are typically larger, stronger and faster than biological females. “AB 100 promotes both fairness and safety,” Representative Armstrong said. (A similar bill, Assembly Bill 102, applies to UW and technical college sports.)

Assembly Bill 103 requires official school records to use only a student’s legal name, unless the student’s parents submit a written request to use another name (or, if at least 18, the student requests a change). Similarly, AB 103 prohib-

its school staff from calling students by names or pronouns that don’t align with the student’s biological sex, unless the parents allow it in writing. “Schools shouldn’t be going behind parents’ backs when it comes to their children’s gender identity,” Representative Armstrong said.

Assembly Bill 104 prohibits gender transition medical intervention for minors, with exceptions for certain medically verifiable conditions that make such treatment necessary. “Gender transition treatments or surgeries have lifelong consequences,” Representative Armstrong explained, “and studies suggest that most children with gender dys-

phoria grow out of it or have other mental health conditions that need more immediate treatment. Several European countries have prohibited or restricted ‘gender-affirming care’ because of negative outcomes.”

Assembly Bill 105 requires websites that offer material harmful to minors to use reasonable age verification methods to prevent minors from accessing the material. “Some states have already passed commonsense legislation like this,” Representative Armstrong said. “Wisconsin should take the problem just as seriously.”

These proposals will now go to the Senate for further consideration.

SENIOR DINING

Thursday, March 27

Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, cheesy cauliflower, assorted bread, pumpkin bar.

Friday, March 28

Tuna noodle casserole with peas, buttered beets, assorted bread, assorted fruit pie.

Monday, March 31

Baked chicken, parsley potatoes, steamed corn, assorted bread, fresh grapes.

Tuesday, April 1

Swedish meatballs over egg noodles, sweetened carrots, assorted bread, cinnamon apple bar.

Wednesday, April 2

Creamy turkey, wild rice and mushroom casserole, banana bread, fruit juice.

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



Robert “Rob” E. Davis
Robert “Rob” E. Davis, age 76, of Cameron, WI passed away in the early morning hours of Monday, March 17, 2025 at his home with his wife, son Tony and fur buddy Otis by his side. He fought a courageous but brutal battle with bone cancer for 6 months. He was born September 2, 1948 to Evan “Bud” and Lorraine (Zemke) Davis. In April of 1971 he married Charlotte Hover (Tubbs). They later divorced, but during their union they had two children, Anthony Davis & Janelle Wait.

On June 27, 1992 he married Beverly (Erickson). During their marriage they loved and shared 6 children; Valerie Fagerlin, Julie McKenzie, Michelle Benoy & Brent Sellent, along with Tony & Janelle. Rob graduated Barron High School in 1966. He attended WITC in Oshkosh from 1968-1970. He was then drafted into the Army and served for 2 years. He took basic training at Fort Campbell, Kentucky for 8 weeks and then went to Fort Wachuka, Arizona for AIT training for an additional 8 weeks. After a 2 day leave he went to Frankfurt, Germany to the 503rd Supply and Transportation Company for 19 months. There he earned Buck Sgt Stripes and was in charge of 16 men and 16 trucks & trailers. He was discharged from the service and came home. Two days after arriving home he started working for his parents hauling Miller Beer for 19 years at Barron Distributing. When GB Sales bought his parents company,

he stayed on and worked the next 25 years and 8 months for them, retiring in 2014. He so loved fishing, trapping (while sharing his knowledge & teaching others) and hunting. Camping at Northwood Shores in Haugen, WI for many years was his dream come true, being able to fish and being around all of his camping friends. He so loved and adored all the time with his children and grandchildren also. As you all know, Rob was well known for telling his lengthy stories, so please know he wrote 90 percent of his own obituary. He ended it by writing “Love my wife whom I married in June 1992.” I, (Beverly) could not count how many times in a day that he told me how much he loved me and I never got tired of hearing it. Oh, how I wish I could hear it one more time again. Rob was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws: Alfred & Leona Erickson, his grandparents, nephew: CJ Ofelt, nieces: Brianna Ofelt and Whitney Davis, brothers-in-law: Richard Sebens, Ron Pearson & Wayne Erickson & sister-in-law: Joyce Erickson.

He is survived by his wife of almost 33 years: Beverly, son: Anthony (Tanya) Davis of Rice Lake, daughter: Janelle (Jeff) Wait of Menomonie, step children: Val Fagerlin (Scott Peltier) of Dallas, Julie (Chris) McKenzie of Osceola, Michelle (Duane) Benoy of Cameron & Brent (Krissey) Sellent of Almena, many grandchildren & great grandchildren, brothers: Scott (Kate) Davis of Barron & Brad Davis of Minong, sisters: Laurie (Ted) Matthys of Sand Creek & Wendy Davis (Jon Paulzine) of Barron, sisters-in-law: Darlene Sebens & Sharon Pearson of Cumberland, sister & brother-in-law: Brenda and Chuck Ofelt of Turtle Lake & his loyal & precious fur buddy: Otis, that is already so lost without him. A Celebration of Life for Rob will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, March 30th, at the Rausch-Lundeen Funeral Home in Cameron. Interment will take place on June 27th at the Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Spooner. Arrangements are with Rausch-Lundeen Funeral Homes, Cameron & Dallas.



Shelley K. Nerling
Shelley Kay Nerling, age 69, of Cumberland passed away peacefully on March 16, 2025 at her home. She was born May 18, 1955 in Minneapolis, MN to Gerald Butler and Shirley Ann (Alford) DeVine. She was married in 1978 to David Edward Nerling, whom she never fell out of love with. Shelley was truly one of a kind. She was a lover of seashells, feathers, and checking the weathers. She also loved long conversations and helping others in any way she could. Her door was always open, and sleep-overs at Shelley’s will be missed by many, most especially by her pride and joy - her daughter, Kristy.

She is survived by daughter, Kristina (Carri Jo Bunker) Nerling; stepson, Thomas (Amber) Nerling; brother, Steven Butler, of OK; grandchildren, David Nerling, Emma Nerling, and Linkon Nerling; as well as other cousins and nephews. Shelley was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley Ann DeVine and Gerald Butler; sister-in-law, Paula Nerling; cousin, Maurine Burgett; and great-grandmother, Maurine Rosberg. A Celebration of Shelley’s Life will be from 4 - 7 PM on Friday, April 4, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

Death Notice
Amy E. Anderson
Amy E. Anderson, age 72, of Cumberland passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. Full obituary to follow. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Church Directory



“Fourth Sunday of Lent”

by Deacon Steve Linton
St. Anthony Catholic Church

As we look forward to the Fourth Sunday of Lent we give thanks to a God who loves us so immensely that he is always ready to forgive us when we stray from him. In our Gospel reading from the Gospel of Luke on this Fourth Sunday of Lent we hear Jesus share the story of the prodigal son. We know the story. The eldest son of a man with two sons demands his inheritance from his father and then goes away and squanders all he has been given. On his sons return home, the father throws a big party and welcomes his son with open arms.

How many times in our lives have we lost our way? We have a tendency sometimes to think that the world is ours. Everything in it is made for our use. We get lost in the notion that the most important thing in life is me and my happiness. During these times we turn all our thoughts and desires inward. The only thing that matters is our own personal happiness and pleasure. It’s in these moments that we squander the most precious gift that God has given us. The gift of His love for us and his desire that we serve others, even those we don’t necessarily appreciate in our lives. We fail to see the gift of God’s creation in others.

I’m reminded of the great commandment Jesus gives us in the Gospel of Mark. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

As we continue our journey through Lent let us consider how we focus our energy. Do we seek to please only ourselves, or do we seek to please God and serve others at the expense of ourselves? When we seek only our own good, we are like the son who squandered his great inheritance. We remove ourselves from a true relationship with God. When we turn our focus to God, in his great compassion, he is always there to welcome us and to rejoice in our return.

Peace be with you always!
Deacon Steve Linton

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballot
April 1, 2025

Office of the Barron County Clerk
To the Voters of Barron County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in Barron County on April 1, 2025 at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

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

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line.

When using an electronic ballot marking device to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Spoiled Ballots

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

After Voting the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter shall insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly. The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

State Superintendent

Vote for 1

Brittany Kinser

Jill Underly

write-in:

Judicial

Justice of the Supreme Court

Vote for 1

Brad Schimel

Susan Crawford

write-in:

Court of Appeals District 3

Vote for 1

Lisa K. Stark

write-in:

Municipal

Aldersperson District 4

Vote for 1

Michael Benjamin

Doris Laursen

write-in:

School District

Cumberland School District

School Board Member

Vote for not more than 2

Jonelle R. Gideo

Michael Furseth

Eric Stone

Nancy Keeler

write-in:

write-in:

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ●

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ●

Question 1: "Photographic identification for voting." Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

Yes

No

Official Ballot

Nonpartisan Office and Referendum

April 1, 2025

for

Barron County

City of Cumberland

Aldersperson District 4

SD Cumberland

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

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Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

Overvoted

Damaged

Other

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Continue voting at top of next column.

Typ:01 Seq:0072 Spl:01

PLEASE NOTE: The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals contests and Statewide Referenda Question will appear on all ballots. The following is a list of municipal and school contests:

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Vote for ONE
Eric Zappa
Craig Nelson

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR 1
Vote for ONE
Dean Williams

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR 2
Vote for ONE
Michael Frisinger

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON
Vote for ONE
Tom Brown

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR 1
Vote for ONE
Alvin Hecht

TOWN BOARD SUPERVISOR 2
Vote for ONE
Kenneth Kolzow

TOWN CLERK
Vote for ONE
Sara Mathison

TOWN TREASURER
Vote for ONE
Brooke Fischer

TOWN OF LAKELAND
TOWN BOARD CHAIRPERSON
Vote for ONE
Bill Metnik

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CUMBERLAND
Towns of Almena, Bear Lake, Clinton, Crystal Lake, Cumberland, Lakeland, Maple Plain, Stanfold & City of Cumberland in Barron County; Towns of Johnstown & McKinley in Polk County; Town of Roosevelt in Burnett County

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
Vote for not more than TWO
Jonelle R. Gideo
Michael Furseth
Eric Stone
Nancy Keeler

Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk
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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
APRIL 1, 2025

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages and cities in Barron County, on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 2

To create section 1m of article III of the constitution; relating to: requiring photographic identification to vote in any election (second consideration).

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 73, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 9, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 1m of article III of the constitution is created to read:

[Article III] Section 1m (1) No qualified elector may cast a ballot in any election unless the elector presents valid photographic identification that verifies the elector's identity and that is issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state. The legislature shall by law establish acceptable forms of photographic identification, and the legislature may by law establish exceptions to the requirement under this subsection.

(2) A qualified elector who is unable to present valid photographic identification on election day shall be permitted to cast a provisional ballot. A provisional ballot may not be counted unless the elector presents valid photographic identification at a later time and place as provided by the legislature by law.

Section 2. Numbering of new provision. If another constitutional amendment ratified by the people creates the number of any provision created in this joint resolution, the chief of the legislative reference bureau shall determine the sequencing and the numbering of the provisions whose numbers conflict.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further

Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of April 2025; and, be it further

Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

Question 1: "Photographic identification for voting. Shall section 1m of article III of the constitution be created to require that voters present valid photographic identification verifying their identity in order to vote in any election, subject to exceptions which may be established by law?"

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT AS TO THE QUESTION

The Wisconsin Constitution provides that "[o]nly a United States citizen age 18 or older who is a resident of an election district in this state is a qualified elector of that district who may vote in an election for national, state, or local office or at a statewide or local referendum." Wis. Const. art. III, § 2. The referendum question would add a new provision to Wis. Const. art. III to require that voters present valid photographic identification to exercise their rights as electors.

The proposed constitutional text would provide that acceptable photographic identification must be "issued by this state, the federal government, a federally recognized American Indian tribe or band in this state, or a college or university in this state." The proposal therefore would exclude identification such as out-of-state driver's licenses and tribal identification issued by non-Wisconsin tribes.

The proposal would allow, but not require, the legislature to create exceptions to the identification requirement. Courts have held that some exceptions are required by the U.S. Constitution. The proposal would also prevent future legislatures from repealing statutory photographic identification requirements altogether.

A "yes" vote would vote to create a new article III, section 1m of the Wisconsin Constitution to require voters to present "valid photographic identification" in order to vote.

A "no" vote would vote not to create the new constitutional provision.

DONE in the County of Barron, this 26th day of March, 2025.

Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICES



CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 25, 2025
Regular Board Meeting
Middle School Commons, 6:00 p.m. Open Session
Present: Board – Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone
Video: Gideo

Administration - Rose, Ferguson, Green & Hopkins
President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
2. a. Daniel Hopkins, Athletic update
b. Isaac Lundquist, Curriculum update
3. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve the 2025 – 2026 School District Calendar. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Gideo, to approve Adreanna Serbiak's resignation as Marching Band Assistant. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve Kimberly Hopkins' resignation as Marching Band Assistant. All voting aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Lorne Majewski's resignation as Middle School Assistant Football and Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Michael Gideo's resignation as High School Assistant Football Coach. Gideo abstained, all voting aye, motion carried.
8. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Kristen Juleff as Pep Club Advisor. All voting aye, motion carried.
9. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Skinner, to approve Bernard Jobe as Assistant Baseball Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
10. Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.

Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Rieper, seconded by Hyatt. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Cumberland School District Board of Canvassers will meet in open session at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2025, in the conference room of the administration building, 1010 8th Avenue, Cumberland, WI, to determine the results of the school board election.

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

AGENDA

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

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Cumberland School District that on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, an election of school board members will be held. The candidates for the school board are as follows (vote for two members at large):

Jonelle R. Gideo
Michael Furseth
Eric Stone
Nancy Keeler

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

Dated this 14th day of January 2025.

Jennifer Hyatt
District Clerk

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Sample School Board Ballot

Spring General Election

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

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

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

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

Cumberland School District	
School Board Members	
Vote for not more than two	
☐	Jonelle R. Gideo
☐	Michael Furseth
☐	Eric Stone
☐	Nancy Keeler
write in:	
write in:	

NOTICE
The Common Council of the City of Cumberland will meet on **Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI for a regular meeting.
City Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted 24 hours before the meeting.
Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
City of Cumberland
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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
Bar Number 1017505
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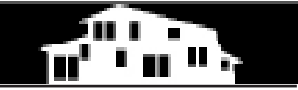
NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
CASE NO. 25CV75
In the Matter of the Name Change of Lillie DeeLynn West Case No. 25CV75. .
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above: from Lillie DeeLynn West to Lillie DeeLynn Einberger. Birth Certificate: Lillie DeeLynn West.
IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Barron County, State of Wisconsin:
Judge's Name:
Hon. Samuel Lawton.
Place: Barron County Justice Center, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI 54812
Date: April 17, 2025
Time: 1:00 pm.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-537-6265 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Cumberland Advocate, a newspaper published in Barron County, State of Wisconsin
Filed: March 19, 2025
Circuit Court
Barron County, WI
Sharon Millermon, Clerk
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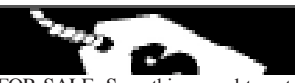
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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Main Street Lighting
Cumberland, Wisconsin
SEH No. CUMBE 180720
Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Cumberland until 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2025, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all 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:
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Meeting ID: 227 252 871 141
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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.

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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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Re-Elect
Jonelle R. Gideo
for Cumberland
School Board
Tuesday, April 1st, 2025

I will continue to work for:

- Providing exceptional public education for ALL of our community's children.
- Maintaining financial responsibility and accountability, efficient use of District resources, and maximizing external support (community partnerships, grants, foundations, etc.) to ensure the fiscal health of the District for ALL of our students and our community
- Offering real-life learning opportunities-both inside and outside the classroom-through rigorous curriculum and a wide variety of extracurriculars open to ALL of our students.
- Supporting high-quality, modern facilities that inspire ALL teachers and learners, while encouraging school and community values and connections.
- Establishing a healthy and positive educational environment for ALL students, parents, administrators, teachers, coaches, and staff to support our children in reaching their fullest potential.
- Keeping an open mind and readiness to learn, to help make informed decisions in ALL District affairs.
- Continued commitment to the Cumberland School District employees, community, and most of all, ALL of our communities' children throughout my next term.

I have served 17 years on the Cumberland School Board, of which I served 16 as the Board Treasurer. I am very grateful to be running again and hope to continue to serve Our Schools, Our Community, and Our Future.

Thank you, Cumberland, for your continued support!

Please VOTE Jonelle Gideo for School Board on April 1st, 2025.

*Authorized and paid for by Jonelle R. Gideo;
Proud supporter of exceptional public education for ALL children.*

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- ✓ We have award-winning music programs and successful athletic programs.
- ✓ Families from other districts choose to enroll into Cumberland because they recognize our schools' high quality.
- ✓ We have saved an estimated \$10 million from the predicted cost of financing our high school building project through wise fiscal management.

I have spent 20 years as an essential part of the team guiding our school's success.

Let's Keep Cumberland Winning!

✓ **Re-Elect Eric Stone to the Cumberland School Board**

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