



Two Honored At Annual Chamber Of Commerce Banquet



Mark Mauer (left) was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Humanitarian Citizen of the Year at the annual banquet held Tuesday, April 1st at the Legion. Steve Mann (right) presented the award to Mark.

Mark Mauer 2025 Humanitrian Citizen of the Year

By Steve Mann

We are here to honor the 2025 Cumberland Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the year. This year's recipient Mark Mauer is a well deserving individual whose youth and community works go largely unnoticed by the general public but his impact on the people and the kids of our community is immense. Mark is a 1975 graduate of Cum-

berland High School and a 2010 Graduate of Achievement Honoree. Mark is also a Veteran and member of American Legion Post 98 here in Cumberland. Quite simply Mark is about giving people opportunities and he is very passionate about his interests and being a leader and a catalyst in working with others. A number of these op-

portunities revolve around challenging student age kids to use outdoor experiences to not only increase their knowledge base, but to also learn about personal growth, self-esteem, confidence, civic duties and the importance of patriotism in their lives. Mark will not only share his ideas, he puts those

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Ron Helstern (right) was honored as the Chamber of Commerce Business Citizen of the Year last Tuesday, April 1st at the Legion Hall. Dean Bergstrom (left) presented the award.

Ron Helstern 2025 Business Citizen of the Year

By Dean Bergstrom

Ron Helstern was born, raised and graduated from Cumberland School District. After graduating from Cumberland High School, he joined the US Army where he served for 4 years. After serving in the military, Ron returned to Cumberland to work with his parents at their family-owned business – Woodland Signs. In 2004, Ron moved Wood-

land Signs from Barronett to its current location today, off Highway 63. Upon Ron's return to Cumberland, he also decided to join the Cumberland Fire Department; of which he will be completing his 20th year this year. While volunteering with the fire department, Ron took on the leadership role of training officer, soon after became lieutenant, and then captain. Ron's duties also

consist of fire inspections, school visits for fire prevention, and First Responder for RTF group. There will be big shoes to fill when he retires at the end of the year! Besides working with the fire department, Ron was a very active member of the Cumberland GAP where one of his main duties was coordinating the annual Ice Fishing Contest with other

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Cumberland Fire District Announces Resignation of Fire Chief Rick Sebens and Appointment of Interim Fire Chief Chad Olson

The Cumberland Fire District announces that Fire Chief Rick Sebens has resigned from his position, effective April 3, 2025. Chief Sebens has served the Cumberland community with unwavering dedication and commitment for 20 years. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Chief Sebens for his many years of service. His leadership has made a lasting impact on the Fire District, and we are thankful for his commitment to the safety and well-being of our community.

Effective immediately, Chad Olson has been appointed as the Interim Fire

Chief for the Cumberland Fire District. His knowledge and leadership will ensure a smooth transition as the department continues to serve the community with excellence. Greg Weaver is now 1st Assistant Chief, Todd Nelson 2nd Assistant Chief, Andy Stuntz Captain 1 and Brian Paffel Captain 2. The Cumberland Fire District is committed to maintaining high standards of service and we look forward to continuing to serve our community with professionalism and dedication.

Michael Cifaldi
President
Cumberland Fire District

Cumberland City Council Holds April Meeting; Discuss Upcoming HWY 63 Project

The Cumberland Full Common Council gathered at City Hall last Tuesday for their April Meeting. Following the roll call, payment of expenses and the tabling of possible action on an Ordinance imposing a room tax in the city, the night began with Committee updates.

Among the topics covered included an update from Alderperson Michael Cifaldi, on a recent meeting with the Trails Alliance and upcoming discussions with EOR on the City's impending Outdoor Recreation Plan. Cifaldi also gave

a year-end-report from the Fire Department, indicating they had received 191 calls in 2024 and additionally discussing the training required for the 34 volunteer fire fighters who served. They were thanked for, "All they do for the Cumberland area community."

Alderperson Jim Schullo discussed winter work done at the Golf Course with the planned opening, weather cooperating, scheduled for April 11. Among changes golfers will find is new carpet, new bar stools, and the

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Community Wide Fundraiser Kicks Off for Cumberland Youth Hockey Association

The Cumberland Youth Hockey Association (CYHA) has kicked off a community-wide fundraising campaign aimed at preserving and upgrading the beloved ice rink that has been a cornerstone of local hockey and skating since 2001. This rink, built over 20 years ago, reflects the determination and vision of 20 dedicated families who took bold financial steps to turn their dream into reality. Before the rink's construction, local hockey players skated on an outdoor rink near the 3M facility, where food and drinks were sold from a repurposed train car.

While the outdoor rink was cherished, it came with its share of challenges—unpredictable weather, limited access, and few amenities. In 2001, driven by their love for the sport and commitment to the community, these families came together to secure funding and build the current indoor facility, offering a year-round space for skaters of all ages. Now, more than two decades later, the rink requires important upgrades to continue supporting the community. With a fundraising goal of \$1.4 million, key projects include installing a concrete sub-surface for

year-round use, extending the lifespan of the new chiller system, repairing the exterior concrete, replacing the 60-year-old Zamboni, upgrading the aging chiller system, adding locker rooms, and modernizing the lighting with energy-efficient LED systems. Additionally, the CYHA plans to improve the lobby, seating areas, and sound systems to create a more inviting environment for players, families, and spectators. The CYHA encourages everyone in the community to take part in the #SaveTheIceCYHA campaign. Donations of any size are

welcomed, with special recognition for contributors through hockey-themed tiers such as "The Great One" and "Hat-Trick Hero." Your support will ensure the rink remains a vibrant center for recreation, sportsmanship, and community bonding for years to come. For more details or to donate, visit <https://www.cumberlandyouthhockey.org/donate>, or checks can be dropped off locally at Cumberland Federal Bank. Let's come together to keep the spirit of hockey alive in Cumberland.



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Nancy Keeler

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Spike and Kenneth Sparish for their
invaluable support in placing all of my
signs. You are all amazing, and I'm so
grateful for each of you. Your support
means the world to me. I am excited to
serve "Our Schools, Our Community,
and Our Future" for another three years
as an elected member of the
Cumberland School Board.**

Thank you, Jonelle Gideo
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*I would like to thank the Cumberland community,
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in this election.*

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Home School Hub Series at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

Join us Monday, April 14, 1 pm at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library in Cumberland for the first in our new Home School Hub series - Skype with a Scientist. We will have a conversation with Ph.D. student Morgan Chaudry as she discusses her research on microplastics and other pollutants. Everyone welcome.

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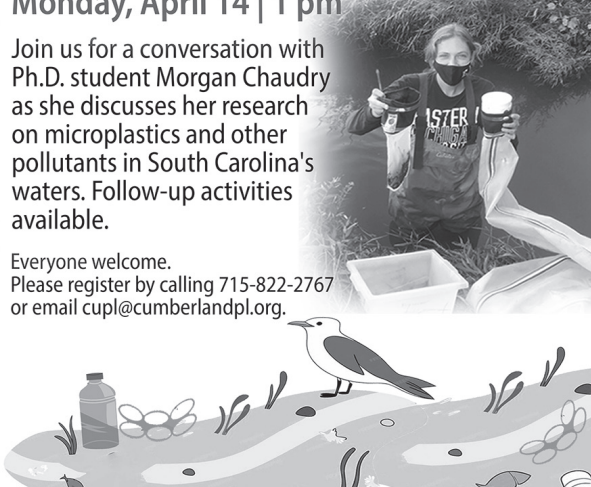
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Thursday, April 10
Tater tot hot dish, homemade wheat bread, green beans, pears. MS/HS: Walking tacos. ES: Jelly Sandwich & string cheese.

Friday, April 11
Fish sticks, chips, carrots, applesauce. MS/HS: Chicken patty. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Monday, April 14
ES: Chicken nuggets, chips, green beans, pears. MS/HS: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, homemade wheat bread, peas, pears. MS/HS: Grilled chicken sandwich. ES: Jelly sandwich & string cheese.

Tuesday, April 15
Cheese quesadilla, brown rice, corn, refried beans, peaches. MS/HS: Hamburger/Cheese-burger. ES: Jelly Sandwich & Cheese string.

Wednesday, April 16
Chicken cordon bleu casserole, homemade wheat bread, broccoli, strawberry cups. MS/HS: Cheese quesadilla. ES: 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.
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Library Column

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library
Seed Library Starts April 1. Patrons are invited to take home up to 5 packets of seeds while supplies last.
Kite Making Take & Make - April 7-12
Build a Bunny - Saturday, April 12 | 10:30 am - 11:30 am time slots. Registration required. Please call 715-822-2767.
Home School Hub - Monday, April 14 | 1 pm. Skype with a Scientist. Activities to follow.
Ukulele Concert and Sing-a-Long - Tuesday, April 29 | 6 pm.



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**CUMBERLAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION
OFFERINGS**

THURSDAY, APRIL 10: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4-9 pm Track @ UW-Superior
• 5-7 pm Softball Home vs Ashland • 5-8 pm Baseball Home vs Ashland •
FRIDAY, APRIL 11: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 7-8 pm Colorguard rehearsal
• 5-8 pm Baseball Home vs McDonnell Central • 5-7 pm Softball Home vs Boyceville •
SATURDAY, APRIL 12: • 8:30-10:30 CBBC - Boys Little Dribblers • 11 am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball •
MONDAY, APRIL 14: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 7-8 am Colorguard Rehearsal
• 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 4-9 pm Track @ Altoona High School •
5-7 pm Softball Home vs Webster/Siren •
TUESDAY, APRIL 15: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-8 Baseball Home vs Hayward
• 5-7 pm Softball @ Hayward • 6-8 pm School Board Meeting • 6:30-8:30 pm Freestyle/ Greco Roman Wrestling practice • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 3-3:30 pm Miss Cumberland Candidate Informational Meeting • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping
• 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

5-Pronged Approach to Wellness
Presented by Karen Schleis
Retired teacher, Crafter & Self-Proclaimed Foodie
Being healthy doesn't mean you have to be miserable! In this class, you'll learn about author Karen Hurd's 5-Pronged Approach to wellness and sample some of he delicious recipes from her book, *The Bean Queen Cookbook*, and hear the outcomes instructor Karen Schleis's family has had related to diabetes and weight loss by implementing her strategies.

Wednesday, April 30 • 5:00-6:30 pm
Cumberland High School FACE Room
Cost: \$10

TO REGISTER, PLEASE SIGN-UP AT THE IC FOOD COOP or CONTACT:
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HAND BABBLE: SIGNING WITH LITTLES
Sessions lead by Shawn Flannery, BASC

Whether you're an expecting parent, have toddlers running around the house, or have non-verbal children at home - sign language can be an amazing tool for communication. Teaching simple, everyday sign language to our young children can help to ease daily struggles. We all know that it can feel impossible to guess what our crying child wants. Signing helps. The concept of "baby signs" isn't just for babies, its for babies, toddlers, non-verbal children or children who are neurodivergent. Signing allows children an additional opportunity to express their needs and feelings. When communication is smoother, frustrated behaviors decrease.

Shawn has a bachelor's degree in Sign Language Interpreting. He has been a licensed sign language interpreter in the State of Wisconsin for five years.

This entry-level class consists of four weekly sessions. Each session is 90 minutes. There will be one session available each Tuesday During May from 5:00 - 6:30 pm. **\$40/ person**

Class Schedule: Every Tuesday in May at the Cumberland Elementary School Library.

May 6: Why learn sign language? Looking at some research that supports learning sign language at a young age. Start learning basic signs

May 13: It's easy as ABC, 123! Learning our ABCs and continuing to learn everyday signs.

May 20: What's for Dinner? Learn signs for the foods/drinks your child loves.

May 27: Go outside?! Learning signs for your child's favorite toys, games and activities.

To register for this great offering, contact Susan Bridger; CCE Director:
715-822-5121 Ext 403/sbrid@csmmail.com

Northwoods Notebook: A nice place to live, unless you need assisted living By Larry Werner

As I've mentioned before in this space, we keep an apartment in the Twin Cities, in part because Ann is the health-care advocate for her older sister, who has Alzheimer's. For years, she's had to fill her sister's pill case and take her to medical appointments.

Her sister, a single woman who had her own house for 40 years, now lives in one of several dozen senior homes in the Cities — places where the old and infirm can get their meals, medical services, attend musical performances, watch movies and generally be watched over by the building staff.

Ann's sister, coincidentally, was living in the same building as Donna Stoll, a lifelong Island City resident whom many of you might know. Donna moved to another senior home not too long ago.

These kind of places are missing from our town and, because of that, people are leaving for such housing a hundred miles to the south-west.

Not long ago, a neighbor developed some health problems that came on suddenly. He loved his condo overlooking Beaver Dam Lake, but he felt he needed to be in assisted living. So George is gone from Cumberland.

More recently, three of our friends have taken apartments in a large senior complex just across the St. Croix River. The complex has various kinds of homes ranging from high-rise apartments to low-rise apartments to townhouses. There's a health-care staff, two restaurants, a movie theater, hair salon, indoor pool and woodworking shop.

Our friends don't need on-site health care yet, but it might not be long before they do.

Other Cumberland friends are on a waiting list for that place.

If this column sounds familiar it might be because I've written before about the need for assisted living in Cumberland. The last time was in a story about the new hospital. During a tour of the building shortly before it opened, then-CEO Mike Gutch talked about his dreams for a "health-care campus."

That campus would include a senior home on the property between the hospital and the Cumberland Golf Club. He said he had talked to developers about the idea. Not too long after the hospital opened, Gutch retired.

This is what he had to say at the time:

"We need senior housing here. Assisted living is needed here. Health care, senior-related, we want it on this campus. We don't want to own it, but we want to facilitate it."

I hope it happens.

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

Ron Helstern...

members. He was also a member of Cumberland Kiwanis, which he served on the board. He was the coordinator for the National Night Out event, and coached High School Hockey for 2 years, which they were the first team to go to state!. He volunteers at 4H food stand at the fair, He was also a big helper with the Marching Band Field Shows in which he pulled the trailer to all shows and helped with set up. He helps Julie with live stream for First Lutheran Church twice a month, and he and his dad play in a band to help raise money for the American Legion.

Ron continues to be part of the honor guard with the American Legion and is proud to help out at funerals, parades and any other request to help keep the legion active in the Cumberland community as well.

Today, you will find Ron at Woodland Signs promoting various events around the Cumberland Area at very little cost or no cost to organizations. Scrim for the Cumberland Marching Band field shows, hockey arena signs, chamber event banners, last minute Rutabaga food stand changes are just a few of the examples that come to mind! If you know Ron, he will never ask for recognition for any of these donations. He's happy to help, promote and get the job done as fast as time allows.

No one deserves this honor more than Ron and Woodland Signs.

Northwood Tech earned 2025-2026 Military Friendly® Silver status

Northwood Technical College earned Silver in 2025-2026 Military Friendly® Awards, also named Military Spouse Friendly® School for supporting service-affiliated students.

Northwood Technical College has been named a 2025-2026 Military Friendly® School with Silver status and a 2025-2026 Military Spouse Friendly® School. The Silver status recognizes Northwood Tech among the top small community colleges nationwide for its support of military-connected students.

More than 1,800 schools participated in the 2025-2026 Military Friendly® survey, with 830 earning special awards for going above the standard.

The designation is based on public data and responses from a private survey, evaluated through a formal assessment. Schools were scored on retention, graduation, job placement, loan repayment, persistence, and default rates, with a focus on student veterans. The rankings are determined by Viqtory, a military marketing company, with input from the Military Friendly® Advisory Council. Schools can earn Gold, Silver, Bronze, or Military Friendly® status.

"Attaining this designation highlights Northwood Tech's dedication to supporting those who have chosen to serve our country through military service, as well as their families.

We are honored to work with numerous students with ties to our nation's military," said Dr. John Will, president of Northwood Tech.

To support military-connected students, Northwood Tech provides a veteran services coordinator at all four campuses — Ashland, New Richmond, Rice Lake, and Superior. The coordinator helps students navigate the college experience, including program selection, application and enrollment, academic and non-academic support, and accessing military benefits or credit for prior training.

"At Northwood Tech, we value the unique perspectives and experiences military-connected students bring to our college community," said Stephanie Smith, veteran services coordinator. "It's an honor to work alongside these students and support them in their higher education journey. We are grateful for this recognition and will continue to provide support in any way we can."

To learn more about Northwood Tech's programs and campus locations, visit NorthwoodTech.edu.

For more information about Military Friendly® status or to view the 2025-2026 Military Friendly® Schools list, visit www.militaryfriendly.com.

About Military Friendly® Schools:

The Military Friendly® Schools list is created each year based on extensive research using public data sources from more than 8,800 schools nationwide, input from student veterans, and responses to the proprietary, data-driven Military Friendly® Schools survey from participating institutions. The survey questions, methodology, criteria and weighting were developed with the assistance of an independent research firm and an advisory council of educators and employers. The survey is administered for free and is open to all postsecondary schools that wish to participate.

Criteria for consideration can be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

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19 Speak indistinctly

20 Less than two

21 Harvested

22 Purplish color

24 Pathetic

26 Bunch of hay

27 One of these

28 Permission to enter a foreign country

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



I watched the Men’s NCAA National Championship game last night with no real rooting interest. I try not to be a homer when watching my favorite teams when there are questionable calls, whether it be a penalty in hockey, a blown call in a football game, or a missed strike call in a baseball game that leads to a favorable outcome to the opponent. Last night’s game was absurd, they called nothing in the first half, 4 total fouls and 25 in the second half. The script totally changed. I’m not sure what a player is supposed to do in that situation, all you want is consistency. One would think if you can play a physical brand of ball in the first half you could do the same in the second half. That most certainly was not the case last night (Monday). I also watched the Women’s National Championship game on Sunday afternoon. Women’s basketball has gotten so so much better. These ladies are super athletic and play the game hard. It was real fun to watch and was pretty cool that two gals were from across the river in Minnesota. Paige Bueckers led UCONN to the National Title and is the likely number one pick in the upcoming WNBA Draft. She played her high school basketball at Hopkins High School. Tessa Johnson, meanwhile, is a sophomore at South Carolina. She played her high school ball at St. Michael Albertville. Good stuff!

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Congratulations to both Mark Mauer and Ron Helstern for being named 2025 Cumberland Citizens of the Year. I know both guys and they are both well deserving of the honor. Both of you guys do a lot behind the scenes to help make Cumberland a great town, thanks fella’s.

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Louie’s Finer Meats is going to be featured on an episode of WI Foodie this Thursday night on PBS. The program airs at 7:30 pm. The crew from WI Foodie was in town last fall to film for the upcoming episode. Check it out Thursday night!

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With warmer temps in the forecast, it’s time to get the boat out! It will be nice to clean and shine stuff up at the end of the week. It’s always exciting to get out in the boat for the first time every spring. Another great thing about spring fishing is that you don’t need a boat to catch a mess of fresh fish. Fish of all species move to shallow water making them accessible to everybody. I enjoy bank fishing myself, nice and simple!

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April 8th marked the two year anniversary of the shooting deaths of officers Emily Breidenbach and Hunter Scheel near Cameron. The awful event will never be forgotten in this part of the country. Thank you to all officers who put their life on the line everyday to protect us!

Have a great week!



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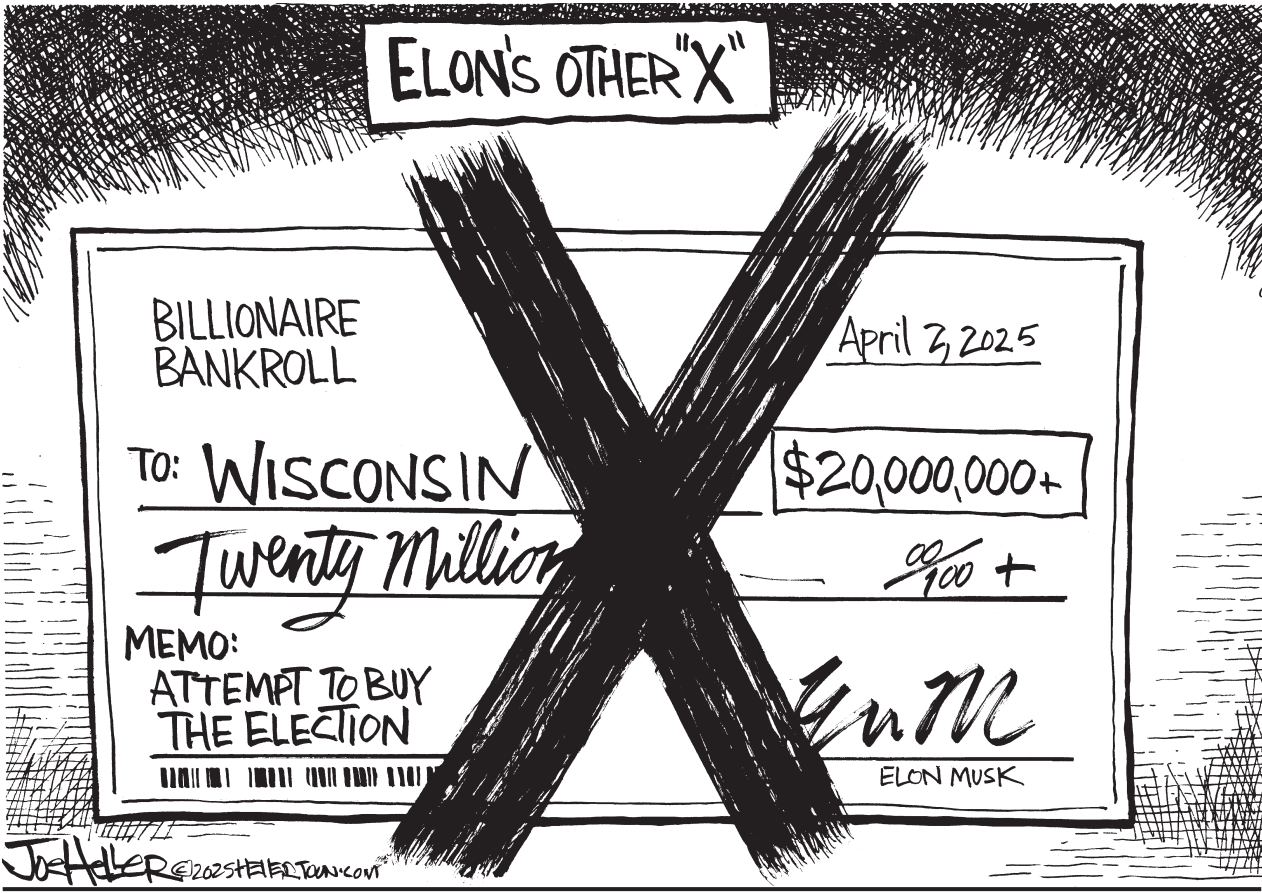
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“There’s a four-letter acronym dividing the Wisconsin Legislature”

MADISON, Wis. – In June 1998, a young(ish) editor wrote an editorial in which he opined that widespread Wisconsin power blackouts were caused in part by the state’s inability to tap into outside sources of electricity. “Wisconsin would benefit if it could more easily get power from other sources – especially electric power from Canadian hydropower plants.”

That same year, the Wisconsin Legislature created American Transmission Company – a private, for-profit company that now owns most of infrastructure for delivering power in Wisconsin and parts of three other states. That era also saw approval of the Midcontinent Independent System Operator, which runs the electric transmission system in parts of 15 U.S. states and the Canadian province of Manitoba.

That opinion editor (yours truly) is a lot older and grayer today. The transmission system, however, is much less creaky than it was a quarter-century ago.

Reliability is one issue at the core of one of the most intense debates in Wisconsin’s State Capitol, which boils down to a four-letter acronym that

has especially divided majority Republicans among themselves. The issue is ROFR – short for “Right of First Refusal” – and it carries a sizable and politically electric charge of its own.

Data requested from ATC shows blackouts and brownouts since 2002 have been reduced by well over half, to about 38% of historic highs, so that part of the picture has improved. Opponents of the ROFR bills in the Legislature don’t seem to question that progress; their real problem lies with who gets to compete for building new power lines – and how much that costs ratepayers.

The bills in question mean Wisconsin utilities that are part of the ATC network would have the “right of first refusal” to construct such power lines, which would block out-of-state companies from bidding to build about \$1.8 billion in new transmission lines approved by MISO. Opponents say that’s anti-competitive and would likely raise electric rates in Wisconsin, which already exceed the Midwest average.

Proponents argue costs won’t increase because states with ROFR laws in

the MISO service area are able to spread planning and construction costs across the full system, per federal rules that currently allow such cost-sharing for regional projects. They also note that out-of-state firms would be required to go through MISO’s vetting process, which would add time and costs.

Some groups and members of the Legislature aren’t buying it. Organizations on the skeptical side include the Wisconsin Industrial Energy Group, which represents 25 of the state’s largest energy consumers; the Citizens Utility Board; AARP; the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty; Clean Wisconsin and, perhaps most notably in some ways, Americans for Prosperity.

The AFP is a free-market network of advocates who are active nationwide, including Wisconsin, and it carries clout with many Republican lawmakers at the state and federal levels.

That is a major reason why there is a divide within both the state Senate and Assembly, where some members think the incumbent utilities that work with ATC and the MISO system shouldn’t be exempt from competition.

Pro-ROFR members in those GOP caucuses note

that what’s worked for Wisconsin’s neighbors – including eight Republican-leaning states that have passed similar legislation by sizable margins – should be good enough at home. They ask: Why risk Balkanizing the MISO power system over what may be nothing more than a penny or two on the dollar?

The anti-ROFR lawmakers, as well as Americans for Prosperity, counter the waves of regulatory change unleashed by the Trump administration will eventually lead to repeal of federal rules allowing the “in-state-only” bidding approach.

It’s still up for grabs how the debate will end, but one bottom line for both sides should be keeping the lights on in all kinds of conditions. Productivity, safety and health can be jeopardized when power systems go down – and demand is going nowhere but up.

Will ROFR ensure future reliability, or are opponents correct in asserting that out-of-state transmission line expertise is just as good as what may be found at home? The coming weeks will tell which way the political currents flow.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago April 15, 2015

BJ Brenna, Director of Rehabilitation Services at Cumberland Healthcare, was named the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for District 1 by Area Athletic Directors last week. The award goes to an individual who has distinguished themselves through their service to those in the athletic area within the state.

The Cumberland High School Music Department participated in the Red Cedar Music District Solo and Ensemble on April 11. Eight students are advancing to state. They are: Micah Weltzin, Nic Stevens, Jack Ault, Bryce Hopkins, Skyler Fox, Aiden Warner, Lucas West and Gavin Fontaine.

20 Years Ago April 13, 2005

Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Pechman have announced the Cumberland entrants to the State Honors Band and Choir. Chris Mann and Elizabeth Brown are this year’s State Honors Band Members and Ben Amundson and Brenda Perry are this year’s State Honors Choir members.

30 Years Ago April 12, 1995

Cumberland Firefighters were called to the Lundquist Farm on Monday morning about 5:45

am. When the firemen arrived, they attempted to put out a fire that started in the Lundquist’s machine shed. The shed and the machinery were a total loss. Firefighters spent two and a half hours fighting the fire. The cause of the fire is believed to be from an electrical problem.

The Senior Citizen Center recently honored one of their own for many years of service. Einer S. Nielsen, 93, received an Appreciation Award for his years of service which began in 1972 and has continued til now.

40 Years Ago April 10, 1985

Louie’s Finer Meats recently received three awards for their sausage at the Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors annual convention in Lake Geneva. The award winning sausages included Cotto Salami, Pepperoni and Louie’s Little Links. A total of 709 entries were registered.

50 Years Ago April 10, 1975

Navy Fireman Recruit Thomas J. Quinn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erland Quinn, Cumberland, graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center in Orlando, FL. The train-

ing included instruction in seamanship military regulations, firefighting, close order drill, first aid, and Navy history.

Debbie Huebner, Cumberland, has been selected to receive a 1975 Outstanding Student Award, a \$100 savings bond, given by the Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers.

60 Years Ago April 15, 1965

A huge washout on the south end of the bridge over the Vermilion River on Highway T about 12 miles southeast of Cumberland, caused the structure to collapse on Monday. Ice jams and debris threatened to take out the balance of the structure but it was still in place on Tuesday morning and the water had gone down a couple of feet.

70 Years Ago April 14, 1955

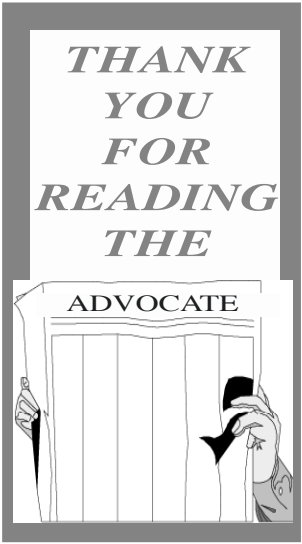
Local Veterinarian Dr. R. J. O’Hern, reported a case of rabies in which a skunk attacked a dairy cow.

Augustana Lutheran Church will be 70 years old on April 19. In recognition, a number of special events are being planned.

80 Years Ago April 12, 1945

It was 10 1/2 inches of

snow that fell here in the snowstorm on Wednesday of last week. The snow piled up into some of the biggest drifts of the winter to make for the worst driving conditions this season.



2025 WEATHER					
Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.	Snow	
4/1	38	22	-	-	
4/2	38	25	.16	1.0	
4/3	35	32	.03	-	
4/4	42	25	-	-	
4/5	49	26	-	-	
4/6	39	24	-	-	
4/7	53	22	-	-	

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

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Benjamin D. Knoll, 38, Cameron, OWI, \$3,745.00. Dionicio Baz-Lopez, 47, Sarona, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Anita E. Betts, 66, Haugen, operating left of center, \$213.10 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Eli A. Brunclik, 18, Almena, speeding, \$175.30. Alec S. Chinander, 33, Hillsdale, speeding, \$225.70. Elijah J. Crom, 17, Chetek, speeding, \$200.50. Daryl K. Dostal, 55, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Joseph D. Edstrom, 19, Turtle Lake, obstructed driver's vision-front view, \$175.30, vent/side window excessive tinting, \$175.30 and fail/equip vehicle fenders, \$175.30. Carmen Flores, 43, Weyerhaeuser, speeding, \$225.70. Gloria Foss, 52, Chetek, OWI, \$1,144.00. Steven L. Fronk, 68, Rice Lake, fail/properly maintain tail lamps, \$175.30. Alexander, C. Garner, 24, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Tara S. Haughian, 38, Rice Lake, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Brandon R. Hill, 33, Bruce, windshields-tinting-critical area, \$175.30, obstructed driver's vision-front view, \$175.30, vent/side window excessive tinting, \$175.30 and fail/equip vehicle fenders, \$175.30. Michael F. Johnson, 75, Barron, failure to yield right of way, \$187.90. Justin L. Larock, 32, Prairie Farm, failure to keep vehicle under control, \$213.10. Scott F. Mancl, 53, Sarona, speeding, \$175.30. Brianna S. Marlowe, 29, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Yovani E. Morales-Escalante, 26, Brewster, MN., OWI, \$1,049.50, and operate without a valid license, \$200.50. One More Chance Auto, LLC., Golden Valley, MN., vehicle owner's liability for failing to stop at accident scene, \$200.50. Alexander W. Pongratz, 22, Greenwood, operating while suspended, \$200.50 and speeding, \$225.70. Tyler G. Rice, 26, Barron, failure to yield right of way, \$187.90 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Keli F. Snyder, 47, Ridgeland, windshields-tinting-critical area, \$175.30. Brooklynn M. Tschirhart, 19, Cumberland, speeding, \$175.30. Jesse J. Whitehead, 17, Barron, operate without carrying a license, \$150.10. George Xiong, 57, Wausau, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00.

Complaints

Daniel J. Wagner, 18, of Cumberland, has been charged with criminal damage to property. His court date is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Giovanni L. Goossen, 18, of Almena, has been charged with underage drinking, disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date is scheduled for September 24, 2025. Cory A. Meyer, 49, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for April 1, 2025. David B. Hoehn, 17, of Weyerhaeuser, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for August 6, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Tracy A. Berschneider, 43, of Clayton, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Shaely E. Duffy, 27, of Barron, has been charged with use or possess with intent to use masking agent. Her initial appearance is scheduled for April 16, 2025. Courtney K. Feehan, 39, of Rice Lake, has been charged with criminal damage to property and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Tyler J. Hill, 26, of Chetek, has been charged with operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 11, 2025. Duane W. Mosay, 34, of Luck, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Jerome D. Day, 47, of Minneapolis, MN., has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 30, 2025. Kyle H. Bronstad, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 8, 2025. Scott A. Rocarek, 42, of Barron, has been charged with OWI, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Jonathan B. Hanson, 39,

of Rice Lake, has been charged with possess with intent amphetamine/methamphetamine, possess with intent THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for April 3, 2025. Madalyn N. Noles, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Anthony C. Wadena, 52, of Cottage Grove, MN., has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Tony A. Fern, 32, of Spooner, has been charged with sex registry violation. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Lance C. L'Heureux, 42, of Barron, has been charged with two counts of violating the condition of bond in Barron County stating the defendant shall not commit any crime and must not operate a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, retail theft-failure to pay for service, operate a motor vehicle while revoked and failure to install ignition interlock device. A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on March 28, 2025, at approximately 10:01 pm, he was on duty for the Barron County Sheriff's Department when dispatch advised him of a theft that occurred in the Township of Maple Grove. The deputy reports dispatch advised they received a 911 call from T.C.L., the owner of a towing service who advised someone broke into his impound and stole a car. The deputy reports dispatch advised T.C.L., informed them of the plate number on the vehicle that was stolen and it was a Ford truck. The deputy reports T.C.L. told dispatch he had the vehicle blocked in but it began to flee traveling westbound on 11 1/2 Avenue. The deputy reports he received updates on the location of the vehicle as it continued to flee. The deputy reports at approximately 10:09 pm, he arrived at the intersection on 11 1/2 Avenue and 15th Street and he observed a Ford with the license plate number matching the stolen vehicle sitting at the intersection. The deputy reports he set up a high risk stop of the vehicle and waited for additional law enforcement units to arrive. The deputy reports after additional officers arrived on scene, he began issuing commands to the driver of the Ford truck. The deputy reports the driver eventually exited the truck and walked

towards officers on scene. The deputy reports two officers with the Barron Police Department advised the deputy that they recognized the male driver from previous professional contacts as the defendant, L'Heureux. The deputy reports L'Heureux was placed in the back of the officer's squad vehicle and confirmed he was the only occupant in the vehicle. The deputy reports he read L'Heureux his Miranda rights and L'Heureux agreed to answer questions. The deputy reports he asked what happened and why L'Heureux was driving the vehicle. The deputy reports L'Heureux stated he took the vehicle because it was his and he could drive it. The deputy reports he asked L'Heureux if he had seen anyone or if anyone told him he couldn't take the vehicle and L'Heureux denied seeing anybody. The deputy reports L'Heureux stated he had keys to the vehicle which is how he was able to start it and drive off with it. The deputy reports he told L'Heureux that he was told not to leave with the vehicle and he stated that was not true, however, he did see someone at the towing impound and they did not tell him he couldn't leave. The deputy reports L'Heureux stated he told them that he would pay them later and then drove off. The deputy reports he told L'Heureux that typically before taking a vehicle out of a towing impound, they require you to pay and L'Heureux stated that he understood that, however, he again stated that no one told he couldn't leave and said that he was going to pay later. The deputy reports dispatch advised L'Heureux was revoked due to OWI and required to have an ignition interlock device in his vehicle. The deputy reports upon clearing the vehicle, he noticed there was no ignition interlock device in the vehicle. The deputy reports another deputy went with T.C.L., to the towing impound lot to collect a statement. The deputy reports the other deputy was told by both T.C.L. and an impound worker, J.W.M., they had informed L'Heureux that he was not allowed to leave with the vehicle without paying for it. The deputy reports T.C.L. and J.W.M. advised that L'Heureux stated this is my vehicle and then drove away despite telling them telling him he couldn't without paying. Complainant is aware that the towing lot is in Barron County. The deputy reports J.W.M. and T.C.L. completed written statements which he attached to the case file. The deputy re-

ports T.C.L. provided him an invoice for the tow bill which was \$263.00. The deputy reports it was discovered that the vehicle had previously been towed at approximately 3:00 pm earlier that day on a motorist assist CAD. If convicted for two counts of violating the condition of bond in Barron County stating the defendant shall not commit any crime and must not operate a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license, L'Heureux may be fined not more than \$10,000 for each count or imprisoned for not more

than six years or both. For retail theft-failure to pay for service, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For operating 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 failure to install ignition interlock device, he may be fined not less than \$150 nor more than \$600 or imprisoned for not more than six months. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 9, 2025.

State Patrol urges drivers to be patient and avoid distractions to keep highway workers safe; April Law of the Month: Work zone safety

Construction season is approaching, which means crews will soon be out fixing and building our roads and bridges. Drivers have one of the biggest roles in keeping work zones safe for construction crews. The Wisconsin State Patrol's April Law of the Month encourages drivers to help create a safe space for crews who work on and alongside the road. "Construction crews and county highway personnel often work within feet of traffic," said Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "These people need to be able to rely on drivers to do their part to ensure a safe work zone. The Wisconsin State Patrol is working to combat unsafe driving in work zones with the help of troopers on the road and overhead with our Air Support Unit. Last year, we issued over 7,000 citations and warnings for traffic law violations in work zones." Speeding, following too closely and distracted driving cause most work zone crashes. These crashes are preventable. According to preliminary data for Wisconsin, there were 2,174 work zone crashes in 2024, resulting in 10 fatalities and 779 injuries. On average, that is one work zone crash every three hours. Work zone safety tips Driving safely and slowly through work zones will protect workers and motorists. Wisconsin's laws further protect road workers, with penalties for traffic violations doubling in work zones. Do your part to keep work zones safe with these tips:

- Buckle up, phone down. Eliminate distractions. State law prohibits the use of hand-held electronic devices in work zones, except to report an emergency. Looking down for just 5 seconds at 55 mph takes a driver's eyes off the road for the length of a football field.
 - Plan ahead. Leave early or take an alternate route when construction is anticipated. Know before you go with 511 Wisconsin. Download the 511 Wisconsin app or call 5-1-1 for the latest travel information across the state.
 - Expect the unexpected. Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be shifted, and crews may be working on or near the road.
 - Keep your distance. Rear-end collisions are common in work zones, so give yourself extra space.
 - Be patient. If you don't see workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Always be watchful for workers and vehicles throughout the work zone.
 - Move over or slow down for stopped emergency vehicles with warning lights activated. The Move Over Law requires drivers to move out of the lane closest to a maintenance worker or emergency responder. If you can't move over, slow down.
 - Use the zipper merge strategy when lanes are reduced; take alternating turns to merge.
- View the April Law of the Month video and news release online: wisconsin-dot.gov/Pages/about-wis-dot/newsroom/law/lom.aspx

Northwest Region Construction Update

Barron and Washburn counties
Highway: US 53
Location: 26th Avenue north of Rice Lake to Pine Grove Road south of Sarona
Schedule: Sept. 5, 2023, to late May 2025
Cost: \$21.89 million
Description of work in 2025: Tensioning cable barrier in the median between 26th and 27th avenues to reduce crossover crashes; placing a high-friction sur-

face treatment on the pavement in the same area to reduce crossover and run-off-the-road crashes; removing and replacing a concrete joint, which will result in a several-day closure of a southbound US 53 lane; and placing final pavement markings. Traffic impacts: Us 53 is open to traffic, but motorists will encounter sporadic lane closures as minor finishing work is completed.

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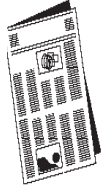
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Sports

Softball Team Looks to Learn From Three Losses in Mauston

The Cumberland Softball Team saw their record fall to 2 and 3 on the season with three losses last week-end during play in Mauston. The team is back in action this week, with the Conference opener against Ashland falling on Thursday and a non-conference tilt against Clear Lake this Friday, both scheduled at Islander Park beginning at 5:00 pm.

The Beavers opened their Southern trip with a 11-10 loss to Merrill. Cumberland battled gamely and recorded a two-run sixth inning to tie up the contest only to see the Blue Jays score the winning run in the seventh.

Morgan Monchilovich took the pitching loss for Coach Jess Olson, while Baleigh Stouffer and Raegan Beecroft each recorded a pair of hits offensively. Presli Butzler added a double and Monchilovich a triple, while Kelsey Reidy had a pair of stolen bases in the contest.

Next came a match-up

Baseball Team Goes 1 and 2 During Mauston Trip; At Home Thursday and Friday

The Cumberland Beavers opened up the 2025 Baseball Season with three games at the Woodside Complex in Mauston last Friday and Saturday. The Beavers dropped games to Bloomer and Somerset, while defeating Poynette 8 to 6 and now prepare to open up the HON schedule this week against Ashland at Islander Park on Thursday followed by a non-conference home contest against Chippewa Falls McDonell on Friday, both starting at 5:00 pm.

The weekend began with a 10-0 loss to Somerset last Friday. Uriah Johnson took the pitching loss with relief from Sloan McCreary. Offensively, the Beavers could not manage a hit in the game due to the work of Somerset pitcher Mason Schmidt, who struck out 12 Beaver hitters.

The Beavers battled back with an 8-6 victory over

against a strong Prairie du Chien team, which ended in a 14-3 loss. Olivia Villarreal took the pitching loss, with help on the mound from Jayme Bayerle. Cumberland had 10 hits themselves, including two each from Macy Beecroft and Raegan Beecroft. Each team had three errors in the contest.

Cumberland finished-up their trip with a tough 8-7 loss to Marshfield Columbus. Once again, a seventh inning rally by their opponent led to the loss, when Marshfield scored four runs in the last frame to overcome a 7-4 Beavers lead.

Morgan Monchilovich took the pitching loss, but had a great game offensively with three hits, including two triples. Jayme Bayerlye added a pair of runs-batted-in.

“We’ll get better from these losses as we learn to find ways to win games,” added Coach Olson about the weekend’s competition.

Poynette Friday night.

Troy Majewski took the pitching victory for Coach John Peterson with six strong innings of work, giving up only one earned run, while striking out three. Uriah Johnson had two hits for the Beavers, while driving in two runs. Landon Wickstrom added a double and Parker Peterson had three runs-batted-in.

The weekend finished with a 12-2 loss to Bloomer. Landon Wickstrom took the pitching loss with Parker Peterson also seeing time on the mound. Peterson added a double to the offensive attack as six different Beaver hitters had safeties in the game. The Beavers defense had three errors in the contest.

“It was good to get on a field, but now we have to get back to work and learn from our time in Mauston,” concluded Coach Peterson.

The Barron-Cumberland Girl’s Soccer Co-op Splits Opening Pair of Contest

The Barron-Cumberland Girl’s Soccer Co-op defeated Altoona 5-0 and lost to Rice Lake 3-0 in opening play last week. Both games were played at Endeavor Stadium. “We are returning a roster with multiple experienced players to go with several newcomers eager to contribute to the program,” said Coach Sarah Stauner about the opening contests.

Against Altoona, Tinlee Jeffrey posted a shutout in goal, while Valeria Acevedo-Sanchez led the team with two goals. “The defensive line led by returning defenders Adriana Williams and Hailey Fick gave very little room for Altoona to have any sort of offensive

threat,” added Stauner.

A strong Rice Lake Team dominated Saturday’s loss as the Barron-Cumberland team battled throughout the afternoon, but could not score. “This game definitely helped us see areas we need to continue to work on as a team,” concluded Stauner.

The team is busy this week with three more games scheduled at Endeavor Stadium. The girls were scheduled to play Northland Pines on Tuesday and then this Thursday and Friday they have home contests scheduled against Baldwin-Woodville and Lakeland Union, with both games starting at 5:00 pm.

Out At First!



Cumberland first baseman Kelsey Reidy catches the throw for an out during the Beavers trip to Mauston. The girls dropped a couple close games and hope to rebound this week.



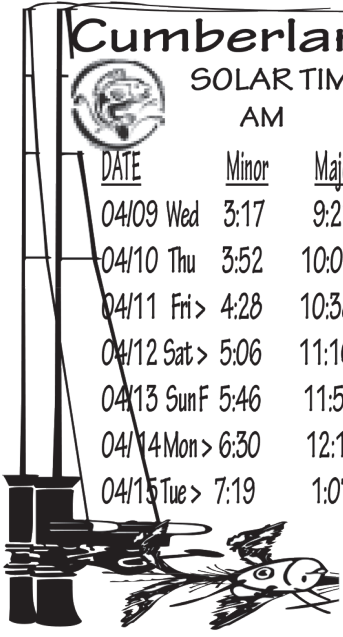
Beaver pitcher Morgan Monchilovich delivers a pitch last Friday in Mauston.



Adriana Williams heads the ball Thursday night at Endeavor Stadium in Cumberland. The girls co-op team defeated Altoona 5-0.

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings				5 High Scratch Games			
Austad’s Super Valu - 76	Becker’s Trucking - 64	Debbie Anderson - 197	Patty Lundell - 511	Sam Munkelwitz - 235	Donna Berquam - 204	Sam Munkelwitz - 591	Donna Berquam - 575
Spare Time - 72	Clear Lake Self Storage - 45	Sheila LaBlanc - 181	Debbie Anderson - 490	Donna Berquam - 204			
Big Bear Express - 71	Dane Arthur Real Estate - 41	Patty Lundell - 175	Sheila LaBlanc - 488				
Bowlin’ Buddies - 70			Jeannie Glasscock - 464				
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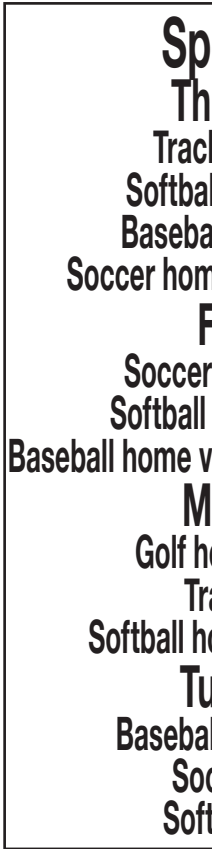


Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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04/09 Wed	3:17	9:27	3:37	9:47	06:34	07:44	4:41p	5:23a	11:16p	10:56a	*
04/10 Thu	3:52	10:02	4:12	10:22	06:32	07:45	5:45p	5:38a	11:55p	11:36a	*
04/11 Fri >	4:28	10:38	4:48	10:58	06:30	07:46	6:49p	5:54a	NoMoon	12:15p	*
04/12 Sat >	5:06	11:16	5:26	11:36	06:28	07:47	7:54p	6:09a	12:35a	12:55p	*
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04/14 Mon >	6:30	12:19	6:52	12:41	06:25	07:50	10:09p	6:45a	1:57a	2:20p	*
04/15 Tue >	7:19	1:07	7:42	1:31	06:23	07:51	11:17p	7:08a	2:42a	3:06p	*

Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window
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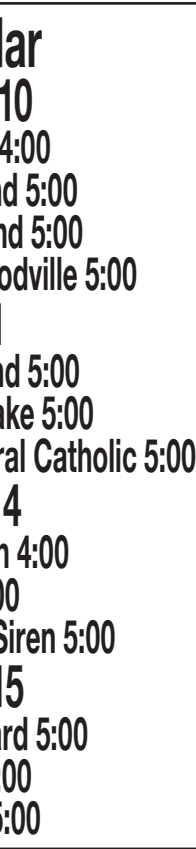
Sports Calendar

Thursday, April 10
Track @ UW Superior 4:00
Softball home vs Ashland 5:00
Baseball home vs Ashland 5:00
Soccer home vs Baldwin Woodville 5:00

Friday, April 11
Soccer home vs Lakeland 5:00
Softball home vs Clear Lake 5:00
Baseball home vs McDonell Central Catholic 5:00

Monday, April 14
Golf home vs N.Western 4:00
Track @ Altoona 4:00
Softball home vs Webster/Siren 5:00

Tuesday, April 15
Baseball home vs Hayward 5:00
Soccer @ Ashland 5:00
Softball @ Hayward 5:00





An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Doug's Retired

Hello friends,
As time passes a great many of my friends and family have retired or are very close. One man that has been in this column on a regular basis is Doug Cibulka, who when we were kids in Poynette was a pal of mine and still is today.
On January 3rd Doug retired from a career as an Operating Room Sterile Technician for UW Hospital in Madison. On January 6th, Doug wasted no time and had his right knee replaced and for the last 80 days has been working his butt off to recover as much as possible.
This week Doug got back on the outdoor saddle and went on a simple camping and fishing trip with me to some backwaters on the Mississippi River near Buffalo City. Our plan was to use my atv and a trailer to get to a beautiful location and shore fish for perch where I have had good luck in the past. As usual, my golden retriever "Red" was with us.
Tuesday, March 25th
High 51, low 31
It would be a 2 trip event to get man and gear to where we call home for the next 54 hours and I had zero cares as I was on the shores of the Mississippi river with a good buddy and my pup and ready to have fun. I think it is important to mention that for myself the only thing that I cared about was doing as little as possible, between KAMO, NOAC my job and my home I have been running hard.
Before we even built camp, I told Doug I was going to rig lines and begin our shore fishing operation which is basically fishing off the bottom with either red worms or minnows for perch that are in this section of river to spawn. I would also like to mention that plenty of local fishermen hike in or take atv's into this area to fish and there is a nearby trail that a lot of walkers enjoy and over the days Red would be able

to play with at least 25 different "new friends."
I think that I should mention something about Red, her mother Ruby passed away in January. As many people witnessed Red and Ruby participated in at least 20 hardcore wrestling matches a day and the loss of her mother has put Red in a funk. One example would be that no matter what brand I purchased, she quit eating dry dog food.
So most fishermen on this adventure are way more into catching than I am, at least on this trip. Over the course of 3 days anyone that watched our camp would think it was quite the social scene and what I mean by that is at least 8 readers of this column recognized me and made a point of shooting the breeze with me and witnessing my "I don't care about catching" attitude!
By dark Doug and I only had 3 perch and we entered the Eskimo mobile home for an evening of fine food and festivities.

Wednesday, March 26th
High 57, low 34
We were up "somewhat" early and what a beautiful place to wake up. There is a pair of bald eagles taking turns sitting on a nest and thousands of ducks and geese enjoying spring. For about 4 hours we witnessed an incredible migration of an unimaginable number of ducks, geese and swans as they were headed north with a south wind pushing them. The ducks would fly the highest and the swans the lowest.
I watched my buddy shore fish with a challenging knee that is getting better and in this case, often he had to negotiate rocks and steep banks, but Dougy wanted perch fillets and after a long winter in the house he wanted to play.
As can be the case sometimes, we were not exactly on fire, as was the case for most fishermen.



Our camp on the backwaters of the Mississippi river near Buffalo City.



Doug Cibulka has earned his retirement and now he can fish any day of the week.

The water was very low and possibly the perch were about done spawning, but some fishermen that tried really hard were impressive.
The following day we were in no rush to go home, Red was eating dry dog food, and her new friends had made nature take its course and she was showing the first signs of coming into heat. Next spring I will get a pup from her.
While I must slave hunting and fishing for a living, Doug C gets to do whatever the heck he wants to do for the rest of his life!
Sunset

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Jack Owens with a personel best vault of 12 feet at River Falls.

Track Team Enjoys a Strong Showing at UW-River Falls Meet

The Cumberland Track Team participated in the UW-River Falls High School Classic last Friday night where Coach Ryan O'Connell received a number of strong performances. Twenty-two teams participated as several personal bests and high finishes were among the Cumberland results.
Leading the way was an excellent night from Tommy Dettinger, who finished 2nd in the 3200 and 4th in the 1500-meter run. His time of 10:28 in the 3200 was a personal best, knocking 20 seconds off over his past best time. Brother Ben Dettinger ran a 11:12 in the same 3200 to finish 7th.
Senior Jack Owens continued his amazing improvement in the pole vault by jumping a personal best 12-00 to finish third in his event. He just took up the event last year and is poised for a big spring. He also ran in the 4x400 relay with Carson Catlin, Bryce McNaulty, and Onesimus West as they finished 6th with a time of 3:36, the sixth best time in the event in school history.
Other strong performances came from Kaylee Jackson in the 400, where she finished 6th with a time of 1:07 and an excellent leap of 19-09 in the long jump by Chayden Berghammer, as he finished 4th. Alexis Peterson added a 11th in the high jump, Mya Gardner a 12th in the pole vault, while Gardner joined Jasmine Delgado, Greta Weaver, and Wren Ruppel, to capture 12th in the 4x400-meter relay.
Coach Ryan O'Connell added, "What a night in River Falls! Our athletes had a great meet and we had a ton of PR's!! Our coaches are extremely proud of their performances."
The team was back in action on Tuesday with their first outdoor meet at Eleva-Strum and then head to UW-Superior this Thursday for a large indoor meet beginning at 4:00 pm. The Conference Indoor is scheduled for April 17 in Ashland.

Sports Look Back, April 15, 2015

The Cumberland track Team ran in two meets last week, an outdoor meet at Spooner and the Packy Paquette Indoor Meet at UW-Superior. The team had some strong individual performances leading to some excitement about the team as the season progresses.
At Spooner, twelve teams participated, with the Cumberland Girls' finishing second to Hayward and the boys finishing fourth behind first place Frederic/Luck.
Top finishes for the girls included first place finishes by Lindsey Bangsberg in the 100-Meter Hurdles and Shyyanne Mattson in the High Jump. Other top five finishes included a strong second in the 300-Meter Hurdles by freshman Skyler Ruetz and a third in the 100-Meter Dash by freshman Adreanna Johnson. Other thirds came from Mattson in the Triple Jump and by Miriam Ibriham in the 3200-Meter Run.
Sara Behling added fourths in the 100-Meter Hurdles, Triple Jump, and 300-Meter Hurdles, while Ruetz had a fourth in the High Jump and Johnson a fifth in the 100-Meter Dash.
The boys, meanwhile, received a very nice day from senior Blaine Stetler, who won both the 400-Meter Run and the Long Jump, finished second in the Triple Jump and fourth in the 100-Meter Dash. Ben Stone added a victory in the Discus and a third in the Shot Put. Layton Noshush, meanwhile, was third in the 110-Meter Hurdles.
Friday, the Beavers made the trek to Superior and although finishing 10th out of 10 schools in both competitions, still had some very nice efforts.
The top Cumberland performance came from Lindsey Bangsberg, who was second in the 55-Meter Hurdles. Teammate Sara Behling was fourth with a 9.69, as Cumberland Hurdler's continue to impress.



Kasey Stauner dribbles around an Altoona defender Thursday night in Cumberland. The girls cruised to a 5-0 win on a chilly late afternoon at Endeavor Stadium.

By Judy Pieper

Yea!! The elections are finally over and we will no longer be bombarded with all those political ads – you know, the ads where people talk about how nice their opponent is, and how they admire the work the opponent has done in the past, and then let us know what they would do differently and better if they were elected. (In our wildest dreams.) When did politicians get to a point where, instead of telling us how they would change something or do something better, they tell such outrageous things about their opponent that, if they did that in our world, they would be sued for slander. Ah, well, they are done for a while now, and I am happy with the results.

Sky-High Ranch Buckle Series ended this weekend, and Tru Lehmann and her friend, Caylin Schultz were among the many barrel racing contestants on Saturday. Caylin took first place in the 1D race, and Tru took first place in the 2D race. Both girls are now proud owners of a beautiful buckle, which is one of many they will win in the future, I'm sure.

On Sunday Tru Lehmann and Miriah Olson traveled to the Double F Arena in Hinkley, Minnesota, to compete in barrel racing there. The results were not tallied by the time Miriah and Tru left for home, so I will have to get the results of that event to you at a later date.

I talked to Jean Williamson for a couple minutes on Sunday morning. Jean is spending some time with her daughter, son-in-law, and adorable little grandson

in Minnesota. She had been having a few health-related problems, but said that she is doing much better and feels that she is improving every day. We are so glad that she is able to visit with her family, but hope that she will be back in Baronett soon.

We had some big branches blow off our pine tree during that wind-storm a couple weeks ago, and were not looking forward to going out, picking them up, dragging them out of the yard, and getting covered with pine pitch. Well - - - Art Adams stopped by one day this past week, did not even tell us he was here, and pulled them all out of the yard, put them on a trailer, and hauled them away. It's sometimes hard to believe how many nice things Art does for us – we certainly do not deserve most of them. Thank you, Art.

Tinille and Ivana Bellefeuille stopped by to visit Duane and me after church Sunday morning. Mark was busy at home making raised beds for their garden, so he wasn't with them, but we had a wonderful visit anyway. Ivana is almost 18 months old already, and one of the cutest, smartest little girls we know. Sorry – I am going to have to brag just a little bit here – I made Ivana an egg for breakfast, and she very neatly used a fork to eat it and did not spell even one bit. I have never seen such a little person eat with such good manners. And, she had a pen in her hand later, so I gave her a piece of paper and that was all she wrote on. There were no ink marks on anything else.

(I put her artwork on the refrigerator, by the way.)

Duane and I visited with Richard Pieper for a while Sunday afternoon. Richard has a cute little Guinea pig, and, while we were visiting, we noticed he was just about out of hay, so we took a side trip to the pet store in Rice Lake to get some. Richard got Veronica, his Guinea pig, for his birthday about three years ago, and he really enjoys taking care of her and watching her run around her cage.

We stopped by Suzy and Ryan Lehmann's house on our way home from Richard's, and let them talk us into playing a couple games of smear. I am very happy to report that Suzy and I won the first game by about twelve points, and the second one by three points. We have lost so many games to those two – it was great being the ones who could brag a bit for a change.

Can you believe Easter is almost here? We will be celebrating Palm Sunday this weekend, and then Good Friday and Easter Sunday next week. Boyd Aarestad and Laura Maginnis will be making Wednesday evening soup and sandwiches this week before our last Lenten Service of the year. My, my – how time flies when you are having fun.

I wonder if now we will find out why our grandparents and great-grandparents saved money in canning jars in the basement. Hmmm – just a thought.

I'm going to get busy. Have a wonderful week, and I'll see you next time.

OBITUARIES



Laurel L. Anderson

Laurel Lee Anderson, 84, died peacefully on March 30, 2025, at Mayo Clinic Luther Campus in Eau Claire, WI with his son and daughter-in-law by his side and other family members and friends in his thoughts and prayers.

Laurel was born on January 2, 1941, near Hollandale in Ridgeway Township of Iowa County Wisconsin to Gladys Lenore Klosterman and William Henry Anderson as one of eight children. At the age of 1-1/2 his family moved to Platteville, WI.

Laurel worked in a grocery store during his high school years. He graduated from the Edgar G. Doudna Laboratory School in Platteville, WI in 1959. In October of 1959 he moved to Kenosha, WI and began his career at American Motors. He completed his Millwright Apprenticeship on September 21st, 1969. This is one of the accomplishments he was most proud of.

Laurel married Patricia Maria Knopps of Menomonie, WI at the First Congregational church in Platteville, WI on February 24, 1961. Laurel and Patricia were blessed with Wayne William Anderson on March 28, 1963, and Scott Wade Anderson on March 8, 1966.

Laurel and Patricia resided in Kenosha, WI for 38 years until Laurel retired from Chrysler Corporation on April 30, 1997, and then permanently moved to Almena, WI, where they spent their retirement years on their 110 acres of picturesque land bordering the north fork of the Hay River. Laurel enjoyed, hunting on the family land, fishing (both open water and ice) in the many phenomenal lakes near their home, fabricating a variety of mechanical devices such as trailers and even an earth mover, having coffee with his friends every morning in Almena, and driving his Kubota UTV. Maybe more than anything else; however, he loved to spend hours working the controls of his Gehl skid-steer like a finely tuned instrument; this was his happy place.

Several years ago, Laurel was diagnosed with Interstitial Lung Disease/ Pulmonary Fibrosis which gradually slowed Laurel's body but did not stifle his ambitions nor mind. He did move in to join Patricia at Cambridge Senior Living in Rice Lake, WI on December 6, 2024.

Laurel loved his wife Patricia and was very proud to have two sons, Wayne and Scott, and 4 grandchildren, Katie, Eric, Megan and Ryan and grandchild, Cali.

Laurel is survived by his wife, Patricia Maria (Knopps), Rice Lake, WI; and son Wayne William (Bridget), Burlington, WI; son Scott Wade (Barbara), Fontana, WI; granddaughter Katie Roe, North Port, FL; Eric Anderson, Oshkosh, WI; granddaughter Megan Anderson, Scottsdale, AZ; grandson Ryan Anderson,

Madison, WI; great-granddaughter Cali Roe, North Port, FL; siblings Marshall Anderson, Platteville, WI; Wilma Anderson, Platteville, WI; brother-in-law LaRoy Messling, Deerfield, WI; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Laurel was preceded in death by brother Carroll Anderson, brother Elwood Anderson, sister Marlene Messling, and sister Moya Thomas and sister-in-law Bernetta Anderson.

Laurel's wishes were to be cremated and then laid to rest at St. John's cemetery in Irvington, WI. Laurel also requested no funeral. The family hopes to organize a celebration of life at some time in the future.

If you wish, gifts may be made in Laurel's memory to: The 'UW Foundation' with a note to direct the gift to "Comparative Genetics & Clinical Research Laboratory Fund - 112840014" to support his grandson's (Ryan Anderson) research that Laurel found to be interesting and important. You may either mail your gift to: UW Foundation US Bank Lockbox Box 78807 Milwaukee, WI 53278-8807 or you may submit your gift online at <http://www.supportuw.org/giveto/AndersonMemorial>

Mayo Clinic Luther Campus in Eau Claire as Laurel was duly impressed with the Medical Professional's outstanding care.

Friends and family may offer condolences online at www.hulkefamilyfh.com.

Hulke Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701 is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, April 10

Baked potato with diced ham, cheese, broccoli, sour cream and chives, dinner roll, mandarin oranges.

Friday, April 11

Vegetable lasagna, buttered beets, assorted bread, frozen yogurt.

Monday, April 14

Open-face chicken pot pie over a biscuit, three-bean salad, ice cream.

Tuesday, April 15

Ham and swiss sandwich, creamy white bean and potato soup, fruit cup.

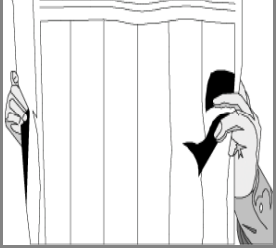
Wednesday, April 16

Western-style egg bake with peppers, onions, cheese, hash browns, flavored yogurt, muffin, tomato 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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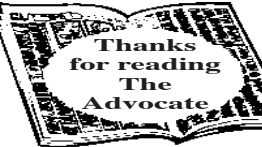
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OBITUARIES



Zakariah James John Paul Latzka
Zakariah James John Paul Latzka was born in St. Cloud, MN on December 20, 1979. He passed away in South Lake Tahoe on March 14, 2025.

He is survived by his mother, Mary Kay Latzka (Rich Meaux), his father, James P. Mayer (Rochelle Gunn), siblings George Mayer (Maggie Mayer), Lucas Meaux, Samuel Meaux and Sophia Meaux, Grandma Mary Jacobs, a bunch of uncles, aunts and cousins, girlfriend Sydney Drake and a world of dear friends without number.

Zak brightened every room he entered. His joy was infectious, and he made everyone feel like they were his best friend. He loved adventure, and was a frequent Burning Man attendee, where he made many life-long connections. He was a dog whisperer, and especially loved his past dogs, Laupsyl, Major, General, Chico and Curtis, and his current dog, Peanut.

He was a pillar of the South Lake Tahoe community, where he owned and ran Himmel Haus for the past 13 years along with managing partner and best friend David Graham-Armstrong. Prior to that, he owned and managed Element Lounge in San Francisco. He was an experienced restaurateur, having worked in the industry for over 20 years.

His sister Sophia best captured what made Zak so special: “You were a beam of light on this earth, always there for others. Always carrying the biggest smile

in the room. I will now carry your light with me, keep the biggest smile I can, and make sure to stay young and playful at heart, for you. I will miss waiting on the next time I get to see you, wondering what hairstyle and type of crazy facial hair you will have next. I will miss your sarcasm and constant jokes. Anyone who knew Zak loved him dearly, he was a blessing in all of our lives.”

Zak was a force of love and strength who will not soon be forgotten. There will be celebrations of his life in both South Lake Tahoe and in the Twin Cities. Details to follow.



Hunt Hill Nature Center Upcoming Events

Program: Little Explorers
Topic: Earth Day
Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025

Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona, WI
Time: 10:00 - 11:30 am
Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.

Hunt Hill Nature Center will be hosting a Little Explorers program on Saturday, April 12. This is a children’s program mini series happening on select Saturdays of each month from February to April. This month’s theme is Earth Day. Celebrate an early Earth Day with a captivating book that highlights the importance of caring for our planet. We will learn practical ways to help the Earth, fostering a sense of stewardship for the environment.

Join Hunt Hill for an exciting morning of stories, crafts, songs, and nature activities geared towards

3–6 year olds; but all ages are welcome. Guardians must stay for the duration of the program. Depending on the weather, we will be outside for a portion of this program. Please dress appropriately to be inside and outside in the weather.

Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged by Friday, April 11 at noon. The program fee is free, but donations are appreciated. If you register ahead of time, you must register yourself and your child(ren). For more information or to register, visit www.hunt-hill.org or call 715-635-6543.

Program: Soup Lunch
Topic: Pollinating Powerhouses
Date: Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona, WI
Lunch: 12:00 pm; Program: 12:30 pm
Program Fee: \$10/person; \$7/Hunt Hill Mem-

ber.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged.
Hunt Hill Nature Center will be hosting a Soup Lunch on Tuesday, April 15, 2025. This month’s topic is Pollinating Powerhouses with Linda Anderson. Lunch is served at noon and the presentation will begin at 12:30 pm.
At Hunt Hill’s Soup Lunch program, participants will enjoy a warm soup lunch while listening to Wisconsin Master Gardner, Linda Anderson, local to Shell Lake. Her presentation on Pollinating Powerhouses focuses on the true superheroes, pollinators, and their sidekicks, native plants.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged to guarantee a seat. The cost for the soup lunch and the presentation is \$10/person or \$7/Hunt Hill Member. For more information or to register, visit www.hunthill.org or call 715-635-6543.

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“Love”

by Pastor Tim Carlson
Timberland-Ringebu Free Lutheran Church

“Love”

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son...”John 3:16

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For three years, Jesus publicly lived out love for His disciples and His enemies alike. His love required His own death and sacrifice. Have you ever noticed that Jesus demonstrated all of these aforementioned attributes of love during His life and crucifixion?

Patience — spending three years teaching disciples who were slow learners.

Kind — giving grace and mercy to the humble and needy.

Not boastful — giving all glory to the Father.

Not rude — holding His tongue before His accusers.

Not self-seeking — denying Himself over and over.

Not easily angered — receiving hours and hours of verbal and physical abuse.

Keeps no record of wrongs — He prayed, “Father, forgive them.”

No delight in evil but rejoices in the truth — He IS truth! He confronted evil whenever He encountered it.

Always protects, trusts, hopes, perseveres — six hours hanging on the cross to pay for our sins. That’s love!

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Prayer: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

SHELL LAKE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Shell Lake, WI.
Josiah Hodgett, Lead Pastor
Worship Service: Sundays at 10 am; Kids for Christ: Sundays at 10:30 am, Uturn Student Ministries: Sundays at 6 pm.
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
483 7th Avenue, Clayton
Pastor: Rev. Quentin Buechner. Divine Service: Sunday 9 am; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDINANCE 2025-802 AMENDING 12.02 LICENSE FEES & 12.04 PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND Section 12.02 License Fees & 12.04 Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants.

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland do ordain as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 12.02 of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.02 License Fees

(16) PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS.

a) Application Fee. \$25 for the primary applicant, plus \$10 per person for any person working there under.

b) License Fee. \$20 for a one-week license that is valid for a pre-determined seven-day period, \$50 for a one-month license that is valid for a pre-determined 30-day period, or \$150 for a one-year license valid for 365 days from issuance.

SECTION TWO: Section 12.04 of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.04 Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants.

(3) Application Fee. At the time of filing the application, the primary applicant shall file a non-refundable fee of \$25 to cover the cost of the background investigation, plus an additional \$10 per person for every other person working under the primary applicant's license.

(4) EXEPT ORGANIZATIONS. Religious and charitable organizations, otherwise exempt under § 1201(9), shall file such application for a permit as the City Council shall require. If the organization qualifies as an exempt organization, the City Clerk shall issue a permit without charge to such an organization.

(5) INVESTIGATION AND ISSUANCE.

(a) Upon receipt of each application, it shall be referred to the Chief of Police, who shall immediately institute such investigation of the applicant's business and moral character as he deems necessary for the protection of the public good and shall endorse the application in the manner prescribed in this section within 72-hours after it has been filed by the applicant with the City Clerk.

(b) If, as a result of such investigation, the applicant's character or business responsibility is found to be unsatisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse on such application his disapproval and reasons for the same and return the application to the City Clerk, who shall notify the applicant that his application is disapproved and that no license will be issued.

(c) If, as a result of such investigation, the character and business responsibility of the applicant are found to be satisfactory, the Chief of Police shall endorse the application his approval and return the application to the City Clerk, who shall, upon payment of the prescribed license fee, deliver to the applicant his license.

(d) Such license shall contain the signature of the issuing officer and shall show the name, address, the class of license issued and the kind of goods to be sold thereunder, the amount of fee paid, the date of issuance and the length of time the same shall be operative, as well as the license number and other identifying description of any vehicle used in such licensed business. Each peddler, canvasser or transient merchant shall secure a personal license. No license shall be used at any time by any person other than the one to whom it is issued. The City Clerk shall keep a permanent record of all licenses issued.

6. LICENSE FEES.

(a) Applicant. Every applicant for a license shall pay the fees listed in §12.02 of this chapter.

(b) Interstate Commerce. None of the license fees provided for by this subsection shall be so applied as to cause an undue burden upon interstate commerce. Where a license fee is believed by a licensee or applicant for license to place an undue burden upon such commerce, he may apply to the mayor for an adjustment of the fee so that it shall not be discriminatory, unreasonable or unfair as to such commerce. Such application may be made before, at or within 6 months after payment of the prescribed license fee. The applicant shall, by affidavit and supporting testimony, show his method of business and the gross volume of business and such other information as the mayor may deem necessary in order to determine the extent, if any, of undue burden of such commerce. The Mayor shall then conduct an investigation, comparing applicant's business with other businesses of like nature and shall make findings of fact from which he shall determine whether the fee fixed b this subsection is unfair, unreasonable or discriminatory as to applicant's business and shall fix as the license fee for the applicant, an amount that is fair, reasonable and nondiscriminatory, or if the fee has already been paid, shall order a refund of the amount over and above the fee so fixed. In fixing the fee to be charged, the mayor may use any method which will ensure that the fee assessed shall be uniform with that assessed on businesses of like nature, so long as the amount assessed does not exceed the fees a prescribed herein.

7. LOUD NOISES AND SPEAKING DEVICES. No licensee, or any person in his behalf, shall shout, cry out, blow a horn, ring a bell or use any sound amplifying device upon any of the streets, alleys, parks or other public places of the City or upon private premises where sound of sufficient volume is emitted or produced therefrom to be capable of being plainly heard upon the streets, avenues, alleys, parks or other public places, for the purpose of attracting attention to any goods, wares or merchandise which such licensee proposes to sell.

8. USE OF STREETS. No licensee shall have any exclusive right to any location in the public streets, or shall any be permitted a stationary location thereon, or shall any be permitted to operate in a congested area where such operation might impede or inconvenience the public use of such streets. For the purpose of this section, the judgment of a police officer, exercised in good faith, shall be deemed conclusive as to whether the area is congested and the public impeded or inconvenienced. Licensees shall be prohibited from operating on any portion of Hwy 48 or Hwy 63 within the corporate limits of the City of Cumberland, unless as part or a community-wide event and as approved by the City Council.

SECTION THREE: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2025.

Daniel C. Shoemaker, Mayor

Date Adopted: 04/02/2025
Date Published: 04/09/2025
Effective Date: 04/02/2025

ATTEST:

This ordinance was passed by the Common Council of the City of Cumberland, Barron County, Wisconsin, at a duly noticed and convened regular meeting held on April 2, 2025.

Arlene Frisinger, Clerk
City of Cumberland

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ORDINANCE #2025-807
An Ordinance Amending Heavy Truck Routes

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland do hereby amend and ordain the following sections of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 7.025 of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.025 HEAVY TRUCK ROUTES.

A. Established Truck Routes. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 349.17, the following streets are designated as Heavy Traffic Routes:

- Hwy 48
- Hwy 63
- Berdan Street from 8th Avenue west to the City Limits
- CTH P from Hwy 48 southward to the city limits
- Industrial Avenue from Berdan Street south to Termini
- 8th Avenue from Berdan Street to Hwy 48/63

B. REGULATION ON WEIGHT.

1. All heavy traffic having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 6,000 pounds shall, when using the streets for the purpose of traveling through the City, operate only on Federal and State highways.

2. All heavy traffic other than thru traffic, having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 6,000 pounds, but not greater than 30,000 pounds, shall use the City Heavy Traffic Routes. However, for the purpose of making pickups or deliveries at locations off the City Heavy Traffic Route, such traffic may deviate from such route provided the shortest and most direct route is used to and from the City Heavy Traffic Route, but never using roads specifically closed to heavy truck traffic.

3. All heavy traffic, other than through traffic, having a combined weight of vehicle and load in excess of 30,000 pounds, but not greater than the State maximum for such vehicle shall use the City Heavy Traffic Routes. However, for the purpose of making a pickup or a delivery off the City Heavy Traffic Route at any one (1) location, and only one (1) location per trip, such traffic may deviate from the City Heavy Traffic Route provided the shortest and most direct route is used to and from the City Heavy Traffic Route, but never using roads specifically closed to heavy truck traffic.

4. The City may reduce the load on any of the streets on City Heavy Traffic Routes when the construction of the street or the condition thereof in its judgment warrants such action.

C. HEAVY TRAFFIC ROUTES TO BE MARKED. Appropriate signs shall be erected indicating the heavy truck routes.

D. VEHICLES EXEMPT. This Section does not apply to vehicles owned by federal or state governments, or political subdivisions thereof, when actually engaged in government functions. The restrictions herein contained shall not prohibit heavy traffic from using a street for the purpose of obtaining orders for supplies or moving or delivering supplies or commodities to or from any place of business or residence fronting on such a street. When it is necessary for the operator of such a vehicle to travel upon a street not designated for heavy traffic in subsection A, such operators shall leave and re-enter such heavy truck routes at the point closest to his immediate destination, but never use roads specifically closed to heavy truck traffic.

E. SPECIAL AND SEASON WEIGHT LIMITATIONS. The City shall have the authority to impose special or seasonal weight limits to prevent damage to the roadway of any highway, bridge or culvert within the jurisdiction of the City of Cumberland or for the safety of users of such highway, bridge or culvert and shall be responsible for erecting signs giving notice thereof in accordance with Wis. Stats. § 349.16.

F. EXCEPTIONS FOR DETOURS. Trucks leaving Heavy Truck Routes while utilizing an official detour established by the City of Cumberland, the Barron County Highway Department, the Wisconsin DOT, or their agents shall not be in violation of this section.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2025.

Daniel C. Shoemaker, Mayor

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Arlene Frisinger, Clerk

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Final Public Notice for Potential Impacts to Wetlands

The City of Cumberland intends to seek financial assistance from USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS)for the Cumberland Wastewater Collection System Improvements. The proposed project consists of renovations to lift station 3. RUS has assessed the environmental impacts of this proposal and determined that the location of the lift station 3 renovations will impact wetlands. In accordance with Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500- 3, Land Use Policy, the Agency is notifying the interested public of this land conversion. It has been determined that there is no practicable alternative to avoiding this conversion or effect and that there is a significant need for the proposal.

The basis of this determination includes:

- A delineation of wetland areas performed by a Wisconsin DNR Assured Delineator, also recognized by the Army Corps of Engineers as a Qualified Wetland Delineator.
- The proposal encroaches 0.011 acres into the delineated wetland.

Multiple engineering considerations have been incorporated into the proposal to mitigate potential impacts on the wetland area and minimize the footprint of the proposal.

- The WDNR has granted permit GP-NO-2024-3-00159 allowing the proposal to proceed.
- The Army Corp of Engineers has granted a permit under Regulatory File No. MVP-2024-00133-DDP allowing the proposal to proceed.
- Facilities Planning documents approved by the WDNR concurred with the need for the proposed project for the City of Cumberland wastewater collection system to restore system reliability, protecting groundwater table and local water bodies.
- The project does not impact the 100-year or 500-year floodplain.
- No comments were submitted in response to the Preliminary Public Notice.

For information regarding this notice, contact Scott Schatschneider at 715-889-0332 or scott.schatschneider@usda.gov; or USDA – Rural Development State Office located at 5417 Clem's Way, Stevens Point, Wisconsin 54482.

Any person interested in commenting on this decision should submit comments to the address above by Wednesday, April 16, 2025.

Randall Reeg, City Administrator
City of Cumberland

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ORDINANCE #2025-808
An Ordinance Amending Section 7.02 Regarding Parking Limitations

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland do hereby amend and ordain the following sections of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 7.02 of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

7.02 PARKING LIMITATIONS.

(1) PARKING LIMITS. When signs are erected in any block giving notice thereof, no person shall park a vehicle for longer than 2 hours upon the following streets or portions of streets from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Saturday and Friday evening from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.:

(a) Second Ave. between Donatelle St. and Veterans St.

(b) The north side of Grove St. between Second Ave. and First Ave.

(c) The south side of Webb St. from 6th Avenue to the Ambulance Garage Entrance on Webb Street.

(2) ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED. (Rep. & recr. #370; Am. #576; #647) No person except physicians on emergency calls shall park any vehicle on any street between 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 and April 1, except upon permission granted each day by the Police Department upon daily application therefor.

(3) STREET STORAGE PROHIBITED. (Am. #646) No person shall park any vehicle on any street in the City, or in any municipally owned parking lot in the City, for more than 24 consecutive hours.

(4) RESERVED.

(5) REMOVAL OF ILLEGALLY PARKED VEHICLES. The Police Department may remove or cause to be removed any vehicle parked in violation of subsections (2) or (3) at the expense of the owner of such vehicle.

(6) OVERSIZE VEHICLES. No person shall park any vehicle longer than 20 feet in length upon any street between 12 midnight and 7:00 a.m.

(7) RESERVED.

(8) ANGLE PARKING ON USH 63. No person shall park a motor vehicle by angle parking, as that term is used in Wis. Stats. §346.54, on that portion of Elm Street west of Second Avenue to the westerly city limits, on Second Avenue between Elm Street and Superior Ave, or on Superior Avenue from Second Avenue to the northerly City Limits.

(9) PARKING ON PORTIONS OF USH 63. No person shall park a motor vehicle in the following locations:

a) On the south side of Elm Street from the westerly city limits to the centerline of First Avenue.

b) On the north side of Elm Street from the westerly city limits to the centerline of First Avenue.

c) On either side of Elm Street from Second Avenue to a point 100 feet west of the centerline of Second Avenue.

d) On the easterly side of Second Avenue from the south line of Veteran Street extended to Superior Avenue, and on the easterly side of Superior Avenue from Second Street to the north City limits.

e) On the westerly side of Second Avenue from 45 feet south of the centerline of veteran Street to Superior Avenue.

(10) JEFFERY BOULEVARD.

a) No person shall park any vehicle on Jeffery Boulevard between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

b) No person shall park any vehicle on Jeffery Boulevard within 188 feet of the intersection of Jeffery Boulevard and Superior Avenue.

c) No parking on the mailbox side of Jeffery Boulevard.

(11) GROVE STREET.

a) No person shall park on either side of Grove Street from a point 175 feet west of the west edge of 4th Avenue, westward to the east edge of the intersection of Sorensen Street and 5th Avenue.

b) No person shall park on the south side of Grove Street between the east edge of 1st Avenue and a point 70 feet easterly of the said east edge of 1st Avenue.

(12) HUNTER STREET.

a) No person shall park a motor vehicle on the north side of Hunter Street between Western Avenue and the alley located easterly of Western Avenue.

b) No person shall park a motor vehicle on the south side of Hunter Street within 40 feet of the intersection of Hunter Street and Western Avenue.

c) All permitted parking on the south side of Hunter Street shall be angle parking, as that term is used in Wis. Stats. § 346.54.

(13) WESTERN AVENUE.

a) No person shall park a motor vehicle on the east side of Western Avenue for a distance of 40 feet on either side of the main entrance to the parking lot on the easterly side of Western Avenue between Hunter Street and Marshall Street.

b) No person shall park a motor vehicle on the west side o Western Avenue between Superior Avenue and Marshall Street and Water Street between November 1 and the succeeding April 1.

(14) NO OVERNIGHT PARKING.

a) No person shall park a motor vehicle overnight on Lake Street from Second Avenue to Superior Avenue.

b) No person shall park a motor vehicle overnight on Arcade Avenue from Lake Street to Superior Avenue.

c) No person shall park a motor vehicle overnight on First Avenue from Lake Street to Buck Street.

d) No person shall park a motor vehicle overnight on Buck Street from Lake Street to Second Avenue.

e) No person shall park a motor vehicle overnight on Western Avenue from Lake Street to Buck Street.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2025.

Daniel C. Shoemaker, Mayor

Date Adopted: 04/02/2025
Date Published: 04/09/2025
Effective Date: 04/02/2025

ATTEST:

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Arlene Frisinger, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES



ORDINANCE #2025-809
An Ordinance Amending Section 2.01 Regarding Virtual Attendance at Meetings

The Common Council of the City of Cumberland do hereby amend and ordain the following section of the Code of Ordinances as follows:

SECTION ONE: Section 2.01 of the Municipal code of the City of Cumberland is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. 2.01 MEETINGS.

1. **REGULAR.** The regular meeting of the City Council shall be held in the City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, except when the day so designated falls on a legal holiday or election and, in that event, such a meeting shall be held on the first secular day succeeding such legal holiday or election. An additional optional regular meeting may be called by the mayor for the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. The Clerk shall notify the alderpersons thereof. By motion at a prior regular meeting, the Council may alter the date of a future regular meeting.

2. **SPECIAL MEETINGS.** Special meetings may be called by the mayor by causing written notices of such special meeting to be delivered at least 6 hours before the meeting to each member of the Council personally if he can be found and, if he cannot be found, then by leaving a copy of such notice at the usual place of abode of such member.

3. **NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEETING.** Following a regular City election, the new Council shall first meet on the third Tuesday of April.

4. **PUBLIC MEETINGS.** All meetings of the Council shall be open to the public, except as provided in §19.85, Wis. Stats.

5. REMOTE ELECTRONIC OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS.

a. **ELECTRONIC OR VIRTUAL MEETINGS GENERALLY.** In lieu of meeting in person, the mayor may make any meeting of the council or its committees a remote electronic or virtual meeting. A remote electronic or virtual meeting shall be conducted partially or entirely by telephone, electronically or by other means of two-way communication to provide maximum participation by members and the public, in a manner consistent with the provision of the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. Virtual meeting attendance shall be considered the same as physical presence at the meeting for purposes of counting toward quorum and the ability to cast a vote at the meeting, except for closed sessions for which virtual attendance shall not be permitted.

b. **MEMBERS ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS.** All members shall be provided with the capability to hear one another or otherwise communicate with one another during the conduct of the meeting and to hear or see all discussion, comment and testimony in a manner designed to provide the greatest amount of openness and participation. Whenever possible, a two-way video connection should be utilized by members appearing in this manner.

c. **PUBLIC ATTENDING VIRTUAL MEETINGS.** Members of the public shall be able to hear or see all discussion, testimony, and votes, in a manner designed to provide maximum notice and openness. For meetings or hearings requiring public commentary or input, a method shall be utilized to ensure that such comment or input shall be received in a timely manner by members of the village board, village committee, board, or commission.

d. **AUTHORIZATION TO APPEAR VIRTUALLY.** For any meeting not conducted entirely via telephonic or electronic means as described above, any individual member may participate remotely where circumstances make in-person attendance difficult. In such a situation, the reason for remote participation should be stated and made part of the minutes.

e. **TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND MALFUNCTIONS.** Each member is responsible for their own connection to the internet or telephone conference call; no action shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented them from participating in the meeting.

f. **OTHER BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.** Other boards and commissions performing business for or on behalf of the City of Cumberland shall be permitted to conduct meetings in the manner described above.

g. **QUORUM TO BE MAINTAINED.** If a quorum is established by a member attending virtually and during the meeting the quorum is lost, regardless of the circumstance, the meeting shall be adjourned and no further action taken. This section shall not prohibit the allowance of a reasonable period for a member attending virtually to re-establish attendance if the quorum was lost inadvertently due to technical issues. No action shall be taken without a quorum.

SECTION TWO: Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of April 2025.

Daniel C. Shoemaker, Mayor

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Arlene Frisinger, Clerk

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TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in the (902 20th Avenue). The hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Sara Mathison, Clerk
Town of Cumberland
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NOTICE
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the regular monthly board meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held Monday, April 14, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Town of Cumberland
Holly Nyhus, Clerk
Published in the *Cumberland Advocate* April 9, 2025. WNAXLP

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.

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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

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Barron County, WI
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session and closed session to follow on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, in the middle school commons.

The following is the proposed agenda:

1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of Tim Hickey's resignation as High School Assistant Football Coach.
4. Consider approval of Brian Dutton's resignation as High School Head Boys' Basketball Coach.
5. Consider approval of Nevada LeBow's resignation as Special Education Aide.
6. Consider approval of Maria Lynch's resignation as High School English Teacher.
7. Consider approval of Jennifer Ruff as Marching Band Assistant.
8. Consider approval of Michael Gideo as Middle School Assistant Football Coach.
9. Consider approval of Alyssa Brauer as Speech and Language Pathologist.
10. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
11. Set meeting dates and events.

Vote on closed session for the purpose of considering employment and compensation and discussing negotiations and performance evaluations per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), specifically employee negotiations and personnel. The board will reconvene to open session to adjourn.

A copy of the agenda is posted in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and administration building.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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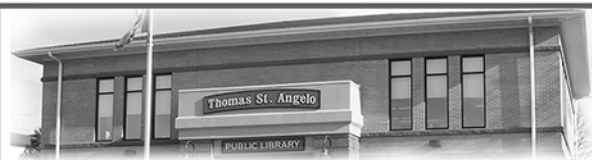
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Applicants must be able to work on Saturdays, nights and on an "on-call" basis. The position will be 10-15 hours a week. The rate of pay would start at \$15.00 per hour.

Full job description of duties can be picked up at the library. To be considered for these positions, applicants must provide a cover letter, resume, and City of Cumberland Application (applications can be picked up at the library or online at www.cityofcumberland.net).

The position will close at noon on April 25, 2025.

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Cumberland School District

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- ENGLISH TEACHER -

Job Title: Full-Time High School English Teacher

Job Description: Full-time English Teacher position at Cumberland High School for the 2025-2026 school year. Candidates must demonstrate a passion for educating students and the ability to differentiate instruction. The successful candidate should also possess the ability to work in a professional learning community, use assessments to improve student learning, and assist students with English concepts. Strong interpersonal skills are a must.

Preferred Qualifications: Candidates should hold, or be eligible for, appropriate DPI certification in English Language Arts 2300 and/or Broad Field Language Arts 301/1301.

How to Apply: If you are interested in this position, applications can apply via the WECAN website: <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu>.

Daniel Hopkins, Principal
Cumberland High School
1000 8th Avenue
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dhopk@cspdmail.com

Deadline: April 18, 2025
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Applicants must also prove the line of descent from the ancestor to themselves.

The Applicant need not live in Barron County, and the person to whom the Certificate is issued need not live in Barron County. The fee is \$10 for each Pioneer or Century Certificate requested. The deadline to submit the Application is October 1, 2025.

Please go to the website at <https://bhgsbc.org>, and click

on Certificate Programs to obtain more information, and see the Application Form and Instructions. Certificates will be awarded at the November meeting of Blue Hills Genealogical Society in Barron, or the Certificate can be mailed out.

Please contact Linda Adams who is the Certificates Chair at 715.205.2860 with any questions, and she will be happy to assist you. Please submit the Application and fee (payable to BHGS-BC) to Linda Adams, PO Box 296, Cameron, WI 54822.

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Mark Mauer...

ideas into motion, both financially and more importantly by getting involved with the individuals associated with the project.

Scoutland: Scoutland - Mark is huge contributor to the development of this property, from buildings to roads, trails, and camping spots. His generosity and time commitment has led to other donors to support this important resource for local youth and non-profits. Mark is currently on the Board of Directors.

Camp Austin: A number of years ago Mark befriended a young man and his family. This young man was battling cancer and it was a battle he would eventually lose. Mark wanted to honor this young man and did so by funding Camp Austin, a handicap accessible camping area that included a couple of tent cabins, a pavilion, fire ring and bathrooms at Scoutland. Others seeing the difference Mark's involvement made with this facility, have added a couple more cabins and many upgrades to the site. Many school age students of our area make use of this facility on a yearly basis.

Mark was a major supporter of the Island City Research Academy which was a research based curriculum that allowed middle school and high school students an outdoor based line of studies that would fulfill their graduation requirements. To this day, Mark continues his efforts to provide these outdoor learning experiences for students.

School Forest: While the school forest is owned by the Cumberland School District, Mark, with his love of the out-of-doors has made a huge financial investment in making this property a top notch learning facility for kids. Again Mark has provided for a sizeable building as base of operation for the property. Mark is also the main financial backer for the building of roads/trails, fire pits, learning platforms and a canoe base. Mark also has spent hours of his time interacting with students and insuring that they have the best experience possible when visiting this facility. Mark's financial support of this facility has paved the way for other grants and contributions to the School Forest. Mark has also been honored by UWSP College of Natural Resources for inspiring youth in the environmental sciences.

Beaver Ridge: If you have had a student come through the 6th grade here in Cumberland, you are aware of the Wolf Ridge program now known as Beaver Ridge. Thanks to the development of Scoutland and the School Forest, the Cumberland School District was able to bring this highly successful sixth grade self-esteem building experience back to our town. Thanks to the hard work of teachers, parents and guest speakers the program intertwines classroom learning with outdoor learning experiences including an overnight campout at Scoutland. Mark has remained an integral part of this unique learning experience.

Cumberland Education Foundation: Mark was a charter member of the Cumberland Education Foundation serving in many positions with the foundation. He was instrumental in establishing the "Light a Legacy" event which is the major fund raiser for the group. Thanks in part to Mark's leadership and the work of the directors and supporters, CEF has provided over \$500,000 for teachers to promote learning opportunities for kids in and out of the classroom. One of the grants given a number of years ago was Foundation Summer Camp. This camp is a mix of classroom ABC-type learning in the morning and outdoor activities in the afternoon.

American Legion: Mark is heavily involved with the American Legion as the Youth Liaison Officer. He runs point for the Legion on their Oratorical Program which provides high school aged students a program to learn about speech writing and public speaking. Other Legion programs that Mark is involved in are the Legion's sponsorship of the Cub & Boy Scouts, the Legion scholarship program, and Badger Boys and Girls. Mark also helps coordinate the Flag Disposal Ceremony that brings Scouts and Legion Honor Guard members together for this important ceremony. I believe this ceremony is mutually beneficial to both our Scouts and Veterans as well. Mark also is involved with the relatively new High School to Heroes program that honors graduating seniors who enlist in the armed services. This unique program recognizes the young men and women not only in Cumberland, but through all throughout northwest Wisconsin.

Mark's focus is not entirely based on youth.

One of his nomination letters was from a veteran who sustained hearing damage from his service during the Vietnam war. This veteran spoke of Mark taking an interest in addressing his hearing loss. Mark assisted this veteran with this testing and application process with the VA to get a disability designation that now provides a monthly disability payment for this veteran.

An example of the little things Mark does.

If you have been to Northwestern HS, you know it is next to impossible to find something to eat late at night About 20 years ago Cumberland was playing football at Northwestern and after the game Mark was there waiting at the bus not only with food, but hot food. He delivered hamburgers, French fries and drinks for 50 CHS football players and coaches. The players and coaches greatly appreciated the hot food and is indicative of the small gestures Mark has provided over the years.

Mark has supported many, many, similar acts of kindness and support, too numerous to mention, but again from ice cream bars, to school supplies, to hot dogs and hamburgers, Mark's contributions have made a positive impact on not only hundreds, but thousands of students of our school district. These impacts develop important character traits that last a lifetime,

Before I close I would like to thank the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, its merchants and members for the work you do in our community and your efforts to recognize these businesses and individuals that make the Cumberland area such a great place to live.

I would like to share just a few words from the many letters received by the Chamber in support of Mark's nomination.

"What an honor to be his friend."

"Humble, modest, kind and generous - we are blessed by his generosity and friendship."

"Generous and unselfish individual."

"Mark Mauer is a solid, sincere citizen, and a friend to all." "It is difficult to find people with Mark's level of ambition, work ethic and drive. His positive attitude is contagious."

As you can see, Mark is passionate, unassuming man who does not seek publicity nor accolades for his work to better opportunities for the people in our community, and he is another reason why the Cumberland area is such a great place to live and raise a family. Mark is most deserving as this year's Citizen of the Year.

Youth Wrestlers Excel!



Four Cumberland youth wrestlers competed at the WWF Kids State Championships on March 28-30, in Madison WI. Tyson Peterson was runner-up at 88lbs (third from right) and LeShawn Dyer, Cumberland, placed 3rd at 94lbs (3rd from left). Dia Springer wrestled at 80 lbs and finished at 2-2 in her third trip to state. Rylee Elbe finished 0-2 at her first state tournament. Congratulations to all!



Tyson Peterson, (third from right) finished in 2nd place. Congratulations Tyson!



Haily Fick BBC battles Luella Strehlo from Altoona for a loose ball Thursday afternoon in Cumberland.



15 Adriana Williams helped the girls beat Altoona 5-0 last Thursday in Cumberland.

City Council...

thinning out of trees on the back-nine as the Course will be seeking registration help for the summer.

Alderpersion Doris Laursen continued Committee updates by briefly discussing technology training at the Senior Center and an upcoming weekend meeting by the Lake District. Craig Turcott then updated the Council on on-going Utility work on Well #6 and the recent successful sale of the Utility’s old Digger Truck.

Turcott and Mayor Shoemaker additionally addressed the completion of the design for the Hines Lakeview Drive Utility/Street Project, for which Mayor Shoemaker said, “The long path to this began a year and one-half ago.” The Public Works and the Council is focused on encompassing several new projects that include utility upgrades as well as street improvements and the next two years will focus on two difficult areas, Mill Hill and Hines Lakeview Drive. With water lines on Hines in a critical condition, the Council passed priority changes to the proposed time frame, moving the Hines project up.

Mayor Shoemaker also discussed the significance and savings to the city from the completion of the complicated seven-year USDA project involving waste treatment services and the extension of water sewer for the hospital, which was managed without overrun.

The Council next moved into the night’s Agenda, where they began by amending the Ordinance on application and license fees for peddlers, solicitors and transient merchants, by raising their fees in 2025 to help cover background checks and other costs. Religious and charitable organizations must apply for such permits, but will continue to be exempt from charges.

Next came the passage of two requests from Parks and Recreation, first for the purchase of two new docks, one each for Eagle Point and the other by Louie’s on the Lake and secondly for the purchase of ingredients to fight Emerald Ash Borer where found. The two docks come at a reduced price of \$14,118.20, while the potential Borer was purchased for \$200.

This was followed by the passing of a Resolution creating an updated Zoning Map for the City. It was part of a months-long process by the Planning Commission to establish, review, and verify zoning designations throughout the city, crucial to further development. The Council noted that further changes will happen over time.

During the discussion, Mr. Tom Bonkrude asked to speak to the Council regarding changes to his current zoning status, but was assured it would cause no change to his current needs.

The Council finished up the Planning Commission portion of the Agenda by approving a Conditional use permit from Autumn Leaves Assisted Living for a 16 unit with maximum living capacity of 22 residents, at 1515 Lloyd Street.

Next on the Agenda was a Public Safety request to amend Ordinance 7.02 regarding parking limitations. Changes included parking

limits, all night parking prohibited areas, removal of illegally parked cars, and oversized vehicles. Posted signs will indicate legal parking areas.

Moving on to Public Works request, the Council established new listed heavy truck routes after several months of study to prepare for the upcoming DOT projects. The following Streets were designated as such, including Hwy 48, Hwy 63, Berdan Street from 8th Avenue west to the city limits, CTH P from Hwy 48 southward to the city limits, Industrial Avenue from Berdan Street south to Termini, and 8th Avenue from Berdan Street to Hwy 48/63. Affected local businesses will be contacted with this information.

Further Council action included the passage of payments to DeSantis Excavating for work on 1st Avenue and Marshall and to Monarch Paving for work on Hunter and Arcade and voting in favor of the purchase of new mowers from the Equipment Replacement Fund for Streets and the Cemetery.

The Council finished Agenda items by approving several expenses for work on the Well #6 project and addressing the policy for establishing a Utility Application policy for any new service connection, upgrade, or extension of water, sewer, or electricity by the Utility.

The evening continued with the Council listening to a proposal by Mike Bigner from the Armada Radio Network, for potentially representing the city with local radio updates during the two-year US 63 renovation project. It is something the six-station local radio company has done in both Ladysmith and Rice Lake previously. The radio company presented a comprehensive communication strategy for residents and businesses which will be discussed further by the Council.

Conversation then moved into potential action resulting from virtual Council members attendance at meetings, while City Administrator Randy Reeg recommended a potential new housing study for the community to update changes from the previous 2019 study.

Mayor Shoemaker then offered updates and led discussion involving all the city consequences of the DOT projects of 2025 and 2026, covering everything from sidewalks, to curbs and gutters, to street lights and streets themselves. He added, “We need lots of coordination for the project which has many moving parts and we must be able to notify our businesses and citizens on a regular basis for any interruptions they may incur.”

The Mayor then issued a Proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 25 as Arbor Day in Cumberland, urging all citizens to participate in activities that promote tree planting and environmental stewardship.

Following a short closed session by the Council, the evening concluded with the Council accepting a request from Brandon Nelson to return to his Equipment Operator position and their appointment of Devon Erickson to interim Street Department Superintendent and Nick Nelson as Interim Parks and Cemetery Superintendent. The Full Council then adjourned for the evening.

Don’t Be Fooled By Wildlife Lookalikes

Is it a cougar or bobcat? Fisher or mink? Otter or beaver or muskrat? Distinguishing the differences between these animals and others can be tricky, but the latest issue of Wisconsin Natural Resources magazine will help.

Check out “Lookalikes unmasked” in the spring issue for detailed descriptions of these doppelgangers such as foxes, coyotes and wolves, which from

afar can sometimes be mistaken for each other. Plus, find photos and other information to help you learn how to tell them apart.

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FFA Leadership Event!



The Cumberland FFA was well represented at the Sectional FFA Leadership Development Event hosted in Amery, Wisconsin. Cumberland students who advanced to sectionals included (L-R): Braxton Riebe, Carter Jackson, Tani Riebe, Charlotte Odden, Jack Odden, and Brady Jackson. A highlight was Charlotte placing 2nd in Section One in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest!

2025 Wisconsin School Music State Honors!



Four Cumberland High School musicians have been selected for the 2025 Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) State Honors Project. The WSMA State Honors Music Project is nationally recognized as one of the finest opportunities for young people. Students selected for the WSMA State Honors Music Project participate in an intensive and mandatory four day summer camp in June and perform in Madison during late October as part of the Wisconsin State Music Conference. Almost 1,500 auditions were registered for 430 positions in five ensembles for the 2025 High School State Honors Music Project. It is a tremendous honor that four students from a high school the size of Cumberland were ultimately selected. This year’s participants from Cumberland are as follows: Top left to right: Cash Daniels (Band-Percussion), and Andrew Carlson (Band-Euphonium). Bottom left to right: Willow Franc (Mixed Choir) and Nadia Benson (Mixed Choir). Congratulations to all four students on such a significant accomplishment.

Community First Washburn County Issues Press Release

On April 1, 2025, Community First Washburn County Inc. (CFWC) held a Community Stakeholders Summit in the Washburn County Board Room. CFWC President Aaron Marcoux reported that “the summit was attended by 38 community leaders from 26 different organizations.” Bryanna Green from Lakeland Family Resource Center stated “I cannot express how impactful it was to see the community come together and hopefully be able to put some plans into action.”

This Community Stakeholder Summit centered around five (5) previously identified issues of concern facing Washburn County. Attendees participated in round-table discussions about Food Insecurities, Transportation, Housing, and Community Moral. A fifth table discussed “Other Issues Not Previously Identified” allowing all citizens and organizations to bring forth their heartfelt concerns for dis-

cussion. This format allowed those involved to openly brainstorm on the importance, effect and next steps regarding each of these issues from the participants’ organizations unique perspective and experience.

This is actually the second Community Summit facilitated by CFWC. The first summit brought together various community leaders to discuss food insecurities at the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Food Insecurity Summit created enduring relationships and meaningful impacts, particularly through a partnership with Feed My People of Eau Claire. This collaborative effort led to the creation of Spooner Library’s Books & Bread and Compassion Kitchen programs as well as Lakeland Family Resource Center’s well utilized pop-up pantry.

Providing a historical perspective of CFWC, Chet Hurt from Washburn County HHS Prevention stated that

through initial Community First efforts, “More than \$45,000 was raised, which provided food to Washburn County’s elderly and otherwise vulnerable populations, volunteers were organized to distribute resources from federal, state, and local food programs. In carrying out these initiatives volunteers drove a distance equal to a trip from Washburn County to Tokyo, Japan and back.” The drive time and travel costs were all donated.

Also as a result of the summit, CFWC received several grants forming WashCo Grows. “WashCo Grows currently has 21 raised garden beds across Washburn County where fresh produce is harvested and donated to food banks or citizens can walk past and pick some for themselves” said Shannon Anderson, CFWC Secretary and WashCo Grows Director.

Speaking of the passion and momentum felt at the summit, Angie Bodzislav from

the Spooner Library stated, “It was great to witness the community building and conversation that took place at the summit.” Our communities thrive when everyone’s voice and engagement are welcomed and valued. At its core, civic engagement is people coming together to improve their community’s quality of life. From organizing volunteer activities to identifying critical needs, engaged communities are crucial in shaping a better future.

CFWC’s mission is to “together, identify and address current and future needs in Washburn County in order to build a stronger, healthier and more resilient community.” For more information on becoming involved in Community First Washburn County, please follow us on Facebook at @Community1stWC, email aaron.marcoux@gmail.com and/or contact Angie at the Spooner Public Library at 421 High Street in Spooner, WI or call 715-635-2792.

Cumberland Area Trails Alliance (CATA) announces their next walking challenge:

Recap from our last challenge: From January 15 to February 28 nine people participated in our outdoor walking/snowshoeing/skiing challenge. Matt Bratager was the top scorer with 300+ miles walked/skied earning him 31 tickets. He ended up winning Cumberland Chamber bucks when one of his tickets was drawn. Congratulations Matt!!

Our next session from April 14th until May 30th will consist of two separate challenges, one for elementary children and one for kids grades 6-12 and adults.

The first challenge group is for elementary children grades kindergarten to 5th grade. This one is to promote children and adults getting active outside together. All elementary children will get a ticket for each day they either bike/walk to school or walk/bike with parent(s)/grandparent(s) after school. There will be weekly drawings at the Cumberland Elementary school for prizes. The contest will wrap up with a drawing for a grand prize at the end of the challenge. Please remember safety first!!!

The second challenge group

is for children grades 6 to 12 and adults: You can earn tickets for a drawing in the following ways:

1. One ticket for each ten miles walked/biked outside.
2. Bonus ticket for participating in a group event hosted by the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance or the Ice Age Trail.
3. Bonus ticket if you walk/bike 7 consecutive days.
4. Children grades 6-12 will get a ticket for each day they either bike/walk to school or walk/bike outside with parent(s) after school

The second group should register for the challenge

by emailing us your name, phone number, and grade if applicable to events@cumberlandareatrailsalliance.org. Please keep track of your miles (on your honor). Report your total miles and bonus tickets to the above email address by noon on 6/1/25. The drawing will be held at the Chamber office on Tuesday June 3 at noon. You need not be present to win. There will be a separate drawing for kids grade 6-12 and another for the adults. Winners will be notified by phone or email.

Thank you for your participation and see you outside!!

1926: The Beginnings of the Cumberland Golf Course

by Mark R. Fuller

The April 1, 1926 Advocate came out three days before Easter. It carried numerous advertisements from local businesses including a variety of holiday ideas from the Boston Store and S.W. Hines Mercantile. If you needed some Coffee for yourselves or your Holiday guest, you could buy a pound of Java for 47 cents from the Boston Store Grocery Department, while the Hines Mercantile offered Easter hats for the ladies from \$2 to \$5 and girl's dresses for as low as 75 cents.

The paper also told readers of an upcoming dance at the Legion on the Monday following Easter, saying, "As usual, the Legion has arranged for a good orchestra and will also have a couple of singers preset to liven up things. This promises to be one of the best dances of the season and everyone is figuring on being there."

In that same paper, local residents could read about a meeting that had been held a few days earlier in the basement of the Cumberland Library. There, 30 men had heard a presentation from Mr. Taylor of St. Croix Falls, who talked about the recent building of their golf course. For the men interested in doing the same thing in Cumberland, Mr. Taylor emphatically assured them, it was not the hard proposition some thought it might be.

Among his facts, he told the men in attendance was that the St. Croix Country Club had been incorporated for \$5,000, while shares were sold for \$70 each. He announced their average expense per year was \$500 and the fees they collected in 1925 amounted to \$750.

The Interest of the Cumberland residents in attendance increased as they began to discuss several possible sights. They decided to hold a follow-up meeting on March 30.

Following further discussion, a newly formed Golf Course Committee elected M. A. Dunham as Chairman of their group and scheduled an informational Meeting for any interested community members in the Library on April 23.

Their goal at the meeting was to form an organization

of individuals to take charge of the project. Those pushing for the Course hoped there would be a large turnout and attempted to rally participation by saying, "This golf business is going to mean a great deal of summer business and if put through, will benefit everyone."

The meeting was attended by 25 residents, while Committee Chairman Dunham went over four potential sights for the Course; The Amen farm, the former Williams farm, the John Jorgenson farm and the Comstock-Chency proposition.

A motion was passed unanimously by those in attendance that a group be organized to finance the undertaking and a committee of B. R. Hines, S. L. Larson, M.A. Dunham, and S. A. Johnson were appointed to solicit funds, select the final site, and arrange for the Incorporation of the Golf Course.

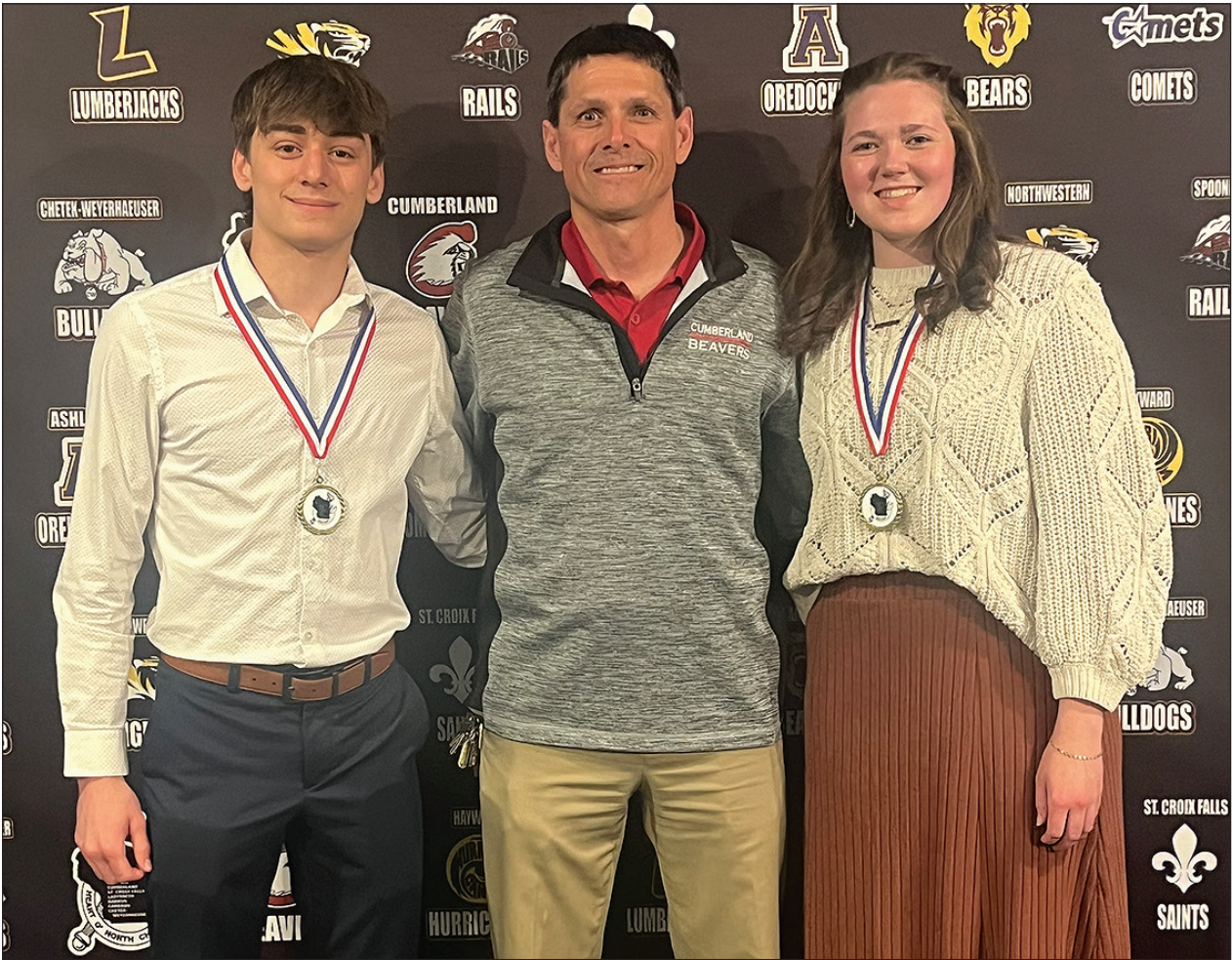
During their discussion, it was expressed that, "The Amen site is the only proposition which can be financed unless someone who prefers a different site comes along with a larger subscription than has yet been secured."

The Amen tract was priced at \$4,000 for 58 acres and had been walked over by some who attended the meeting. They announced, "The land is sufficiently rough to make hazards necessary for an attractive course and is a short distance from the lake."

Things moved quickly and another meeting was held at the Miller-Olcott Lumber Company a week later where B. R. Hines announced he had already received commitments from 43 individuals to become shareholders. This sum of \$2500 was believed to be available upon request.

With financing underway, a decision was made to purchase the Amen site, buy seed, start preparing the ground, and to purchase a mower. Furthermore, a committee which included W. C. McMahon, A. H. Miller, and Clarence Jacobson were appointed to confer with Maple Plain and Crystal Lake in regard to improving roads leading to the Golf Course.

The meeting additionally



"On Sunday March 30, the Heart O' North Conference honored each school's senior 1926: The Beginnings of the Cumberland Golf Course Female and Male WIAA Scholar Athlete nominees at a banquet held in Cumberland. 20 Student Athletes with their guests, schools AD's, and administration listened to UW-La Crosse's head Men's track coach and HON alum from Bloomer give the keynote address. Then each student athlete talked about how sports have shaped them and how a coach/role model has impacted their HS experience. Charlotte Odden and Cooper Schramski are Cumberland's nominees for 2024-2025. Congratulations! Also pictured is Cumberland Athletic Director Lorne Majewski

included a presentation by John Caldwell of Rice Lake, the Superintendent of Improvement for their Course, who advised the committee as to the potential layout of a Course.

In the May 13, Advocate, the people of Cumberland were asked to, "Do your bit for the Golf Course."

In the article, the committee announced they already had 35 acres in sod or seed with the hopes that, "As many as seven holes can be put in shape for use this season. The article additionally added, "The number of holes depends on weather conditions and the amount of money available for use." The article concluded by saying, "In order to get the entire course in shape for use at the opening of the season next year, it will be necessary to sell twenty more shares of stock."

The committee added that shares could be purchased for \$50 and "A share can be bought on such easy terms that the money will be scarcely missed." Many familiar Cumberland names were among the original stock holders including Dr. E.T Toftness, C.D. Jacobson, C.E. Chubb, and R.H. Hines. The committee continued to sell the value of

the Course telling community businesses that restaurants, hotels, and garages would become chief beneficiaries.

As May came to an end, workers at the course were busy clearing swamps, blasting stumps and removing rocks. The mower soon arrived as the committee urged all stock owners to come and look over the quickly forming course.

At a June 3 meeting of Stockholders, By-laws and rules were laid out and Tom Varden was chosen lay out the course. M.A. Dunham was chosen as President and a motion was made to appropriate \$600 to build five greens and do other work necessary to complete a six-hole course.

By the following Tuesday, Varden arrived in the city from Minneapolis and laid out the course stating, "He was very enthusiastic over

its prospects."

On June 29, the name of the club was officially changed to the Cumberland Country Club. Annual membership dues were set at \$10 and a fee for non-members set at 50 cents per day. In so much that the season was partly over male non-member season tickets were fixed at \$7.50 and women non-members at \$3.75.

It was announced that beginning Sunday, July 4, there would be five sand greens and two temporary greens in readiness which will make a seven-hole course. They added, Ground rules will be strictly enforced from now on."

In the July 22 Advocate, some additional course rules were emphasized. Among them was the announcement that, "All players must wear low heeled shoes. The ground keeper has been instructed to STOP all players

from using the course who are wearing high heeled shoes, because they ruin a green in no time."

In four short months, a dream by a small few had become a reality.

The Course has operated continuously ever since except for a period during WW2, when it was shut down from 1942 until the summer of 1946. In 1968, the Cumberland Country Club was purchased by the City for \$33,000 and renamed the Cumberland Golf Club, Inc.

Soon, another year of activity will begin with the Course scheduled to open on April 11. As always, dependent on the weather. When it does open, however, we'll have the dream of a few Cumberland residents from almost 100 years ago, to thank for our very first swing!



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