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(Photos can be picked up after publication) or email to: news@cumberland-advocate.com no later than Friday, May 9th . Thanks



Cumberland Road Construction Update

Highway 63 (From Water Street to Veteran's Street) will be closed on Saturday, May 17 to replace water service to the Elementary School.

Foster and Grove: Final resurfacing will be completed Tuesday, May 13.

Hunter and Arcade: Hunter (From Western to Arcade) and Arcade (From Hunter to Lake) are being resurfaced with a mill and overlay treatment. No parking on these blocks the weeks of

May 12 and May 19.

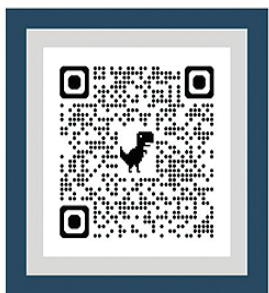
Highway 63: Curb, gutter and sidewalk removals on the west side of the downtown business district heading north continue this week. New curb is being installed in this section now. Sidewalk installation will follow shortly thereafter—planned for the week of May 19th. Mirror image work on the east side of the downtown business district should commence just after Memorial Day.

Moving Along!



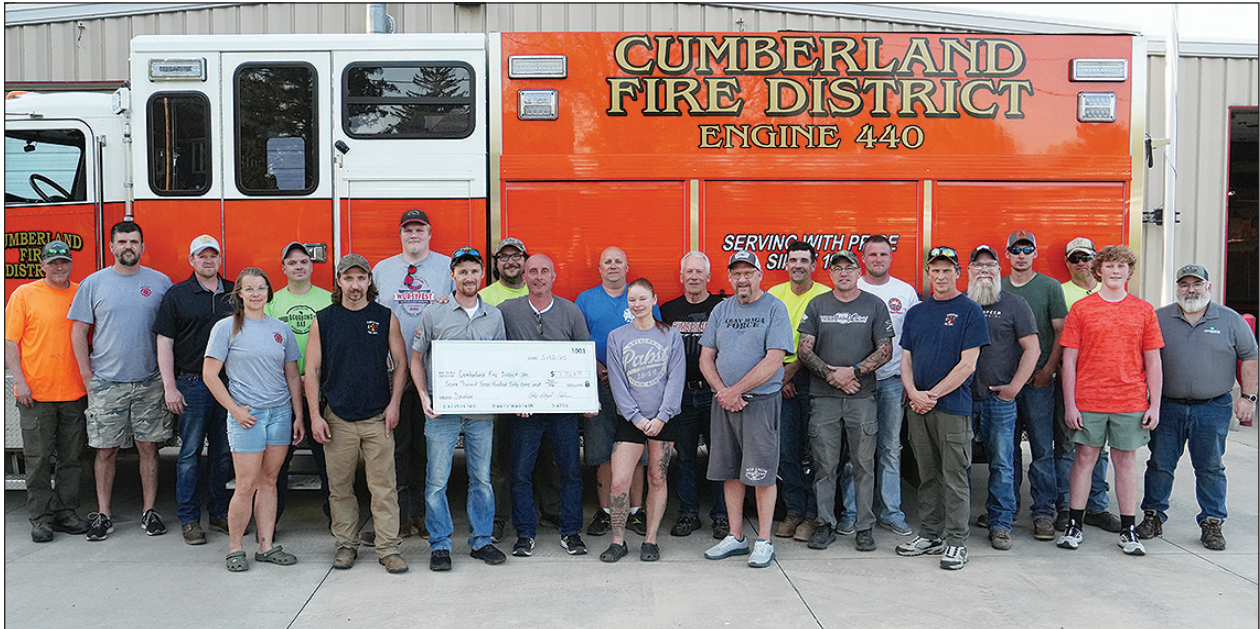
Road construction workers smooth out a new section of curb Tuesday morning as they continue to steadily make their way north.

SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW FOR
**HIGHWAY 63
PROJECT UPDATES**



Thank you for your patience!
-City of Cumberland

Awesome Donation!



Alec Adams, owner of Amery Auto Salvage and Cumberland native (pictured on left holding the check) presented Cumberland Fire Chief Chad Olson and members of the fire department a check for \$7,769.70 to be used for the purchase of a new rescue boat for the fire district. Another \$2,000 was donated as “tips” during the Earth Day Customer Appreciation event that took place at Amery Auto Salvage on Friday and Saturday April 25th and 26th. Alec and Amery Auto Salvage donated \$20 for every ton of scrap that was brought in during the event. Thank you Alec and all who helped make this a very successful fundraiser.

Full City Council Conducts May Meeting; Holds Two Public Hearings

by Mark Fuller

A near Full Cumberland City Council gathered at City Hall on Tuesday, May 6 to conduct their May meeting. A visiting crowd of 14 joined with the Council members in the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of Council members which began the evening. Ward 1 Alderman Steve Anderson was unable to attend.

First up were two Public Hearings on the potential of a CDBG Block Grant option for the City followed by a second Hearing on a potential 5 percent Hotel Room Tax to pool resources for marketing and Tourism growth within the City.

The first of these Hearings involved a proposal from Grant writer Mark Steward to help the city apply for a 2025 Community Block Grant (CDBG). The pro-

gram was first enacted in 1974 by HUD to provide block grant funding for community development programs.

Some 30 to 40 Wisconsin Communities apply for the yearly Grant which consists of a pledge of a local financial match for those communities chosen. It requires each recipient to complete their proposed projects by October 31, 2027 or through an extension accepted by the State of Wisconsin's Department of Administration, who chooses Grant recipients.

In answering a question from Alderperson Bill Lusier, Steward, a 47-year veteran of grant writing, indicated the documented work going on in the City sets up a very likely scenario for Cumberland to re-

ceive one of the 12 Grants given out by the State on July 14. He would serve as Cumberland's liaison in the application of the needed documentation for consideration, which he provided to those in attendance.

The Grant would center on the Mill Hill infrastructure Improvements and the Highway 63 Boring Project, with the City certifying all matching funds required are secured and committed to the application.

Following the Public Hearing and all questions answered by those in attendance, the Council voted to approved the filing of the CDBG Grant application with Resolution 2025-05-10.

This was followed by a Second Hearing on possible action relating to Ordinance

2015-810 which would impose a Room Tax in the City of Cumberland at a rate of five percent on the gross receipts from the retailer furnishing those rooms for lodging.

To be paid to the city on a quarterly basis, the collection of such funds could help provide potential resources for Marketing and Tourism growth within Cumberland.

Setting the stage for the discussion was City Administrator Randy Reeg, who gave a brief background on examples of room tax currently collected and used by area communities such as Spooner, Rice Lake, Turtle Lake, Shell Lake, and Barron.

He additionally added that there was already signifi-

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Could Have Been Worse!



Cumberland firefighters were called to Big Dummy Lake early Sunday afternoon for a fire spreading near a cabin. According to Fire Chief Chad Olson the fire started after improper disposal of ashes which was fueled by strong winds. The fire started a woodpile on fire, destroyed a small shed and did some damage to the east side of the cabin. Firefighters were able to limit damage to the cabin. This a good reminder to use extreme caution as the area is very very dry. Any burning is strongly not recommended. The area has been under a red flag warning due to the dry and windy conditions.

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2 Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Cumberland Area Trails Alliance spring 2025 events

Scoutland Scramble 5k Fun Run/ 2.5K Walk: Cumberland Area Trails Alliance (CATA) in conjunction with the Cumberland Area Friends of Scouting will host the second annual Scoutland Scramble on Saturday June 7, which is National Trails Day. The 5k fun run/2.5k walk will proceed along the Depot Trail (railroad right of way), cross Hwy B and then make a loop into Scoutland and return to the start. This is a non-timed, family friendly event that is open to all. There will be drawings for some great door prizes donated by area businesses immediately following the event. Register early for a discount at www.cumberlandareatrailsalliance.org.

Recap of recent events at Timberland Hills: On Saturday April 26th, a co-sponsored hiking event at Timberland Hills was hosted by CATA, Timberland Hills Foundation and the Superior Lobe Chapter of the Ice Age Trail. All terrain wheelchairs from Access Ability Wisconsin and the Blue Hills Sportsmen's Club were there to help EVERYONE get into the woods. Jim Bryce, local

wildlife biologists/forester, came to lead an educational nature walk and kids went gnome hunting in the woods. Fun was had by all! On Friday May 2, all of the Cumberland Area School fourth graders were out at Timberland with the Ice Age Trail "Think Outside" program. This program is only for fourth graders and outlines the glacial features and nature seen on the trail. It allows the kids to stretch their legs and their minds as they take a break from screen time, breathe fresh air, and absorb a new perspective. Despite the rainy weather there were lots of smiles. Ice Age Trail volunteers led short break out sessions on geology, forest bathing (engaging all your senses outdoors), trees and writing about nature observations. A surprise visit from Monty the Mammoth (Ice Age Trail mascot) got the kids up and posing for pictures. CATA meets the second Monday of the month at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library at 5 pm. Please join us at the meeting and like our facebook page so you get announcements on the upcoming events.

Rice Lake Area Men's Club holds Free Kids' Fishing Derby May 31

Members of the Rice Lake Area Men's Club will play host to children ages 12-under at their annual free Kids' Fishing Derby from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, May 31, 2025, on the west shore of Rice Lake. One of the kickoff events for Rice Lake's annual Aquafest celebration, the derby will begin with sign ups at the Veterans Memorial Park bandshell. Registered participants each get a free T-shirt, a box of wax worms and a fishing jig, all while supplies last. Kids who catch fish will be awarded coupons for treats and food by Men's Club members, who will be stationed along the shoreline. In addition, all registered children are eligible for prize drawings at the conclusion of the derby, including bicycles and helmets, fishing poles, scooters and other prizes. Young anglers are also invited to hone their fishing skills in a club-sponsored casting contest. Men's Club members will

serve hot dogs, chips, root beer and bottled water, each priced at 25 cents. In 2024, the Rice Lake Area Men's Club celebrated its 40th anniversary as an independent organization. Formed in 1984 from what had been an Optimist Club, the Rice Lake Area Men's Club is dedicated to serving youth, primarily in the communities of Rice Lake, Birchwood, Cameron and Chetek. The group has sponsored the Kids' Fishing Derby for many years. While the exact date of the original derby isn't certain, club members say that parents and other adults tell their stories about how they participated in the derby when they were kids. The Club meets at 7 a.m. each Tuesday at Stevie's Restaurant, Rice Lake. Membership is open to any male. Dues are \$30 annually. For more information, visit <https://ricelakemensclub.com>, or the club's Facebook page.

Ice Age Trail chapter plans two hikes

The Trap Rock chapter of the Ice Age Trail will offer two hikes in the next few weeks for both new and veteran hikers. The popular annual flora and fauna hike along the St. Croix River will be held on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m. Hikers will meet at Lions Park on Hwy. 87 on the north end of St. Croix Falls for this out-and-back one-mile hike. Naturalist Barb Delaney, who has extensive knowledge of the river valley's natural phenomena, will lead this informative hike. The chapter will celebrate National Trails Day on Sunday, June 1 with a 1 p.m. hike. This year's hike will explore one of Polk County's northern segments of the trail in the Indian Creek area. Hikers will meet at the Ice Age parking lot on County O/50th Street, and traverse 3.1 miles of forested and hummocky terrain to 30th Street. Hikers will be shuttled back to the starting point. Hikers should bring water and a snack, dress for the weather, and bring sun lotion or insect repellent. Intersections near the start of each hike will feature yellow Ice Age event signs for directions. People may register for hikes or obtain more information by calling chapter co-coordinators Cheryl Whitman at 715 371-0048 or Barb Ceder at 715 410-8069, or by contacting traprockchapter@iceagetrail.org. Hikes will be cancelled if the weather is inclement.

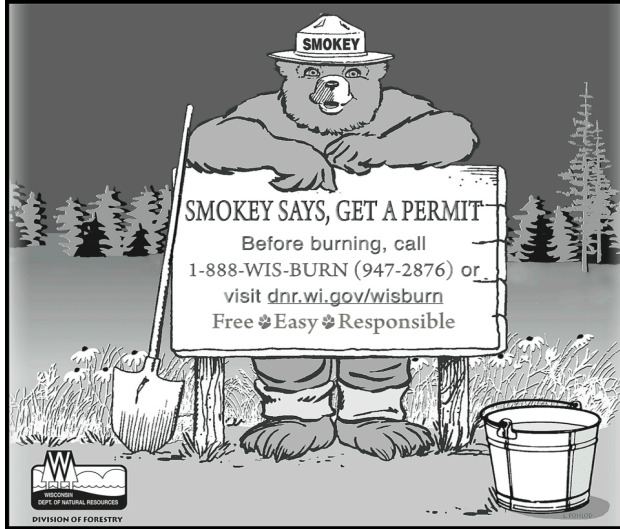
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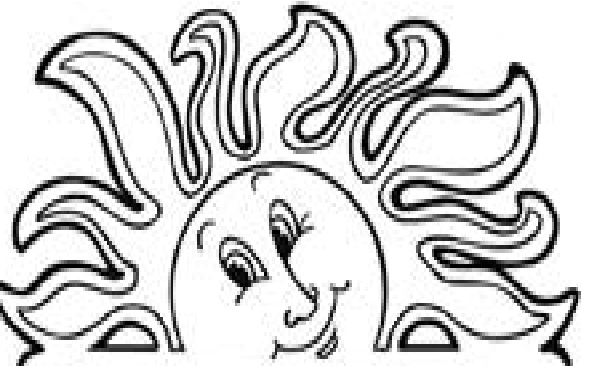
YOU MAY PICK UP A COPY OF "ISLAND CITY NOSTALGIA" AT THE ADVOCATE.

By mail the cost is \$25 And you may receive a copy by contacting Mark Fuller at 2709 1 1/2 Street, Cumberland, WI 54829.

The book includes numerous pictures and stories on events and people from the settling and developing of the Island City. Included are stories during the two World Wars, early Christmas celebrations, the Church and our early settlers, the courting of 3M, the Con Men and Women of early Cumberland and much more!

Mark R. Fuller

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 15: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-9:30 pm Track @ North-western HS • 5:7-30 pm Girls Soccer @ Hayward •

FRIDAY, MAY 16: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 10 am-3 pm ES Spring Concert • 3-8 pm Baseball HOME vs Cameron (Doubleheader) • 4-8 pm Boys Golf Meet @ Ladysmith • 4-8 pm Softball @ Cameron (Doubleheader) • 5-7:30 pm Girls Soccer @ Barron HS vs New Richmond •

SATURDAY, MAY 17: • 11 am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball •

SUNDAY, MAY 18: • 3-5 pm Cumberland Youth Flag Football •

MONDAY, MAY 19: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 5-7:30 pm Girls Soccer @ Barron HS vs Menomonie • 5-8:30 pm HS Baseball Home vs Ladysmith • 5-7:30 pm HS Softball @ Ladysmith • 5-7 pm JV Baseball @ Home vs Amery • 5-7 pm Varsity Baseball @ Amery •

TUESDAY, MAY 20: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 3-8 pm Track @ Cameron HS • 5-7 pm HS Baseball @ Barron • 5-6:30 pm CCE: Intro to Sign Language Class • 5-6:30 pm CCE: Intro to Spanish • 5-7 pm Softball @ Barron • 6-8 pm School Board Meeting • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball •

Join us at **Firefly Fields** for a conversation on **No Till Gardening Method**

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- *set of brushes for acrylic paint
- *18x20 or 18x24 canvas, panel or masonite board
- *vessel for water
- *Palette (paper plate, plastic dish, etc.)
- *paper towel
- *if doing landscape, a reference photo

To register, please contact: Susan Bridger CCE Director HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbridr@csdmail.com

ATTENTION!!!

DUE TO RENOVATIONS THE FITNESS CENTER WILL BE CLOSE FOR THE SUMMER AS OF JUNE 7, 2025. LOOK FOR A MUCH IMPROVED FACILITY IN THE FALL.

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Northwoods Notebook: That’s one pretty lake now

By Larry Werner

A few years before we bought a place here, Ann and I made our first trip to Cumberland for the purpose of supporting daughter Beth, who was running in the half marathon that is part of the Rutabaga Festival.

Beth had married a fellow named Dan Wistrill, who had grown up here. We were coming to his hometown from the Cities to support Beth in her race and to attend our first Baga Fest. When we drove into town, I barely noticed the little lake on the north side of Hwy 63/48, the weedy body of water off the parking lot behind downtown businesses.

First of all, the view of Library Lake was blocked by three ramshackle houses. Over the years since I became an Island City resident, I walked hundreds of times from my home into downtown, crossing the Grove Street bridge that separates Library Lake from Rabbit Bay, glancing at the eyesore called Library Lake. And on many summer days, I’d paddle my kayak under that bridge, steering my craft carefully among the cattails and weeds, occasionally hitting the muddy bottom that had built up over years of silt draining into the lake through storm sewers.

A small dredging project several years ago created a channel we could paddle through, but this bay of Beaver Dam Lake remained largely impassable until now. The years-long Library Lake Restoration has been largely completed by the lake management district, which raised more than \$500,000 for the final phase of turning our downtown swamp into a pretty little lake.

One of the first phases was to buy and demolish those houses. The district

also built retention ponds on all four corners of the lake into which storm sewers were redirected so the silt would no longer flow into the lake, filling it up with muck and sprouting weeds, cattails, lilly pads and other plants.

Then came the big job of draining the lake last fall, removing tons of muck over the winter and, finally, refilling, which happened a few weeks ago.

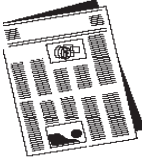
Coming soon, a walking path along the shore.

Thanks to the Beaver Dam Lake Management District, led by retired business executive Tom Schroeder, our downtown swamp has become a lovely little body of water that greets visitors who line up at the four-way each Friday of summer and bids them adieu each Sunday as they make their way home.

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

Natures Edge Therapy Center hosts Volunteer Open House/Training Event for June 4

We are hosting a Volunteer Training and Open House on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, and we welcome anyone over the age of 12 who is interested in volunteering. This is a great opportunity to meet our therapy animals, learn how volunteers assist in sessions—including sidewalking alongside patients on horseback—and discover the impact our volunteers make in supporting individuals with disabilities.



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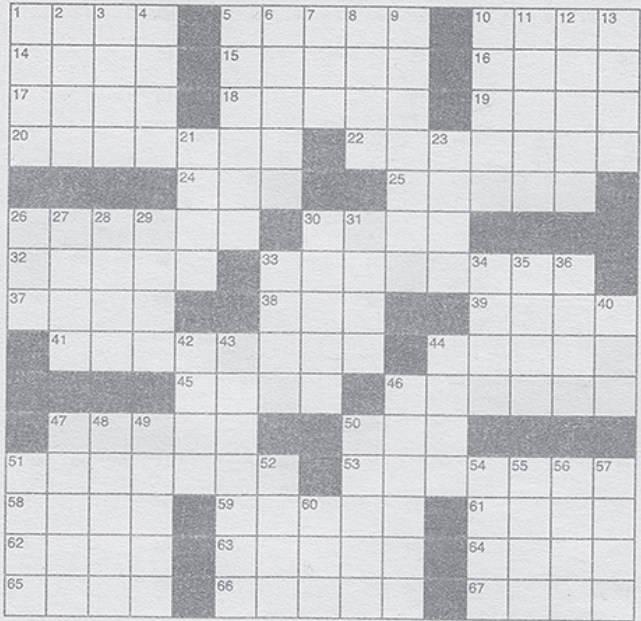
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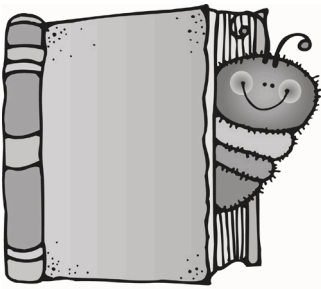
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The Bookworm Sez...

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

This week: Books on Fitness and Exercise by Various Authors

c.2025, various publishers \$29 - \$35 various page counts



Twenty pull-ups. Thirty-five sit-ups, and a quarter-mile run. To some, that sounds like a lot but it's do-able and swimsuit season is coming fast. So get some inspiration for getting fit with these great new books...

If you're into fitness, you know that safety is paramount. In "Ballistic: The New Science of Injury-Free Athletic Performance" by Henry Abbott (Norton, \$31.99), you'll rejoice at what's being done to keep you safe while competing.

This is the story of the Peak Performance Project (P3) and the scientists whose technology can map an athlete's movements, in order to predict the possibility of common injuries before they happen. Imagine: no more torn ACLs. No more pulled muscles or tendons. That – and what else you'll find here – is good news for any athlete, ages high school and up.

For the fitness buff who'd like to know more about what helps the body to perform, "On Muscle: The Stuff That Moves Us and Why It Matters" by Bonnie Tsui (Algonquin

Books of Chapel Hill, \$29.00) is a great start. This lively, easy-to-enjoy book is an exploration of the human body's muscles through science and history, but not just abs, pecs, quads, and glutes. Remember, your heart is a muscle and so are your intestines, uterus, around your eyes, and elsewhere, too.

Need a little oomph in your workout? Then try "Undeniable: How to Reach the Top and Stay There" by Cameron Hanes (St. Martin's Press, \$35), a book that will inspire you to push yourself a little more each day. Then, once you've reached your goals, learn from the collected advice and words of encouragement from many influential authors and celebrities about staying at your peak.

For any woman who's spent her life hating her body, "A Physical Education: How I Escaped Diet Culture and Gained the Power of Lifting" by Casey Johnston (Grand Central, \$30) is the book you need to change your mind. Here, Johnston writes about all the time she spent cutting calories and trying to lose weight, and the solution

to the diet-go-round that worked for her. This is a nice surprise of a book, and the story you'll read may inspire you to pick up this not-so-heavy book, and a new hobby.

Finally, if you want the inside of you to be as fit as the outside of you, look for "Flex Your Feelings: Train Your Brain to Develop the 7 Traits of Emotional Fitness" by Dr. Emily Anhalt (Putnam, \$30). Yes, it's possible to take your mind to the "gym" and put it on track to be healthier and fitter. This book, and seven steps, is all it'll take.

And if these books aren't enough to get you moving, lifting, reaching, stretching, and inspired, then run to your local bookstore or library and ask for help. There, you'll find exactly what you need to read and get fit, feel better, lose weight, and meet your fitness goals for the summer. So grab these great books and more, and pull up a chair.

If you're in search of something great to take in the car, on vacation, on the tractor, or to the lunchroom, Terri can be reached at bookwormsez@yahoo.com. Happy Reading!

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I hope you had a very happy Mothers' Day and were able to spend time with people you love. Our entire weekend was absolutely wonderful. I don't think anyone could have asked for more beautiful weather – I don't remember any Mothers' Day being as warm as this one.

On Saturday Jerry Marsh hosted a huge family get-together at his place in Town of Maple Plain. His daughter and son-in-law, Sanara and Alex, had flown in from Massachusetts to spend a little time here, and they had some very exciting (and happy) news for us. They are expecting a baby girl!! She should arrive on November 18th, but I'm hoping she surprises us and comes a day early. The 17th is my mom's birthday, you see, and it would be nice to have a great-granddaughter born on that same day.

In addition to his brother, sisters, nieces and nephews, Jerry had invited Sanara's other side of the family too – Tammi, Kassim and Fatam, Ginny and Wayne. Sanara's sister, Savana, is in San Diego and couldn't be here, but Sanara and Alex had a "reveal" cupcake delivered to her a few days before so she knew even before we did that she was going to be an auntie. I don't think there are words to describe how happy Jerry is knowing that he is going to have a precious granddaughter to spoil.

We all ate too much of the delicious food and had a fantastic time visiting with everyone. Sanara and Alex were only able to stay until Sunday afternoon, but said that they will be back for another visit in July.

Just before we got to Jerry's, he saw a mama bear with four cubs down in the field below the house. Wow!! I would love to have seen them, but I'm really glad they didn't decide to join us for dinner – which was served inside the house, but was eaten outside at picnic tables.

After we left Jerry's, Duane and I went to Yellow River Gardens and picked up the tomato and pepper plants for our garden. I always try to talk Duane into fewer plants, but he always has good reasons to plant too much. And, he is right. Anything we can't use can be given to neighbors, friends, relatives and the Food Pantry. I just hope we have a great growing season now so everything produces like crazy.

On Sunday morning, before church, Suzy Lehmann stopped by with a super cool (do people still use words like that?) oriole feeder that Dan Labbe had made. It has two spikes to hold oranges above a place to put a container of grape jelly. It even came with an extra jelly container so there is a clean one to put out while the used one is being washed. The orioles love it – it wasn't outside more than fifteen minutes before they were there eating jelly and oranges.

Jerry Marsh joined us for church and coffee hour Sunday morning – which made me very happy. You know, Peg Thompson used to be our Sunday School and Youth Leader back in the day when we had young people coming to church, and every Mothers' Day the Sunday School students

would have flowers that they started from seeds to give out to all the moms. Well, we don't have a Sunday School anymore, but we decided that we should carry on that tradition anyway. So, after coffee hour, all the moms received pansies to plant in their flower beds. After everyone had picked up their pansies there were a few left over, so we are going to plant those in the marquee in front of the church.

Sunday afternoon Lynn, Kane and Pierce Thon, Jamie Lombard, Kaitlynn and Jessica Holmen and I had a girls' (and grandsons') day out. We met at Weegman's Greenhouse in Haugen and Lynn and Jamie picked up so many flowers and bushes that they will be busy for weeks getting them all in the ground. Their homes should look like something out of Better Homes and Gardens by the end of the summer. I didn't buy anything – I already had plenty – but I just wanted to spend some time on Mothers' Day with Jamie and the girls.

Sunday evening Suzy and Ryan Lehmann came to our house for a couple games of smear. It really doesn't matter who won the first game, that was just practice. But – Suzy and I won the second game by a landslide. What a great way to end a great weekend!!

I hope you had a fantastic Mothers' Day spent with people you love. Mine could not have been better. But now I better go and get stuff done that should have been done over the weekend. We plan to plant most of our garden today. Have a great week.



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Friday, May 16

Salisbury steak, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, assorted bread, angel food cake with fruit topping.

Monday, May 19

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

Tuesday, May 20

Spinach and cheese egg bake, hash browns, sausage links, blueberry muffin, tomato juice.

Wednesday, May 21

Tuna noodle and pea salad served on a lettuce leaf, broccoli and cauliflower salad, dinner roll, lemon bar.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
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Dale R. Lake
Dale Roger Lake passed away on May 10, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Dale was born on May 19, 1950, to Leo and Jean Lake in Rice Lake, WI.
Dale grew up in the Hillsdale area and attended school in Hillsdale and Barron. Dale's work ethic started at an early age, where he and his brothers would pick cucumbers and beans by hand for the canning factory. That work ethic would stay with him throughout his entire life.
At 13, Dale entered the foster home of Lee and Iva

Stuntz of Cumberland, WI. Dale continued his passion for hard work by unloading box cars of fertilizer for A & C Co-op in Cumberland, WI, at night, and he continued to work there through high school. Dale graduated from Cumberland High School in 1969.
On January 3rd, 1970, Dale married Sandra Zappetillo. In August of 1970, he was drafted into the Army, where he became a cook. Dale was stationed in Germany, where Sandra joined him for his last year of active duty.
When Dale returned home, he resumed his job at the Co-op. After a few years, it became Midland Co-op, and in 1980, he was promoted to manager in Alma, WI. In 1983, Dale and Sandra purchased the Midland Service station in Cumberland, WI. They renamed it Lakeside Station, where he became a full-time mechanic. The Service Station had an unfortunate fire

in 1987, where Dale suffered burns from the fire, and after rehabilitation, they were fortunate enough to rebuild. In 1996, Dale sold the business and began his career with Ardisam and Saputo's.
Outside of Dale's work life, his family was his center, as he was their rock. 4-H was a constant in Dale's life along with farming. He enjoyed milking cows, field work, and making sure that the last bale of hay was put up in the haymow. Dale was a faithful member of First Lutheran Church, where he served on many committees, played dart ball, and his hands touched many projects at the church, known and unknown. Then there was his love of lawn mowing, where he found many lawns to mow.
Dale spent many hours in the bleachers, behind the bleachers pacing, and in chairs watching his daughters and then his grandchildren at their many sporting events or other activities they were involved in.
Dale is survived by his wife Sandra of 55 years. Daughters Emily (Doug) Drafall, Holly

(Charles) Groehler, Heather (Brent) Colburn. Grandchildren Reid Drafall, Hunter Stoeberl, Dayne Stoeberl, Bryce Colburn, and Brook Colburn. Brothers: Alan Lake, Jack Lake, Tom Lake. Sisters: Marilyn Hover, Debra (Dave) Lokken, Cindy (Don) Sprague. Brother-in-law: Don Zappetillo and many nieces and nephews.
Dale was preceded in death by his parents and parents-in-law, brothers: Jerry Frederickson, Ronald Lake, Donald Lake, Bruce Lake, Robert Lake and Sisters Betty Davis, Beverly Weckler, Pearl Johnson.
Pallbearers: Paul Zappetillo, Jon Schmitz, Pat Schmitz, Wayne Mathison, Cole Selvig, Damian Stoeberl, Michael Schullo, Justin Anderson. Honorary Pallbearers: First Lutheran Church Men's Group.
Visitation will be on Friday May 16th at 5-8pm at First Lutheran Church, Cumberland, WI. Service will be held Saturday May 17th at 11:00 AM at First Lutheran Church, with Military Honors. Burial will be at Section Ten (East Cumberland) meal will follow the service.



Jody A. Huebner
Jody Andre Huebner, 53, of Hudson, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, November 20th, 2024, at Regions Hospital. He was born on November 27, 1970, in Shell Lake, WI to Lee D. and Gloria I. (Ladd) Huebner.
Jody graduated from Cumberland High School in 1989. After college, he went on to work a variety of jobs, like Crey Research, McCain Foods, Lake Country Dairy and most recently KFC in Hudson.
He had three children, Bryton, Makaylee and Dylan Huebner. Jody was a happy, goofy, go-lucky kind of guy, always with a smile on his face.
Jody leaves behind his children, two brothers, Jeff

and James Huebner, two sisters, Tammy (Steve) Me-halek and Tanya (Jason Genatempo) Huebner, and many nieces and nephews.
Jody was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, Lee Jr., and niece, Sanay Hemingway.
A celebration of life with luncheon will be held at Cumberland Tourist Park Pavilion on Saturday, May 17th from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm.

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Reflection: What an incredible privilege it is to be loved unconditionally, even in the face of our imperfections and shortcomings! I often find myself pondering the question: Why does God love me so immensely?
Prayer: Lord, I struggle to fully comprehend the vastness and depth of Your love for me. Yet, I am profoundly aware that Your boundless affection inspires me to seek Your forgiveness, live each day in heartfelt gratitude, and serve You joyfully, with a heart full of gladness. Thank You for Your unwavering love and grace. AMEN.

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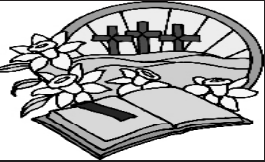
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Northwest Region Construction Update

Highway: US 53 South Location: Bridges over US 8, 20th Street, Knapp Street, County I, Chetek River, County A, County AA and Carlson School Road between Cameron and New Auburn

Schedule: May 5 to mid-November, 2025 construction; March 1 to late September, total project completion.

Cost: \$10.91 million

Description of 2025 work: Replacing the decks on the bridges over County AA and County A; overlaying the decks with concrete on structures over Carlson School Road, Knapp Street and US 8; making miscellaneous repairs to bridges; completing prep work for 2026 construction on the bridges over the Chetek River, County I and 20th Street; and replacing guardrail at the structures.

Traffic impacts: US 53 South remains open to traffic, but:

Motorists will encounter lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 60 mph.

In areas with lane closures, there is a maximum width of 15 ¼ feet on the open lane on the structure and 16 feet on the open lane of US 53. Motorists also will encounter intermittent daytime closures of the roads below the bridges during the work week.

Highway: US 63 Location: Just west of WIS 48 West to Charrie Lane in Cumberland

Schedule: April 28 to mid-September

Cost: \$3.68 million

Description: Removing 3.25 inches of the existing pavement and placing 3.25 inches of new asphalt pavement; closing access to the roadway at various locations to improve safety; upgrading pedestrian curb ramps to current Americans With Disabilities Act standards; repairing or replacing curb, gutter and sidewalk; repairing sanitary sewer manholes and storm water inlets as needed; extending the two-way left-turn lane pavement markings between 3rd and 5th avenues; and replacing pavement markings and signage.

HELP WANTED

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

City of Cumberland

AIS Boat Monitors to check boats in and out of Beaver Dam Lake. Training will be provided for successful applicants by the City through the Wis. DNR. AIS Boat Monitors will provide education for boaters on the prevention of the spread of aquatic invasive species. The monitors will work Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but this is flexible with wages at \$15 per hour. Contact Arlene Frisinger, Clerk at City Hall with any questions.

Applications can be obtained at Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave, Cumberland, Wisconsin and must be returned by May 23, 2024.

Cumberland School District Employment Opportunity

High School Assistant Boys' Soccer
High School Assistant Football (2)
High School Head Boys' Basketball
High School Assistant Wrestling

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

Lorne Majewski, Athletic Director
1000 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829

An application can be found on the district website: www.cumberland.k12.wi.us or at the District Office.

Deadline: May 23, 2025

Cumberland School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Cumberland School District EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

- Special Education Aide Position -
5 days per week, 7.5 hours per day

Job Title: Full-Time Special Education Aide

Job Description: The Cumberland School is seeking a Special Education Aide position for the 2025 – 2026 school year. The Special Education Aide will support students with disabilities throughout the school. The successful candidate will support individualized education program (IEP) implementation, collaborate with staff, and create a safe and effective learning environment. Candidates must have strong interpersonal skills to work collaboratively and flexibly to meet the needs of students.

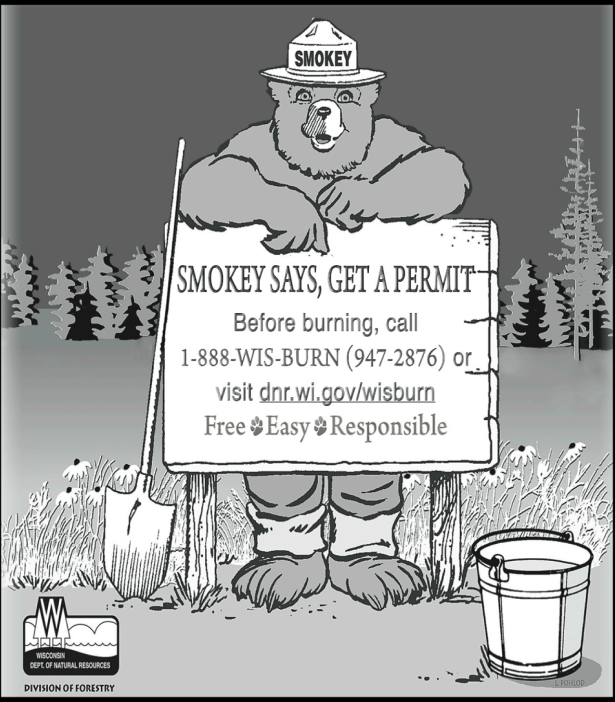
Requirements: Applicants must have Special Education Program Aide certification or be willing and able to obtain it.

How to Apply: If interested in this position an application can be found on the District website. Please mail or email your application, resume, letter of interest, and two letters of recommendation to:

Abe Ferguson, Principal
Cumberland Elementary School
1530 2nd Ave.
Cumberland, WI 54829
aferg@csdmail

Deadline: May 23rd, 2025
Website: www.cumberland.k12.wi.us

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PUBLIC NOTICES



STATE OF WISCONSIN

City of Cumberland, Barron County

The Board of Review will meet on the **6th day of June 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Cumberland City Hall** for the purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 70.47(1).

Notice is hereby given this 9th day of May 2025 by:

Arlene Frisinger
City Clerk

Published in the *Cumberland Advocate* on May 14, 2025. WNAXLP

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF SEALED BIDS DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING FOR SALE

The Cumberland School District is accepting sealed bids for the purchase of the District Office Building. Each bid must be in a sealed envelope marked "sealed bid." Bids are due in the District Office at 1010 8th Avenue, Cumberland by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

- The building will need to be removed from the site at the bidder's expense.
- Winning bidder must have proof of liability insurance at the time of removal.
- Bidders need to submit a plan for the removal of the building with their bid.

If awarded the bid, this building must be removed from the site by June 20, 2025.

If you have any questions, please call Brandon Johnson at 715-642-0364 or email him at bjohn@csdmail.com.

Jennifer Hyatt, Clerk

Published in the *Cumberland Advocate* on April 30, May 5, 12, & 19 2025. WNAXLP

STAPLES LAKE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMUNITY ANNUAL MEETING/PICNIC

Date: June 7, 2025
Time: 10:00 am-11:00 pm
Location: Mixed Up Staples Lake Restaurant & Bar 1977 Polk Barron Street Comstock, WI 54826

Barron County
Tipster Line



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The Staples Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District will hold their annual meeting on **June 7, 2025**. The district continues to implement our Lake Management Plan that identifies strategies and resources that address the water quality challenges facing our lake. We have also been diligently meeting with both Polk & Baron counties to identify areas needing attention within our watershed. As a landowner in the lake district, your input on priorities and potential management options is very important.

Annual summer picnic to follow meeting.

Dan Fisher, Secretary
Staples Lake Protection District

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Statewide public notice website
www.wisconsinpublicnotice.org



Sudoku Puzzle #4147-D

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Sports

Softball Team Completes Busy Week; Overall Record 10 and 8

The Cumberland Softball Team used some dry weather to play five games last week, going 2 and 3 and moving their overall record to 10 and 8 on the year.

The team opened up things on Tuesday, May 6, with a 4-0 loss to a good Hayward Team. The Beavers Morgan Monchilovich pitched extremely well in the loss, but Cumberland could only manage a single from Baleigh Stouffer in the contest against Hurricane pitcher Ellie Peterson, who was the 2024 HON Player of the Year. She struck out 11 Red and White hitters.

The team responded with a 22-hit game two-nights later, as they easily defeated Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, 22 to 4 in game one of a double-header.

Everyone in Coach Jess Olson’s line-up had at least one safety, with Stouffer pounding out four hits and driving in five runs. Macy Beecroft, Raegan Beecroft, and Monchilovich added three hits each as Cumberland rolled to the easy victory.

Cumberland also took game two, 15-5, in five innings. Monchilovich and Jayme Bayerle combined for the pitching victory as Macy Beecroft had a big game offensively with three hits and four runs-batted-in. She had both a double and triple in the contest. Jayden Gowin and Monchilovich also had three hits apiece as

Cumberland outhit C/W 14 to 3 in the victory.

On Friday, Cumberland and St. Croix Falls completed a suspended game from earlier in the season and then played a single contest. Unfortunately, the Saints pulled out an 8-7 extra inning victory in game one and won the regularly scheduled game, 8-2.

In the suspended contest, Cumberland took a tough-luck loss, despite outhitting the Saints, 10 to 4. Morgan Monchilovich had a home run in the game, while Avery Johnson and Baleigh Stouffer added doubles. “We had lots of opportunities to win the game,” said Coach Jess Olson.

The Saints then used a five-run third to help grab a victory in game two. The Beavers trailed 8-0 going into the seventh inning, when they scored their only two runs. Presli Butzler had a nice game at-bat for Coach Olson with a pair of singles.

Cumberland continues moving towards the remaining part of their schedule with single games against Ladysmith and Northwestern on Monday and Tuesday and a 4:00 pm double-header against the Spooner Rails in at Islander Park this Thursday beginning at 4:00 pm. On Friday, Cumberland has another doubleheader in Cameron, also beginning at 4:00.

Track Team Runs in Two Meets; Conference Tournament on May 20

The Cumberland Beavers Track Team participated in two meets last week, running in the Dave Landgraf Bloomer Invitational on Tuesday, May 6 and in the Barron HON Pentangular on Thursday night, May 8.

On Tuesday, the Beavers joined 15 other teams for the Bloomer Invite. Hayward won the boy’s portion of the event, while Cameron took home the girl’s competition. Cumberland finished 12th for the boy’s and 14th in the girl’s meet.

The best finishes for the Cumberland girl’s was a seventh-place finish in the pole vault by Mya Gardner who jumped 8-06. Senior Sara Roff added a ninth in her specialty, the shot put, with a throw of 28-00.

For the Cumberland Boy’s, Tommy Dettinger ran a 10:18 in the 3200 to take fourth, while Jack Owens led the team with a third-place finish in the pole vault with a jump of 11-6.

Thursday, the team headed to Barron, where Hayward took home first place in both the Varsity Girl’s and Boy’s competition, while host Barron took second and the Beavers third.

Taking first place finishes for the Cumberland Girl’s Team was Gabby Schug in the triple jump at 28-0, Charlotte Odden in the discus with a throw of 85-8, and Sara Roff in the shot put with a heave of 32-5. “I was very happy for these three competitors who work very hard to improve each practice,” said Head Coach Ryan O’Connell.

Sports Look Back, May 20, 2015

The Cumberland Girl’s Softball team hosted Hayward last Saturday, where they won both ends a double-header, 7-0 and 14-10. That, accompanied with a Tuesday loss at Northwestern, leaves the Red and White with a 6-6 Conference record as they head into the last two regular season games this week.

The loss at Northwestern was a 10-0 five-inning affair. The Tigers showed why they are leading the HON with a solid hitting

and pitching performance.

McKenna Olson had Cumberland’s only hit, a fifth inning single. The only other two base runners came on base on balls.

Kalley Bergstrom took the pitching loss, while the Tigers were helped by five Cumberland errors.

Bergstrom bounced back on Saturday to shut out Hayward 7-0 in game one. She scattered four hits, striking out two. Cumberland broke open a 3-0 lead with four runs in the fourth



Raegan Beecroft lines a basehit in the girls pounding of Chetek/Weyerhaeuser Thursday night at Islander Park.



Cumberland freshman Avery Johnson takes off out of the box in the girls rout of the Bulldogs last Thursday in Cumberland. Every hitter in the lineup had at least 1 hit.



Beavers second baseman Jayden Gowin throws to first baseman Presli Butzler for an out in the girls double-header sweep over the Bulldogs.

inning. Brea Johnson’s two-run double was the key hit in the inning.

Cumberland was aided by 12 Hayward base-on-balls, five of which scored.

The second game saw Cumberland jump to a 10-0 lead after two innings, only to have to hold on for a four run victory.

Again the Beavers were aided by Hayward walks as they gave Cumberland 12 more free passes.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

SOLAR TIMES		• Longitude 90.05		Latitude 45.53 •		LUNAR TIMES					
AM		PM		MOON							
DATE	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Sunrise	Sunset	Rise	Up	Sets	Down	DST
05/14 Wed	6:50	12:38	7:16	1:03	05:39	08:28	11:16p	6:14a	2:17a	2:42p	*
05/15 Thu	7:46	1:33	8:12	1:59	05:38	08:29	NoMoon	6:59a	3:08a	3:35p	*
05/16 Fri	8:44	2:31	9:10	2:57	05:37	08:30	12:09a	7:55a	4:01a	4:27p	*
05/17 Sat	9:42	3:29	10:08	3:55	05:36	08:32	12:53a	9:00a	4:54a	5:20p	*
05/18 Sun	10:39	4:26	11:05	4:52	05:35	08:33	1:28a	10:12a	5:46a	6:11p	*
05/19 Mon	Q11:33	5:21	11:58	5:46	05:34	08:34	1:55a	11:28a	6:37a	7:01p	*
05/20 Tue	12:00	6:11	2:24	6:36	05:33	08:35	2:18a	12:45p	7:26a	7:50p	*

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



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Hello friends,
Last May, I headed down to Columbia County, put my canoe into the Wisconsin River and did a physical and at times dangerous journey for 90 minutes to a stream. Up that stream I fished trout and slept on the shoreline. I only had three bites in 24 hours, but I landed two 17-inch and a 22-inch brown trout. It was pretty much impossible for me to not return this May.

Saturday, May 3rd
High 73, low 35
This trip would have me back in my home area as far as where I grew up and naturally, I had my 3 year old pup Red along. Just to fill you in, this is in a way, a fairly dangerous canoe journey. The reason is, because before I get to the creek I paddle up for almost 2 miles, and have to paddle through about 600-yards of water just deep enough to float a canoe through muck.

When I was a kid, the ice fishing was pretty good here and while my brothers and I watched tip ups, we would often skate and play hockey.

Ten years ago I could use my 40-hsp Mercury and 16 foot boat to travel these waters. Wild rice and dying plants each fall combined with sediment flowing down the stream have literally blocked everything and if a person were to fall out of their canoe and could not get back in it, they would die. Simply put there is no bottom.

Large trout and ZERO fishermen besides myself pull me here.

After getting through the muck field, there is about a 60-minute paddle upstream and this year it was pretty physical as there was a lot of current. Another "situation" is deadfalls, they block my path and create labor.

When I arrived at my hole which is probably 100-feet long, elbow shaped and 3 to 7 feet deep I was in excellent spirits, as I would be here 2 nights.

There was no dry land for a tent, everything was flooded so I pulled up literally a half a truck load of last year's dead grass that was on the top of fallen trees and made a tall pile for my tent. This worked flawlessly, other choice would have been sleeping in my canoe and I have done it here.

So I am in a swamp, there is more waterfowl here than you can even imagine, I am fishing, doing as little as possible and loving it. Towards dark it actually became dam cold between heavy moisture in the air and probably not bringing enough clothes. I caught 3 suckers and one, 11-inch brown trout. Retiring to my sleeping bag was good and bad, Red likes to snuggle like a tick but she was soaked and muddy which would have made me colder, I kept her a foot away and slept well.

Sunday, May 4th
High 72, low 27

I was up at first light and it was cold out, everything outside of my tent was froze and I had trout to catch. The suckers were hungry, the waterfowl were overhead by the hundreds as were the sandhill cranes. I had one group of cranes fly directly over me and one of them had a leg just hanging. Imagine living much of your life in shallow water, not being able to swim and only having one leg!

Today I caught my biggest trout of the trip, it was a 16-inch brown. My goal was to crack 15, so I was happy with that. Last year I was here a week later, there were leaves on the trees and the current was much lower. Over three days of fishing I only caught 3 trout and 11 suckers. Last year I was well



Red loved sitting and looking into the water at this spot.



This was a no man's land type of a trip.

aware that I was on a dream trip when I landed the big sumos.

For myself the 100-percent getaway, the huge trout last year and other years are the reason I come here. Most importantly, it's the nonstop wildlife show and the cold reality that my years of reaching this type of hard to get to spots are definitely numbered.

I still love my job!

Sunset

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Safe At The Plate!



Beaver catcher Troy Majewski gets the tag down a second to late as the St. Croix Falls runner scored on a bang bang play at the plate Friday at Islander Park.



Cumberland left hander Cooper Schramski threw the ball very well in the Beavers 3-0 loss to the Saints in game 1 of a doubleheader Friday in Cumberland.

Monday was a Good Night for Ball Teams

Monday, May 12 proved to be a successful one for the Cumberland Softball and Baseball Teams, as they both picked up victories against the Ladysmith Lumberjacks.

The Softball Team easily swept a doubleheader from their Eastern neighbors, winning 7-2 and 17-0. Mor-

gan Monchilovich took the pitching victory in game one, while Jayme Bayerle pitched a two-hit shutout in game two.

Monchilovich also had a big night at the plate for Coach Jess Olson with five hits in seven at-bats during the two games, while knocking out a pair of dou-

bles and a triple. Presli Butzler, meanwhile, had three hits and six runs-batted-in.

The softball team's record climbs to 12 and 8 on the year.

The Baseball Team also picked up a 9-7 victory over the Lumberjacks. Senior Uriah Johnson took the pitching victory, giving

up two earned runs over the game's final four innings.

Cooper Schramski had a big night at the plate for Coach John Peterson, with three hits including a home run. He drove in three tallies in the game. Landon Wickstrom added a pair of hits, while the Beavers stole six bases in the contest.

Baseball Team Runs into HON's Best; Drops Four Games

The Cumberland Baseball Team came up a little short against some of the HON's best last week, dropping games to 9 and 2 Barron, 7 and 4 Hayward, and a doubleheader to 7 and 4 St. Croix Falls. The team hopes to jump back into the winner's bracket this week, with Monday and Tuesday contests against Ladysmith and Northwestern and a 3:00 doubleheader at Islander Park this Friday, against the 1 and 8 Cameron Comets.

The week began with a 12-3 loss on Monday, May 5, against a strong Barron Team. The Bears only led 3-2 after four innings, before seven runs in their last three at-bats, broke open the contest.

Uriah Johnson took the pitching loss, but had two of the Beavers five hits in the game. Calvin Cunningham added a pair of RBI's with a two-run double.

Cumberland responded with a good effort at Hayward the following night, before dropping an 8-6

contest. Unfortunately, four Cumberland errors led to six unearned runs and the eventual loss.

Cumberland outit the Hurricanes 14 to six in the game, led by three from Tucker Wickstom and two each from Cooper Schramski, Sloan McCreary, Landon Wickstrom, Gabe Graf, and Uriah Johnson. It would not prove enough offense, however, to avoid the loss.

The Beavers finished the week with a pair of losses to St. Croix Falls on Friday night, falling 3-0 and 17-1.

Cooper Schramski pitched well in the opening game 3-0 loss. The senior gave up only six hits, while striking out eight Saint hitters. Unfortunately, the Beavers could only manage three safeties in the game and could not dent the scoreboard. They included singles by Tucker Wickstrom, Uriah Johnson, and Schramski. The second game loss ended the week with the Beavers record standing at 3 and 11.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, May 15

Softball DH home vs Spooner 4:00

Soccer @ Hayward 4:30

Track @ N.Western 4:30

Friday, May 16

Baseball DH home vs Cameron 3:00

Golf @ Ladysmith 4:00

Softball DH @ Cameron 4:00

Soccer vs New Richmond @ Barron 5:00

Monday, May 19

Soccer vs Menomonie @ Barron 5:00

Softball @ Ladysmith 5:00

Baseball home vs Ladysmith 5:00

Tuesday, May 20

Track Conference Meet @ Cameron 3:00

Baseball @ Barron 5:00

Softball home vs Barron 5:00

Thursday, May 22

Golf @ Hayward 10:00

Baseball DH @ Chetek 3:00

Softball Regional TBD

Soccer @ Amery 7:00



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#6 Tabby Thompson keeps the ball away from a Spooner defender in the girls 8-0 win at Endeavor Stadium.



#13 Hannah Bigler and the rest of the BBC co-op soccer team shutout the Spooner Railroaders last Thursday night in Cumberland.



Landon Haley watches his putt roll in the cup last week in the Beavers home match vs Chetek/Weyerhaeuser.



Beavers second baseman Parker Peterson fires to first for an out as shortstop Uriah Johnson looks on during the boys loss to St. Croix Falls.

Girl’s Co-op Soccer Team Picks up Two More Victories

The Barron-Bloomer-Cumberland Girl’s Soccer Team continues to show improvement, as they picked up an 8-0 shutout over Spooner and a 5-2 victory over Medford last week. Their only loss was a 3-1 decision to Ashland on Tuesday, May 6. The team is 3-1-2 over their last six games.

“Injuries were a factor in our loss to a good Ashland Team. Despite this, the team put up a solid fight and battled until the end,” added Coach Sarah Stauner about the loss to the Oredockers.

The team turned things around two nights later, when they whitewashed the Rails, 8-0. In that contest, Kasey Stauner had a huge night with five goals, while Tabby Thompson added two more scores and four assists.

The team finished up their week last Friday, with a 5-2 road win in Medford. In that contest, the Bears rallied from a 2-1 second half deficit to pull out a nice come-from-behind victory. Kasey Stauner had three more scores during the game.

This week, the team hosted league-leading Washburn on Tuesday and then travel to Hayward on Thursday for a 4:30 Conference battle. Friday, the team hosts New Richmond for a non-conference tilt in Barron, beginning at 5:00 pm.

Golf Team Continues to Have Solid Season

The Cumberland Golf Team continued to play competitive golf last week, defeating Ashland 171-195, losing to 2024 State qualifier Chetek-Weyerhaeuser 154-169, and finishing 19th at the two-day Scott Miller Golf Tournament at Big Fish in Hayward on Friday and Saturday.

Senior Derrick Gideo played excellent golf to lead the way for the Beavers, shooting a 38 against the Oredockers and a 37 against the Bulldogs, before shooting a 36-hole total of 152 in Hayward to finish tenth overall out of 120 golfers.

Also shooting well for Coach Mike Gideo included Max Hoff, who registered a 41 against Ashland and a 39 against Chetek-Weyerhaeuser, while adding a 73rd place finish with a 180 in Hayward.

At Big Fish, Senior Brody Chartraw and Jack Richter added totals of 187 and Shae Longtine a 197. Hudson won the 26-team event by 14 strokes over Chipewa Falls.

“The team performed well against strong competition in Hayward and now it’s time to get back to work and get ready for the rest of the season,” added Coach Gideo. The HON Conference Tournament is scheduled for Thursday, May 22, in Hayward.

The Beavers started off this week with a match against Hayward on Monday before heading to Ladysmith this Friday for a match at Tee-A-Way Golf Course.

Soccer Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	T	PTS	+/-	STRK	OVERALL
Washburn	WASH	5	0	0	10	26	W5	6-1-0
Ashland	ASHL	5	1	0	10	12	W2	7-7-0
Barron/Bloomer/Cumberland	BARRON	2	3	0	4	7	W1	4-7-3
Hayward	HAY	2	4	0	4	-13	W1	3-6-3
Spooner/Shell Lake	SPOON	0	6	0	0	-32	L6	0-10-0

Baseball Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	R	RA	+/-	STRK	OVERALL RECORD
Spooner	SPOON	11	1	97	24	73	W3	14-3-0
Barron	BARRON	9	2	96	54	42	W4	14-3-0
Hayward	HAY	7	4	75	58	17	L1	11-5-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	7	4	79	38	41	W3	10-7-0
Ashland	ASHL	5	4	52	50	2	W1	7-7-0
Northwestern	NW	5	5	58	74	-16	W2	6-7-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	3	7	56	77	-21	L1	4-9-0
Cumberland	CUMB	2	8	30	81	-51	L4	3-12-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	2	9	31	78	-47	L1	3-11-0
Cameron	CAMER	1	8	31	71	-40	W1	3-11-0

Softball Standings

TEAM	TEAM	W	L	T	R	RA	+/-	STRK	OVERALL
Hayward	HAY	10	1	0	125	24	101	W6	12-7-0
Spooner	SPOON	9	2	0	128	33	95	W2	9-4-0
Northwestern	NWERN	8	2	0	58	12	46	W6	9-2-0
St. Croix Falls	SCF	8	4	0	83	43	40	W2	10-8-0
Barron	BARRON	7	6	0	83	88	-5	L3	11-7-0
Cameron	CAMER	7	6	0	93	87	6	W2	10-8-0
Cumberland	CUMB	5	4	0	78	52	26	L1	10-7-0
Chetek-Weyerhaeuser	CH-WY	2	10	0	68	143	-75	W1	2-15-0
Ladysmith	LADYS	0	10	0	51	144	-93	L10	1-12-0
Ashland	ASHL	0	11	0	24	165	-141	L11	0-12-0

CHS Trap Week 4

Athlete	Round 1 25 Possible	Round 2 25 Possible	Score 50 Possible
CARLSON, KYLE	22	23	45
CUNNINGHAM, CALVIN	21	24	45
JOHNSON, CAMDEN	25	20	45
PETERSON, LOGAN	22	23	45
MANOR, JACK	20	23	43
RIEBE, BRAXTON	18	22	40
ROUZER, IRA	19	21	40
MATHISON, COEHN	19	19	38
WEAVER, MITCHELL	18	20	38
HARTMAN, DECLAN	16	20	36
ODDEN, MAX	19	17	36
RASMUSSEN, CODIE	15	21	36
RIEBE, BRENDON	16	19	35
FLOTTUM, LONDON	17	17	34
HOFF, MAX	17	17	34
WOHLK, CAMERON	15	19	34
ROUZER, CASH	17	16	33
DONICA, AIDEN	15	17	32
KNUTSON, ELLIOT	14	18	32
NYVOLD, BRADLEY	17	14	31
KNUTSON, AUGUST	15	15	30
MCMILLAN, TOWNES	17	13	30
GILBERTSON, JACOB	14	15	29
WEAVER, GRIFFIN	15	14	29
ERICKSON, LANE	14	13	27
ODDEN, JACK	13	12	25
FURSETH, MARCO	13	10	23
HUBER, CARTER	12	11	23
MEWES, PATRICK	9	13	22
ODDEN, CHARLOTTE	11	11	22
EKENSTEDT, DANIEL			0
CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL TRAP TEAM			

Council...

cant interest by one motel chain that had come from a recent Hotel Market Research and Development plan given to the Council by Mr. Michael Linder, who addressed the February Meeting. “I’m amazed at the potential for business here,” adding, “This community has a need and is worthy of a new motel.”

Following Mr. Reeg’s informative session, the Public Meeting was opened to those in attendance to speak and several individuals took that opportunity. Among them were Real Estate Agent and renter Jessica Longtine, along with VRBO providers and area renters Phil DeNucci, Mike Schatz, and Judy Owen, Island Inn Co-owners Jon Phillips, Richard Phillips, and Businessman Jim Barker.

Numerous concerns were indicated by those speakers as to the negative consequences of such a tax. Jon Phillips, part owner in the Island Inn, indicated he felt the recent Motel Market Plan given to the city was “Unrealistic and had inflated numbers.” He indicated that no one had talked to him during the survey and, “He has seen nothing, that will create tourism. It’s an unfair tax that could put me out of business,” adding his occupancy for the year is generally at 20 percent.

Additionally, he and others talked about other more equitable options for the city to consider for taxation and creating Tourism money. Another concern offered by the speakers was the difficulty of identifying and getting tax revenue from non-registered renters.

Following comments and questions coming from Alderpersons Jim Anderson and Bill Lussier, Ward 4 Alderman and Public Works Chair Tom Goldsmith made a motion to postpone a vote on such a Room Tax and instead to send back the Ordinance to the Finance Committee for more dialogue, research, and deliberation. It was postponed unanimously.

At this time, Mayor Shoemaker thanked all the speakers for their attendance at the Public Hearing and for their important input into the proposal.

With the two hearings completed, the Council began to tackle their Agenda items starting with two Finance considerations that consisted of the passing of

amendments to the City of Cumberland’s General Procurement Policy for small and larger purchases and a Transition to an alternate software solution which provides more efficiency, functionality, and improved customer support and training.

This was followed by several Public Works items, one involving a change order at no additional cost to DeSantis Excavating and Underground Utility for work at Carlone East as well as a final payment to DeSantis of \$98,325.42 for their cost for water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street work at the site.

The final Finance proposal included an extensive Council discussion involving an encroaching landscaping issue at the property located at 1992 Hines Lakeview Drive.

After gaining a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals from a setback requirement for the construction of a garage within 38 feet of the centerline of the currently constructed roadway, the owner learned from the City that they were going to be performing significant street and infrastructure maintenance at the property in 2025 and 2026.

Although the City can require a landowner to eliminate landscaping encroachment onto the street right-of-way, the final vote by the Council after their lengthy discussion was to currently allow the unique circumstances of the construction to stand with no reinforcement. The vote passed 6 to 1 with Alderperson Tom Goldsmith voting no, adding by not taking action, “We are simply passing this issue down to the next line of Council members.”

The final topic for consideration under Public Works was the discussion of possible action relating to an Ordinance amending sidewalk construction and upkeep following the extensive ongoing street work. With the new proposed Ordinance arriving earlier in the day, leaving little time to review its contents, the Ordinance was postponed and sent back to Public Works for further study and action at later date.

Craig Turcott, Utility Commission President, was next on the evening Agenda list as he discussed the Utilities ongoing work on Well #6. Due to a well-casing is-

sue, the Council passed a Change Order #2 for \$16,500 to CTW Corporation for additional work at the site and an additional final payment of \$134,496.25 to the same company for Drilling, Casing, Well Development and a Submersible Pump.

The final Agenda Item of the evening was to pass a recommendation from the Utility to approve 25 percent of its available 2025 income and depreciation be allowed for staff directed capital investments in electric, water, and sewer utilities. Addressing the unique operation of the Utility, it too was passed unanimously.

Next up were the Committee Reports.

Alderperson Bill Lussier discussed ongoing Hanger news from the Airport, while Park and Recreation Chair Michael Cifaldi announced piers and docks were in at the beach and the first campers at Eagle Point would be arriving this week.

Cumberland Police Chief Heather Wolfe told the Council that four more cameras had been installed at the Beach and Canine Graduation for the new Unit in Cumberland was set for May 23, while adding she had attended an interesting and comprehensive Canine Supervisor Training session in the Twin Cities a week prior.

Alderperson Jim Schullo added the Annual Golf Club Meeting was set for May 14 and there was potential for a new substitute food service to replace the Northwoods Brew Pub, while Ward 4 Alderperson Doris Laursen discussed Senior Center News as well as ongoing Lake District Work and their recent appeal to the DNR over weed spraying and docks on the East side of Libraby Lake.

Alderperson Kelly Cady concluded the Committee Reports by giving an update to the Council on the Library’s 2024 Annual Report and accomplishments.

The Committee Reports were followed by City Administrator Reeg’s monthly Report, in which he Congratulated 3M for their upcoming Anniversary celebration on May 17th and discussed the recent outages that came from the storm of several days ago.

He personally thanked the City Crew, Utility, Police, and Fire Department for their tremendous work following the storm and said an upcoming debriefing by

200 STRIKE OUTS

MORGAN MONCHILOVICH

Congrats!



Congratulations to Cumberland senior pitcher Morgan Monchilovich for reaching 200 career strikeouts.



Jack Owens set a new school record with a jump of 12 ft 6 inches in the pole vault at the meet held in Barron last Thursday, May 8. The previous record was held by Scott Hanson. Congratulations Jack!

those involved will help the City do an even better job in the future.

Both Mr. Reeg and Mayor Shoemaker added that the sirens are currently set for Tornados only and not straight line winds, but they both hoped that changes to the system could be adapted moving forward. Overall, however, Mayor Shoemaker added it was nice see how the City responded to a tough situation.”

With this, at 7:47 pm, the Council moved into Closed Session to deliberate a number of issues including potential Amendments to the purchase of public property, the investing of public funds, and a possible TIF Incentive for potential TID #9 development.

Four Loons Rescued on Staples Lake

Eleven year old Nikki Utermoehl was fishing off the pier by the boat launch on Staples Lake near Comstock, when she noticed two loons struggling as they were entangled to each other. Nikki knew these loons were in trouble and her mother, Cheryl Duckstrad, contacted the Loon Rescue in Tomahawk.

These loons were struggling and in dire need of a rescue. One was trying to dive and taking the other loon down with it. We were very worried of a possible drowning of either of the loons. Comstock is over 2.5 hours away from Tomahawk. While packing up our rescue equipment, we started making calls to reach out to anybody in the area that could help rescue these loons.

Comstock does have a Lake Association, but the numbers were not listed. We then tried calling local taverns, campgrounds, and resorts, and we were given names and numbers of local contacts in hopes to find immediate help.

Word got out! We are not sure if it was from one of our calls or if other lake residents noticed these struggling loons, but two of the Lake Association board members, Howard and Tina Ketel, jumped onto their pontoon to rescue these two loons who were entangled.

Tina contacted us with the news that all four loons were rescued. What all

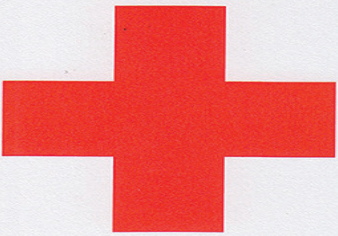
four? Our mouth’s dropped when we heard the news. Not only were the two loons who were entangled to each rescued, but two other loons who were both significantly entangled (not to each other) were also rescued. All of these loons were so entangled they were captured during the day because they could not dive.

Staples is a 340 acre with all four loons significantly entangled? The WI DNR was contacted and is inves-

tigating.

Nikki’s keen eye alerted her mom, Cheryl, to seek out help. We are grateful to both of them plus everybody we reached out to that spread the word about these loons in dire need of rescue. Kudos goes out to Howard and Tina for their valiant rescue of all four loons who were significantly entangled. Because of their heroic rescue, all four loons are swimming free today.

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