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AUGUST 19th
at 5:00 P.M.**



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City of Cumberland Road Construction Update

Hines Lakeview Drive: The existing pavement has been pulverized and perimeter erosion control has been installed. Crews are working near the terminus of the street in preparation for the watermain boring-set to commence and be completed this week. This will interrupt access to the boat launch and for a few homeowners at the end of Hines Lakeview for the balance of this week. EOR, our project engineers, are staking driveway saw cuts in preparation for removals in the near future. Water service connections in the area of the new watermain will be coming soon, and these must be completed (along

with a few minor utility adjustments along the entire project area) before blacktop installation.

1st and Marshall: Final grading of the road surface occurred Monday, August 11th, in preparation for blacktop installation Wednesday and possibly Thursday of this week. With the exception of some final turf restoration and some minor manhole work, the project is basically complete after the blacktop is installed. Everything should be 100% complete by Monday of next week.

Highway 63: Concrete, concrete, concrete. With the exception of the installa-

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Lightning Strike!



Cumberland, Luck and Lorrain Fire Departments were dispatched at 4:45 A.M. Saturday, August 9th for a structure fire at the old Trinity Lutheran Church in McKinley. According to Cumberland Fire Chief Chad Olson lightning struck a power pole with a transformer that sent a surge into the building which started it on fire. The old Trinity Lutheran Church which had been remodeled, was built in 1907 and was currently home to the Barker family. Fortunately no one in the home was injured in the fire. Chief Olson also stated both the Luck and Lorrain Fire Departments were crucial in knocking down the fire as the departments worked very well together. Cumberland Fire was called back to the scene later that morning as a portion of the building rekindled but was quickly snuffed out.

Northwoods Notebook: The things I'll miss

By Larry Werner

On a beautiful summer Tuesday, with Raya Madison, accompanied by guitarist Dustin DeGolie, belting out her rendition of "Me and Bobby McGee," I said to Ann: "I'm going to miss this."

There were 13 boats docked on the shore, more than 200 folks sitting under

shade trees on the hillside at Tourist Park, and I had that feeling it doesn't get any better than this. At the Island City Music concert, the eighth of season in the ninth year of live music on summer Tuesdays, I was feeling a little melancholy.

As some of you know, we've accepted an offer for

our Cumberland home and will be moving back to the Cities, close to our kids, grandkids and other family. It's time to be there, rather than here, in what they call the autumn of our years. It's time to live close to family and close to the medical providers who are there.

But there are so many

things I'll miss about this place we moved to 11 years ago.

The musical talent in Cumberland is one thing — from Dustin's guitar in several of the bands in which he plays; John Westin's bass voice with Higher Vision; Nancy Keeler's bassoon;

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Golden 'Baga Hunt 2025 Clue #3

**315 is this weeks divisor,
the new construction may
make us wiser.**

**A fast journey north will
bring you to green,
look around back and see
what I mean.**

**I am a diamond in an area
mowed,
hard to see but just off the
road.**

REMEMBER!

The 'Baga medallion will only be found on PUBLIC land. It is NOT at the Library! Again, we ask each of the 'Baga hunters to respect private property and confine your hunt to public areas. Good Luck.

New Owners!



Sandi and John Peichel (left), have said farewell to the Bus Garage after 26 years. The Peichel's bought the Bus Garage in October of 1999. They would like to send a SPECIAL THANK YOU to past and present faculty and drivers. It has been a pleasure serving families for over 26 years. John will continue to do CDL testing. On August 1, the new owners, Sam Motzer and Nikki Gilbertson took over. They are very excited and looking forward to this new chapter. They are hiring immediately for aids and drivers. If you are interested, call 715-790-5891 for more information.

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Freud’s Last Session at ETC

The Cumberland ETC is thrilled to present Freud’s Last Session by Mark St. Germain, running August 20–23 at 6:00 PM. Set in London the day England joined WWII, this thought-provoking drama imagines a lively, witty,

and deeply human conversation between Sigmund Freud and author C.S. Lewis as they debate God, love, and the meaning of life against the backdrop of World War II. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students, avail-

able in person at Peter and Annie’s, online at cumberlandetc.com, or at the door on show nights. Recommended PG-13 for mature themes, frank discussions of death, and historical references to war and illness.

It’s Football Season at the Red Barn

“Dad’s Season Tickets,” the final show and musical of the Red Barn season (August 20-August 30), is the perfect way to gear up for football season in north-west Wisconsin. Teaming again this year for another entertaining production are Bob Rogers (Chetek) as artistic director and Rachel Elbin (Cameron) as music director with Nancy Dutmer (Chetek) adding her expertise as the choreographer. Also returning for set design and construction are Rogers and Wayne Olson (Chetek). Originally and recently produced by Matt Zembrowski for the Northern Sky Theatre in Door County, “Dad’s Season Tick-

ets” throws pass after pass for winning touchdowns with a seasoned cast.

When season ticket holder Frank Kosinski (Carl Liden of Barron) decides to leave his season tickets to one of his three adult daughters, the skirmishes, songs and dances fly. Portraying eldest daughter Rhonda Kafura is Amber Wolfe (Rice Lake) with Jeff Dalsveen (Cameron) playing husband Ralph Kafura. Rachel Westberg (Chetek) and Paul Baribeau (Rice Lake) take on the roles of middle daughter and husband Gabby and Edgar Nimwitz. Frank’s youngest daughter, high school senior Cordy Kosinski is portrayed by Zoe Nelson

(Sand Creek). Crowd pleasing songs include “When You Live in Green Bay” and “What Do You Do With a Bye Week.”

The photography of Susanne von Schroeder of Bruce will be featured in the Red Barn Gallery.

The Red Barn Theatre is located northeast of Rice Lake at the junction of Highway 48 and County Trunk M. Curtains open each evening at 7:30 pm. There are no Sunday performances. The price of a single admission ticket is \$20.

Reservations may be made by calling 715-234-8301, going online at redbamtheatre-ricelake.com or in person at the ticket booth.

Northwoods Notebook...

Jeremy Westin’s version of “Be More Kind;” Beth McClain singing “I Will Survive” and the Hay River Sisters harmonizing “Lean on Me.”

Why is there so much musical talent in this town of 2,000?

I’ll miss Beaver Dam Lake, or course, a magnificent body of water that wraps around the town and its main street of shops and places to eat and drink. I’ll miss Peter & Annie’s, where we join friends for coffee most mornings; Louie’s Finer Meats, where you take a number at the butcher

counter for the best brats, steaks and roasts you can get anywhere.

I will miss attending plays and concerts at the old church that was given to ETC by the Ruppel family and turned into the Cumberland Arts Center, and I’ll even miss meetings of the ETC Board of Directors, which I learned I was part of by seeing my name in Dave Evenson’s quarterly newsletter.

And, of course, I will miss the people I got to know here, including many of you who have stopped me on the street

or the coffee shop to comment on something I had written.

It was a good run, these last 11 years, the longest Ann and I have lived anywhere in our 30 years of marriage. As we leave the gentler pace of life in The Island City for the bustle of the Cities, leaving the place where we actually enjoy standing in Line for Bob’s sweet corn, we’ll look back to these 11 years as the best of our lives.

As Jeremy sings so beautifully, my friends, “Be More Kind.”

Higher Vision, Gospel Notes to Perform at Stanfold Music Festival August 17

Join Stanfold Lutheran Church for the annual music festival on August 17. The festival features a grilled chicken dinner starting at 11:30 AM with musical performances to follow.

Headlining this year local favorite, Higher Vision. Founded in 2013, Higher Vision is a Gospel group consisting of Elaine Molls on piano. Vocalists are John Westin, Dick Sampson, Mike Jenkinson and Albin Peterson. Their signature southern gospel sound, blended with a variety of musical styles and rich harmonies, will uplift your soul and ignite your spirit. Learn more in their Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/highervision.

Also playing will be Gospel Notes, an old-time gospel bluegrass band consisting of Phil and Deb Monson and Sandy Bonesteel. Sandy is the lead singer and is on rhythm guitar. Phil plays mandolin, banjo and Deb is

on upright bass and guitar. They are thrilled to bring God’s word through song and testimony. Deb has been through two life threatening illnesses, as has Charlie, and they are both living miracles and examples of God’s grace in their life.

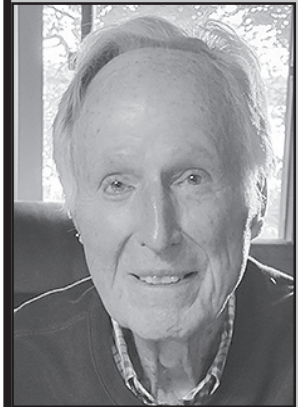
The Stanfold Music Festival is enjoyed in an outdoor setting on the picturesque grounds of the Stanfold Lutheran Church located 5 miles west of Rice Lake on Highway 48. Musical

groups will perform in the Centennial Pavilion. Seating will be available, but feel free to bring your lawn chairs as well.

Admission to the concert and the chicken dinner are free. The public is invited to attend. A free-will offering jar will be available for those wishing to donate to our mission fund.

For more information or questions about this event, contact Pastor John Bergson at 262-354-4537.

Happy 100th Birthday, Karl Boegel!



100 years is an amazing accomplishment, but what's even more amazing is all the lives you have touched. The Boegel family has been summer-time residents of the Island City since 1918. Cumberland is Karl's favorite place to be any time of the year. Aside from his military service in WWII, he has come to Cumberland every year to enjoy many wonderful activities the city has to offer...leisurely boat cruises around Beaver Dam, teaching relatives and neighbors how to water ski, fishing with his dad and brothers and playing cards with his dad, brothers, friends and with his friends at the Senior Center. Thank you for the amazing legacy you have created!

Love and Laughter always, KaraGay, Risa, Susan and Nancy

First Lutheran Church Annual Corn Feed

Wednesday Aug. 20th 4:30 pm - 5:45 pm

Charcoal Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Coleslaw, Hot Fudge Sundaes

Adults: \$10 Kids \$5

All proceeds go to:

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Join us for worship that night at 6:00 pm in our outdoor pavilion with special music from *“The Boys from Boyceville”*



Dad’s Season Tickets

Bob Rogers, Director
Rachel Elbin, Musical Director

Produced by special arrangement with Matt Zembrowski in association with Molly Rhode for Northern Sky Theatre

Who will inherit Frank’s treasured season tickets at Lambeaau Field? His three daughters employ every trick in the book, on the way to relearning that family isn’t everything: it’s the only thing. With songs like *“When You Live in Green Bay”* and *“What Do You Do with a Bye Week,”* this quintessential Wisconsin musical will warm your heart and leave you rooting for the home team!

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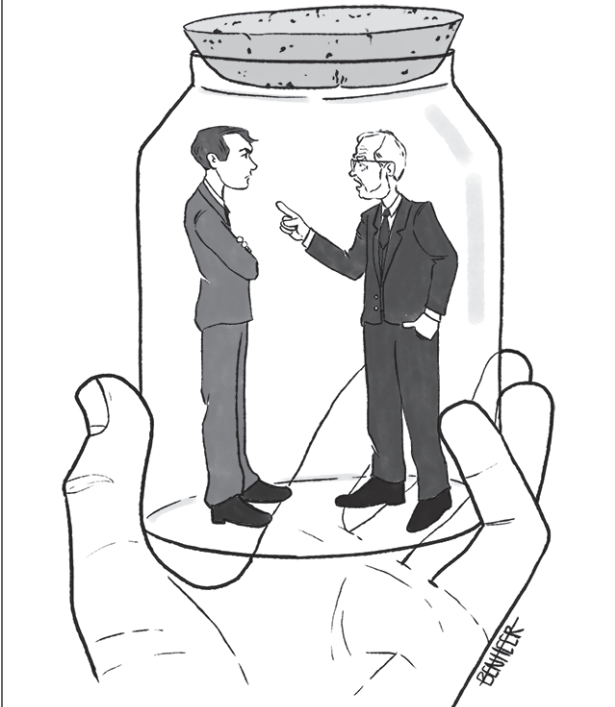
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 14: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball •
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball- ES Gym • 9 am-2 pm Girls Golf Invite @ Barron • 10 am-1 pm Varsity Football Scrimmage @ Amery • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit •
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16: • 11:00-1:00 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym •
MONDAY, AUGUST 18: • 6:30-7:30 am & 5-7 pm CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit • 6:00-7:30 pm Dawson Johnson Wrestling Practice •
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 5-6:30 pm Baga Olympics • 6-8 pm School Board Meeting •
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20: • 6:30-7:30 am & 5-7 pm CCE Pickleball • 9 am-2 pm Girls Golf Match @ Home •

Kayaks and Music on Beaver Dam Lake

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 9th year that Cumberland School District Kayaks and lifejackets will be available on Tuesday evenings during the Concert Series on the shores of the Cumberland Beach from 6-8 pm. Kayaks will be available on Tuesday's beginning: Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Cost: FREE however donations will be much appreciated! So come down, listen to some tunes and bring the whole family! **Launch located near the music on the shores of Beaver Dam/Cumberland Beach** So that we are prepared and know you are interested, please reserve your kayaks by Tuesday morning of the week you wish to use them by calling the following number: For questions or further concerns contact: Susan Bridger CCE Director HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbrid@csdmail.com

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Cyanotype is a slow-reacting, photographic printing formulation sensitive to sunlight that produces a monochrome, blue-colored print. The process uses two chemicals - ferric ammonium citrate and potassium ferricyanide, and only water to develop and fix. Announced in 1842, it is still in use. Kelly will demonstrate how this safe, old time printing process can be used with ferns, grasses, or any slid objects to make beautiful art pieces.

Monday, August 18 • 4:00 pm
at the Island City Food Coop
To register or to ask questions please contact:
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BAGA YOGA

Pam Baker of Yoga-Wildheart will be our instructor!
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Questions? Contact Pam 715-419-1315 or Susan Bridger, CCE Director at 715-822-5121 ext. 403

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DUE TO THE CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION...THE CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN WORKING OUT WITH THE WEIGHT EQUIPMENT - IT WILL BE OPEN WITH AN ATTENDANT IN A TENT ON THE ENDEAVOR STADIUM SITE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 5:15 AM - 7:00 AM

Cumberland City Council Holds August Meeting: City Financial Plan by Mark R Fuller

The Common Council of the City held their monthly meeting at City Hall on Tuesday night, August 5. Following the pledge of Allegiance and the approval of the Consent Agenda, the Council moved into the business of the evening.

First on the Agenda was a presentation by Sean Lentz, Senior Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, calling for an update to the City's 2023 Financial Management Plan.

His presentation included a review of projects, debt service schedules, debt levy impact, borrowing capacity, and overall levy impact. The suggested update provided substantial changes in the project list from the 2023 plan with total project costs essentially the same, excluding some new TID 9 expenses.

These changes result in substantially more infrastructure improvements than planned for in 2023, but funded with the same amount of planned expenditures. New additions include 1st & Marshall, Hwy 63 curb, gutter and sidewalk, and Mill Hill. The reallocation also addresses City garage repairs and expansion of infrastructure in the industrial park.

All the projects require issuing over \$6.5 million in new debt, structured to meet the objectives of limiting total tax levy increases to CPI, a reasonable level of general obligation borrowing, and an unassigned fund balance of approximately 20 percent.

The next identified large capital project will be construction of a new city garage. This is currently outside the scope of the 2025 updated plan with scheduled repairs to the current structure extending the useable life of the building until construction can be handled within the city budget.

The presentation also discussed how both TID 8 and TID 9 performance will affect the plan. With both currently having very positive projections, the end of their terms around 2038-2039 will provide a significant boost in tax revenue.

Following discussion, Mayor Shoemaker and Council indicated their plans to continue using a high level of fiduciary responsibility, careful planning and diligent project management to maintain a healthy overall financial position. With this, the update to the 2023 City Financial Plan was fully endorsed by the Council and passed unanimously.

Further financial issues handled by the Council included passing a proposal for a full property assessment for the city in 2026 with a maintenance proposal in 2027. This completes a requirement, putting the City in full compliance with the State.

They also passed an amended City Organizational Chart, reflecting recent modest changes of personnel, while also unanimously authorizing a donation request of \$3500 from the Chamber for the recently completed 4th of July Fireworks, which had been previously budgeted by the Council.

Moving on to a Public Safety item, the Council passed a written formal agreement with the School District, continuing a proactive joint program for a Police School Liaison Officer covering responsibilities, working schedule, and allocation of cost. As stated, the purpose of the agreement is to continue enhancing the safety and security of the city schools.

The evenings final Agenda items involved Utility concerns and request.

Among payments finalized by the Council were payment No. 1 to the Simon Electric Construction Company for work on the Main Street Lighting Project and payments to both Olympic Builders and CTW for work on Well #6. A further payment to DeSantis Excavating for work on the Island Avenue Water Main Extension was also disbursed.

The final Public works request discussed and remitted for payment were for a SCADA computer rebuild from Energenics and to Staab Construction for Grit Screen Repairs, while also discussing and passing a Water Tower Radio Equipment Lease Agreement with the Fire District.

Moving on to Committee Reports, Alderperson Kelly Cadly covered a number of Library items from an ongoing review of policies to the large number of users, while Alderperson Michael Cifaldi covered the continuing research into the Tourist Park and Eagle Point projects.

Ward 3 Alderman Jim Schullo discussed Golf Course happenings and gave a City Housing update, Chief Wolfe gave the Council information on recent police activities, and 4th Ward Alderperson Doris Laursen covered the recent Annual Lake District Meeting attended by some 70 individuals.

Finally, Craig Turcott have a Utility update saying installation of the poles for the new Street Lights should begin this week and "Hopefully be done by Rutabaga." He further discussed the recent Open House at the new Utility Shop, the beginning of the Hines Lakeview project, and testing and treatment options at Well #6 saying work was still ongoing and, "We don't have a good well yet."

City Administrator Randy Reeg concluded the evening by discussing an easement situation at the airport. The Council then took a motion to adjourn with the next full Common Council Meeting set for Tuesday, September 2nd.

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54 Formal "your"

56 Compact bundle

57 One time

59 Antenna

63 Estimated time of arrival

64 Competition at the Greek games

65 Took big steps

66 Sleeping place

67 What a clock tells

68 Governing group

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

I have to start this weeks column with a big THANK YOU to Larry Werner for writing his column Northwoods Notebook and other stories he has written for over the last decade. Here was this guy, who walked into my office, after moving to Cumberland, wanting to write a column in the Cumberland Advocate. He said he “used” to write for the Minneapolis Star Tribune and wanted to write a few stories for the Advocate. Well little did I know, it would turn into 10 plus years when I said, “sure”. Often times his column is about the music scene here in Cumberland, including the Island City Music Concert Series. He was instrumental in starting the music series seven years ago, I believe. Larry is also a big part of the ETC and played a big role in helping to fundraise to add a new handicapped accessible bathroom and a new roof at the Ruppel Family Theater. No doubt Larry is passionate about the Arts. As with anyone who writes for a newspaper, some folks may not always like what you did or did not write about. Guess what? That’s ok. If we all liked the same things, it would be awful boring. It takes courage to put your name on something. I sure remember my dads column, “For What It’s Worth” and people getting upset at some things he wrote. Boy how times have changed with social media and such. Heaven forbid your “opinion” is not the same as others. Anyway Larry, thank you for the past decade and enjoy some new found time with the grand kids and family.

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Thank you also goes out to John and Sandi Peichel for 26 years of helping to get kids home safely on the bus. That’s a big job. Hopefully the fish are biting. Best wishes to Sam Motzer and Nikki Gilbertson, the new owners of the Cumberland Bus Garage.

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What an absolute terror the Milwaukee Brewers are on. On May 24th, the Brewers were 25-28. Since that date, the Crew is an astonishing 48-16, 12 games better than the second best team in the National League. Will that pace continue, probably not, but it doesn’t have to. Just play solid ball until playoff time and take you swing at the big prize. You want to be playing your best at the end.

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It won’t be long now and high school sports will be back in the spotlight. I for one am ready to see the kids back in action. Teams have now started practice for the upcoming season. The football team only has 29 kids out for the 2025 season. That is a little disappointing for sure. It wasn’t that long ago that we would have 40 or 50 or more players out. A sad sign of the times I guess. Hey, hey, Rutabaga is next week! Have a great week.

Construction Update...

tion of the new light poles, which is now ongoing, work. Next week will be a short concrete will be virtually the sole focus for the next several weeks. Final utility adjustments, final blacktop installation and final painting will follow right after the concrete work. Next week will be a short week for the construction crews due to Rutabaga Festival. Everyone is committed to getting as much of the remaining work done as possible before festivities kick off.

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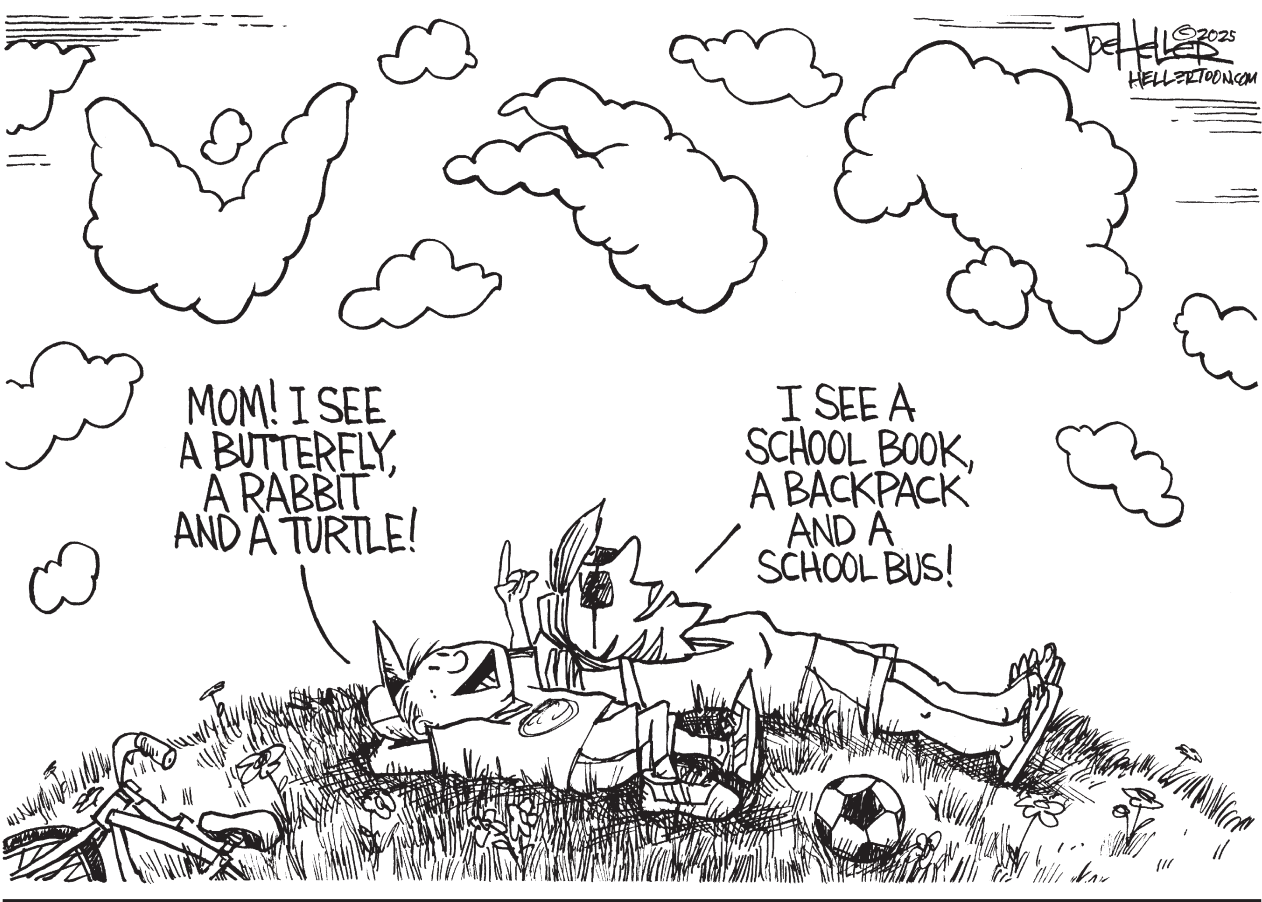
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Midwest ‘startup city’ rankings show Wisconsin on emerging path”

MADISON, Wis. – Chances are you have never heard of Cove, Mumbies, Service ID or Vitaminis, but if the owners and supporters of those four young companies are successful, those might be familiar names in the years ahead.

All four were participants in this week’s “Mentor Swarm” in Madison, held by gener8tor to solicit advice for their summer cohort of startups that hail from Wisconsin and beyond. I was part of that mentoring session, which involved companies with embedded fin-tech workflows (Cove); all-natural dog chews and snacks (Mumbies); machine learning to help utilities identify lead service lines (Service ID); and shelf-stable “juice shots” for immune support, gut health and more (Vitaminis).

It was a cross-section that illustrated startups in Wisconsin and across the Midwest reflect a range of business sectors – and that it takes some nurturing to get them out of the starting blocks and across a finish line. Two recently released reports help to make the case.

One was “The Wisconsin Portfolio,” an annual publication that tracks early stage investment

trends statewide. Charting 2024 data, the report by the Wisconsin Technology Council showed investing by angels and venture capitalists was down last year (at least \$374 million in 92 deals) but there was a trend toward some larger checks and more out-of-state investors.

Wisconsin’s recent experience in angel and venture capital has largely reflected national and regional trends, with 2021 and 2022 being the biggest investment years on record and noticeable falloffs beginning in 2023.

The other was the “2025 Midwest Startup Rankings” from M25 a 10-year-old venture capital firm in Chicago. It covered the top 64 cities in 15 states with data that produced an overall ranking for each.

Some cities were not surprising, given their populations if nothing else. The top four were Chicago, Minneapolis, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and their metropolitan areas. There were some notable moves from the 2024 report, however.

Jumping to fifth place was Ann Arbor, Mich., which was tied with Madison in the No. 7 spot a

year ago. Madison fell two spots to ninth with Columbus, Ohio; Detroit, Mich.; and St. Louis, Mo.; in sixth, seventh and eighth, respectively. All three states actively support venture capital investments through state matching funds, which the Wisconsin Legislature has yet to do in a major way.

There was some good news, with six other Wisconsin cities at showing up on the list of 64.

The Milwaukee area rose one spot to 14, followed by Green Bay (41), the Fox Cities region (44), Eau Claire (45), Beloit (50) and La Crosse (56). About half were up in rank compared with 2024, the rest were unchanged or dropped.

Business consultant Tim Tesch of Brookfield noted the tight grouping of cities in Milwaukee’s cohort and the region’s ability to rise in such rankings if it leverages existing resources a bit better.

“... Milwaukee ranks #7 in angel investors, #8 in VCs, and #5 in accelerators (and) incubators,” Tesch wrote. “However, we have the smallest number of deals per VC among the top 20 contenders. Our score in this

category is 6.2, which is the only single-digit score. This suggests we have a strong foundation but aren’t fully leveraging it to generate a higher volume of deals.”

Also notable in the M25 rankings was the power of academia. In almost every Wisconsin case, there are public or private universities in each town to help provide research, talent or both. The same was true with other states measured through the survey, especially in cities ranked among the top 25.

“It was the best of times; it was the worst of times,” concluded Victor Gutwein of M25. “These two phrases are loud and clear across the startup and VC world right now and the Midwest is no exception. In one corner we have buzzy, mega rounds for high-flying AI and robotics companies while in the other we find a prolonged retreat of venture funding, deal counts and unicorn creation.”

Both reports suggest Wisconsin is poised to be more of a startup producer, even in a tough environment. There’s also plenty of competition out there, so it’s not a good time to ease up on the accelerator.

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

A Look Back

Look Back, August 1981

The “Swedish Turnip,” one of the Island City’s claims to fame, is better known as the rutabaga.

Dubbed the Swedish Turnip because of its northern European origin, the vegetable may have come to Cumberland as early as 1874 with the first Swedish settlers, Gunder Dahlby, O.A, Titum and C.C. Clausen, and their wives. Rutabagas grow best on newly-broken soil, and ideal crop for farmers just starting out. The bagas were first grown as cattle feed and home use.

The Cumberland Centennial book says “farmers would store some of the rutabagas for their own winter use, and then haul the balance of their crop to Cumberland with a wagon team of horses.”

The Miller-Waterman Co, and the S.W. Hines Mercantile Co, were the principal buyers of early bagas. But rutabagas did not constitute the main produce handled by the two firms. In 1900 S.W. Hines bought out Miller-Waterman firm becoming purveyor of rutabagas in Wisconsin.

Originally the rutabagas were shipped out by rail in the same condition as they were taken from the field.

Bert Hines became a

sort innovator with rutabagas. He began washing the vegetables as they came in from the field and later developed a method by which the rutabaga could be coated in wax.

Dennis Kraft, owner of Island City Produce, purchased the Hines Co about seven years ago. The waxing method developed by Hines, was the forerunner of the thermostatically-controlled tank in use today at Island City Produce.

Stanley Motycka, a former Hines employee, and now with Kraft, has been handling rutabagas for more than 40 years.

He recalls when German prisoners of war were used to pick the rutabagas back in 1944. They were kept in barracks at Rice Lake when they were done for the day. After the bagas were picked, they were topped by women. Now, rutabagas are picked by machine. They are still topped by hand, but now they move past workers on a conveyor belt. Kraft first tried to use a potato picker to dig bagas but switched to a beet picker because it retrieves less dirt than rock.

Kraft harvests some of the rutabagas from property he owns along

the Rabbit Trail, the remained comes from rented acreage. Kraft said rutabagas grown too far east or south don’t seem to have the flavor of those grown in other areas around Cumberland. Other area producing considerable amounts of rutabagas are New Richmond and Fridley, MN. Most rutabagas are now grown in Canada.

In fact, Kraft gets his seed from Canada, at a cost of \$6 a pound plus duties and freight costs.

The market price for the vegetable ranges from \$12 a hundred for the smaller bagas to \$8 a hundred for the larger variety. Kraft said the biggest rutabaga to go through his plant weighed 22 pounds.

Attempts to market rutabagas in a diced, frozen package never panned out, and all bagas processed at Island City Produce are sold as fresh produce. Kraft also handles other types of fresh produce, including potatoes, onions and squash.

When Hines Co., was operating at its peak, it harvested approximately 400 acres. Now, Kraft is getting about the same amount of produce from 95 acres in the surrounding area.

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Brandon C. Melton, 30, Shell Lake, operate with restricted controlled substance, \$1,529.00. Ashley M. Meyer, 37, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Michael J. Palma, 32, Cameron, OWI, \$1,585.50. Said A. Ali, 35, Barron, speeding, \$175.30. Susan M. Amick, 57, Bruce, operate without required lamps lighted, \$162.70. Eric C. Beachy, 28, Chetek, failure to stop at stop sign, \$17.30. Peter W. Blaser, 61, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Jonathan P. Chamba-Morocho, 29, Cumberland, operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Sara A. Haas, 47, Chetek, operating left of center, \$213.10 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Taurean M. Hansen, 43, Cameron, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Alec G. Johnson, 38, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30. Tyler J. Johnson, 22, Cornell, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Matthew J. Jorgenson, 31, Tomah, operating while revoked, \$200.50. Christopher M. Karpowicz, 44, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Arabella R. Kringle, 18, Cameron, inattentive driving, \$187.90. Jessica A. Krueger, 36, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Benjamin G. Leach, 44, Minneapolis, MN., failure to stop at a stop sign, \$175.30. Peyton M. Lemsky, 17, Rovers, OWI, \$936.50. William J. Lindsley, 50, Cumberland, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Natalie A. Loken, 18, Baldwin, speeding, \$225.70. Kayle M. Maling, 32, Hastings, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Abigail J. Medeiros, 42, Comstock, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Jayden A. Morrow, 20, Hudson, speeding, \$175.30. Alexandrae R. Neibauer, 31, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30. Joseph R. Newbauer, 42, Clayton, fail to stop for unloading school bus, \$676.50. Thomas L. Olson, 50, Birchwood, speeding, \$225.70. Glenn N. Pfendt, 74, Florence, KY., vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Abigail L. Russell, 21, Turtle Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Belinda F. Singh, 65, Appleton, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Elliot N. Smola, 26, Cumberland, speeding, \$200.50. Preston J. Sullivan, 17, Hayward,

operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Janice J. Thron, 68, Stillwater, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Jorge Tzompaxtle-Garcia, 21, Alma, OWI, \$1,081.00, operate without a valid license, \$200.50 and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Christopher J. Villiard, 29, Rice Lake, speeding, \$225.70. Freddy J. Zahara, 61, Mondovi, unsafe lane deviation, \$175.30. Kimberli A. Zinsmaster, 43, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

D.N.R.

Chloe E. Krahn, 29, of Chetek, has been charged with fail/carry boat floatation devices. Her court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Gavin W. Staudacher, 18, of Altura, MN., has been charged with jet ski-violate slow-no-wake requirement. His court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Gabriel W. Lebeau, 17, of Jackson, WI., has been charged with fail to carry or exhibit valid proof of safety certificate when operating motorboat. His court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Jackson C. Schultheis, 19, of Maple Grove, MN., has been charged with personal watercraft-operate without floatation device. His court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Complaints

Michael W. Rihn, 49, of Chetek, has been charged with littering-deposit large item in highway/water/property. His court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Tyler J. Hill, 34, of River Falls, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. His court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Heidi N. Baker, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court trial is scheduled for September 15, 2025.

Steven W. Martinson, 23, of Hayward, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of methamphetamine. His court date was scheduled for August 4, 2025.

Jenny A. Macho, 54, of Hillsdale, has been charged with operate ATV on roadway by person under the age of 16. Her court date is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Mackenzie M. Edwards, 24, of Hastings, MN., has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Kelly P. Picknell, 44, of Rice Lake, has been charged with criminal damage to property and domes-

tic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for August 6, 2025.

James E. Johnson, 46, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for October 15, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Melinda J. Juleen, 44, of Luck, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Antonio R. Gonazles, 20, of Chetek, has been charged with ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Mary M. Chandler, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating with PAC, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Alexander M. Quinche, 23, of Almena, has been charged with operate without a valid license and operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Juan P. Trevino, 38, of Almena, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Pedro A. Lopez-Santos, 30, of Barron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Storm L. Thayer, 19, of Barron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Katie L. Payton, 39, of Chetek, has been charged with encouraging parole/probation violation and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 3, 2025.

Skylar E. Zimit, 31, of Cumberland, has been charged with carry a concealed weapon. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Asia D. Merrill, 33, of Chetek, has been charged with resisting/failing to stop, repeater, operate with restricted controlled sub-

stance, OWI, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order.

Her initial appearance is scheduled for September 24, 2025.

McKinley K. Conito, 20, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Stephanie D. Wyatt, 38, no address, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 3, 2025.

Steven L. Anderson, 45, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI. His sentencing hearing is scheduled for October 13, 2025.

Tanner S. Nadeau, 32, of Dallas, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Stacy A. Vandevrede, 47, of Amery, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Benjamin D. Blomberg, 26, of Rice Lake, has been charged with use or possess with intent to use masking agent. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Lucas M. Usselman, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and party to a crime. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Carl A. Reidell, 24, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and party to a crime. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Segundo V. Macas-Chuncho, 36, of Spring Valley, has been charged with misappropriate ID info, OWI and operating while revoked. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Alexus M. Olson, 25, of Maiden Rock, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, OWI, resisting or obstructing an officer, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 13, 2025.

Asa D. Merrill, 33, of Chetek, has been charged with resist officer-failure to stop vehicle, operating with restricted controlled substance in blood, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, operating a motor vehicle while revoked, and

failure to install ignition interlock device.

A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on July 16, 2024, he was on duty and at approximately 11:10 am, he observed a vehicle traveling near County Highway M and 23rd Street. The deputy reports he verified the registration on the vehicle belonged to Merrill, the defendant. The deputy reports he was familiar with Merrill and Merrill had a revoked driver's license. The deputy reports he turned around and attempted to catch up to the vehicle. The deputy reports he activated his emergency lights in an attempt to stop the vehicle. The deputy reports the vehicle failed to stop and the deputy then used his audible siren multiple times while following the vehicle. The deputy reports the vehicle continued southbound on County Highway M and continued to fail to stop for his emergency lights and siren. The deputy reports he notified Barron County Dispatch that the vehicle was failing to stop. The deputy reports the vehicle then turned east on County Highway M and continued at approximately 42 miles an hour, again failing to stop for the deputy's emergency lights and siren. The deputy reports he was able to observe the driver of the vehicle and he believed that person to be Merrill, who had a revoked driver's license.

The deputy reports the vehicle continued eastbound on County Highway M and then turned south on 22 1/2 Avenue. The deputy reports the speed limit in this area was 25 miles an hour and the vehicle was traveling between 20 and 23 miles per hour. The deputy reports the vehicle was still failing to stop for his emergency lights and siren and there were multiple pedestrians in the area at that time. The deputy reports at one point he got alongside the vehicle and the vehicle sped up and was traveling at approximately 35 miles per hour. The deputy reports he observed the vehicle turn on its right blinker and turn into the address at 1890 22 1/2 Street. The deputy reports the driveway area that the vehicle pulled into appeared to be a residence with multiple driveways off of it. The deputy reports the vehicle began slowing and pulling into the residence towards the left. The deputy reports he feared the driver would attempt to flee.

The deputy reports he used his squad vehicle to make contact with the driver's door to pin the door shut. The deputy reports the driver of the vehicle was observed to be Merrill, and Merrill initially complied with the deputy's commands. The deputy reports Merrill began yelling at the deputy to shoot. The

deputy reports while speaking with Merrill through an open window, he smelled the strong odor of burning marijuana emanating from the vehicle. The deputy reports Merrill made a comment about having marijuana in the vehicle and the deputy was able to see him smoking what appeared to be a marijuana roach. The deputy reports Merrill refused to exit the vehicle and stated he would not comply until the deputy retrieved his NAPCH Certified K9 from his squad vehicle and again issued Merrill commands to exit the vehicle. The deputy reports additional units arrived and handcuffed Merrill. The deputy reports a subsequent search of the vehicle did not turn up an illegal items and the deputy believed Merrill most likely ingested the marijuana cigarette.

The deputy reports another deputy transported Merrill to a nearby hospital. The deputy reports he read Merrill the Informing the Accused form and Merrill advised he was willing to submit to an evidentiary chemical test of his blood. The deputy reports he mailed the blood kit prior to the end of his shift. The deputy reports Merrill was transported to the Barron County Jail for charges of OWI 2nd, operating with a revoked driver's license, failure to install an IID and vehicle operator flee/elude an officer.

The deputy reports on January 21, 2025, the Barron County Sheriff's Department received a lab report from the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene regarding the blood sample that was given by Merrill. The report indicated an ethanol content of 0.030 g/100 ml and also indicated a Delta 9 THC result of 14 ng/ml, and a Carboxy THC result of 69 ng/ml.

If convicted resist officer-failure to stop vehicle, Merrill may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For operating with restricted controlled substance in blood, he may be fined not less than \$350 nor more than \$1,000 and imprisoned for not less than five days nor more than six months. For operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, he may be fined not less than \$350 nor more than \$1,100 and imprisoned for not less than five days nor more than six months. For operate a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than one year. For failure to install ignition interlock device, he may be fine not less than \$150 nor more than \$600 or may be imprisoned for not more than six months. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 24, 2025.

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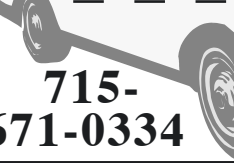
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By Judy Pieper

I'm shot – didn't get much sleep last night, so if you see any errors in this letter, I'll blame it on being tired. The reason for the bad night was our smoke/carbon monoxide alarm. We went to bed at a reasonable hour, 10:00, and at about 11:30 the silly alarm went off indicating a fire. Well, I don't think anyone could possibly sleep through that noise. We got up and could not see anything out of the ordinary. I checked every plug-in in the basement and upstairs, and nothing was smoking or hot. We decided it was a false alarm, but, when a person is awakened by an alarm, it is very hard to get to sleep again. So, we sat up and read for a couple of hours, went back to bed, and the alarm went off again. I checked again – nothing. But sleep was over for the night.

Our neighbors did have a bonfire yesterday evening, and I wonder if, maybe, some of the smoke from that fire was causing the alarm. If it happens again, we will have to buy a new alarm. Not going to go through that again.

Jesse, Rachel and Curt Adams, Wendy Coss, Jerry Marsh and Jodi Ladd, and their friends, Bob and Deb have returned from a fun-filled week at the motorcycle rally in Sturgis, South Dakota. They trailer their bikes out, but do a lot of riding and sight-seeing while they are there. Jerry said that they put on about 500 miles just riding around this year. Actually, the Sturgis area is beautiful, but I think I would prefer to go there

when there aren't so many people milling around.

Tina Anderson and a friend had breakfast at the Red Brick on Sunday morning. Tina said that the food was delicious – she had a taco omelet which she would highly recommend – and that they had a very nice time eating and chatting.

Everything in our garden is ready for harvest – except the tomatoes, which are just now turning a light pink color. We have so many cucumbers that I am trying to give them away. Geri Pittman, who makes the most delicious home-made pickles in the world, has already picked as many as she needs this year, so I can't get rid of any more of them that way. I did pick some and took over to Curt and Wendy, and they said they will take more in about a week, but – if you are interested, they are the English style long cucumbers, they are so much more delicious than those a person can buy at the grocery stores, and they are free. If you want some, please give me a call and we will go to the garden and you can pick to your heart's content.

I will be picking and canning green beans later today. They are Savanna Marsh's very favorite vegetable, so I will go over to UPS and send a few pints to her in San Diego. Savanna is such a sweet-heart. She came and stayed with us for two weeks one summer and she helped with the gardening a lot. At that time, we had an old wheelbarrow that was so rickety that it was hard to haul weeds out without tipping

it over. Well, for Christmas that year Savanna got us a new wheelbarrow. It was one of the most thoughtful gifts we have ever received.

I hope you marked Sunday, August 17th, on your calendar so you will remember to go to the Wiesner Friends and Family reunion at the Wiesner Chapel at Hungry Hollow. It is such a fun day – Just remember, bring a favorite dish to pass, a comfy chair to sit in, and your appetite and sense of humor. Oh, and an item for the white elephant sale. I hope we see you there.

And, can you believe it is almost time for the Rutabaga Fest. That's coming up next week! I haven't talked to our friends, Bill and Sally Evans, yet, but we are hoping that they are going to drive up from Stoughton to visit us and go to the Fest. There are so many things to do and see – so many vendors selling hand-crafted things and, of course, the food that we only get at Rutabaga Fest time. The first thing Duane and I do when we go to the fest is to have a hot pepper sandwich at the Knights of Columbus stand, and then go to the St. Paul's Lutheran stand for a piece of pie and ice cream. I love going and walking around, but it's sad that, after the Rutabaga Fest and Labor Day, summer is pretty much over.

Well, I guess I had better run – those green beans are not going to pick themselves. And, remember, if you do want any cucumbers, please give me a call. I hate to see them go to waste. See you next time.

OBITUARIES



Karen S. Dague

Karen Sonja Dague, age 86 of Cumberland, went to Heaven on Friday, August 1, 2025 at her home. She was born on Christmas Day, 1938 in Cumberland, WI to Birger and Agnes (Wolke) Johnson. Karen was a member of the Cumberland High School graduating class of 1957. In 1961, she went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education with a minor in Journalism from Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. Upon graduation, she taught in the Des Moines, IA public school system as a middle school Physical Education teacher. Later she served as a teacher's aide and long-term substitute teacher for the Cumberland School system. She married Lowell Dague at the Cumberland First United Methodist Church on August 19, 1961. Lowell and Karen had two daughters, Laura and Lisa. Karen was a very devoted wife and mother. She served as a Brownie and Girl Scout Leader. She also served her community as a member of the Jaycettes and Women's Club. She was active at her church through First United Methodist Women serving many years as treasurer. A proud accomplishment of hers was founding the Island City Piecemakers. The Island City Piecemakers is an ecumenical quilting group whose mission is to create and donate quilts to the community including Project Santa and quilts for veterans, nursing homes, fire victims, and raffles. The group recently celebrated their 20th Anniversary. Her favorite pastime was spending time with her family. She also enjoyed traveling, quilting and water sports. She was part of the Cumberland Ladie's Golf League and Couple's Golf League for many years. While wintering in Texas, she had a hole in one. Karen and Lowell were also members of various bridge clubs. She loved tending to her flowers and gardening. She also loved cheering for the Minnesota Vikings. She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Lowell,

of Cumberland; daughters, Laura (George) Metropulos of Rice Lake and Lisa (Mike) McBrayer of Amery; grandchildren, George (Emily), Jared (Michaela), Trevor, Sam (Lauren) Metropulos, and Connor (Kylie), and Ryan McBrayer; great-grandchildren, George, Cecily, Jace, and Corrie Metropulos.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Birger and Agnes Johnson; brothers, Harold (Bernice) and Richard (Helen) Johnson; and sister, Lorraine (Jim) Drake.

A visitation will be held from 4-7PM on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church in Cumberland.

A Christian funeral service will be held at 11AM on Friday, August 22, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church in Cumberland with Pastor Adelbert Frejas officiating. A visitation will be held at the church one hour prior to the service.

Private interment will be held at Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

Obituaries
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Victoria Vox!



On Saturday, August 9, the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland sponsored a free concert at Augustana Lutheran Church. Victoria Vox, a renowned ukulele artist, and her husband, Jack—together known as “Jack & the Vox,” a Los Angeles musical duo—entertained more than 100 attendees with their original music. Special thanks to Barb Spanish for making the connection and adding Cumberland onto their transatlantic tour.

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OBITUARIES



Thomas “Tom” B. Bayerle

Thomas, “Tom”, or “Mr. B.” Joseph Bayerle, 88, of Cumberland passed away on August 4, 2025 at Cumberland Healthcare. He was born February 12, 1937 in California to Joseph and Jeanette (Schroeder) Bayerle.

After high school, Tom served his country in the United States Army, Marines, and Air Force. He then had many adventures before moving to Cumberland in 1970 with his soon to be wife, Marilyn Johnson. They purchased land near Big Sand Lake to build their forever home.

Marilyn and Tom were married in River Falls, WI on February 20, 1971. Marilyn preceded him in death on September 10, 2004.

Many may know Tom for the 53 years he served the Cumberland and surrounding communities through his business, Lakeview Upholstery. Tom was very passionate about his work - so much so that he made everything convenient for his customers, not convenient for himself. He was a dear friend to many and touched many hearts. His work doubled as some of his favorite hobbies, whether that be chatting in the shop while sewing, mowing grass, cutting wood, or working on and driving his cars and his Willys Jeep. He just loved to get outside, whatever that entailed.

Tom’s jokes and truthfulness will continue to be missed by his sons, James Bayerle and Thomas Bayerle; step-children, Jill (Dave) Zaic, and Daniel Lobstein (Eileen); granddaughters, Josephine,

Jaymeson, and Skylar Bayerle; 8 step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; sister, Judy Blankenship; and half-siblings, Mata (Brian) Zimpel, Joseph (Renee) Bayerle and Jesse (Dani) Bayerle; and many nieces and nephews.

Tom was preceded in death by wife, Marilyn Bayerle; step-daughter, Jodi Peters; parents, Joseph Bayerle and Jeanette Schroeder; half-sister, Bonnie Bayerle-Sinell; half-brother, David Bayerle; and brother-in-law, Don Blankenship.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 AM on Saturday, August 16, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland.

A visitation will be held from 4 - 8 PM on Friday, August 15, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Interment Lakeside Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded by Anderson-Thomson Post #98 American Legion, Cumberland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to family.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is handling arrangements.



Anita I. West

Anita I. West, age 79, of Cumberland passed suddenly on Friday, July 18, 2025 at Mayo Clinic Health System of Eau Claire. She was born February 27, 1946 to Henry Axel and Hilja Sophia (Mylly) Johnson in Ironwood Michigan.

The outdoors was truly Anita’s happy place - from fishing to flower gardening and mowing grass, she enjoyed the privacy and peace that came with living out in the country.

Anita will be forever missed by her life partner, Joe Strenke; sons, John D. Sain and Kelly D. Sain; grandchildren, Steven (Jen) Sain and Harley (Megan) Sain; 8 great-grandchildren; and siblings, Julia, Albert, and Jim Johnson.

Anita was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur West; parents, Henry and Hilja Johnson, and 13 older siblings.

An open house visitation will be held on Friday, August 22, 2025 from 4 - 7 PM at Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to family.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



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“So Many Choices, So Little Time”

by Pastor John Miels
St. Paul Lutheran Church

Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

In this text God has told us how we are to raise our children. The “way to go” is to make them Christians through God’s holy Word. A question to consider is, how seriously do we take God’s words? Look at what is going into your child’s head and mind. Pay attention to what he/she hears and sees. What does their “diet” consist of? Government schools are both helpful and harmful in this great endeavor. So we need more oversight!

“If you allow your child to choose their own diet, buy their own groceries, and eat whenever they want, how do you suppose that would work? Would you trust them to make the right, smart choices? How about their entertainment diet? How about their spiritual diet? How about their social diet? How about their educational diet? God has told us that we are sinful from the time we were conceived, which means when given a choice, by nature we will pick the bad choice. As adults we have experienced this in many ways. Hopefully experience has taught us a few things, and we can guide them in making the correct choices. This guidance isn’t always received with great enthusiasm, but that doesn’t diminish our role as parents to be the adult leaders God intended for us to be.” *

Jesus, at His ascension, told us the way to go to make disciples and build the church. Baptize them and teach them (Mt 28:18-20) and He will be with these to the end of the age. Our duty as parents and pastors then is to baptize, once (Eph 4:5-6), at any age (Mt 28:19b... make disciples of all...) with the only caveat that you teach them until their life’s end. Jesus is the baptizer of all baptisms regardless of the hands He uses as the vessels to do so (John 4:1). Jesus assures us of His death and resurrection (Rom 6:4-10; Col 2:12-13), forgiveness of sins 1 Peter 3:21, Mark 16:16) and creates and sustains faith by the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38). Teaching the doctrines of the Apostles (Acts 20:27) is the “way to go.”

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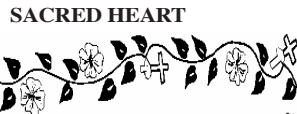
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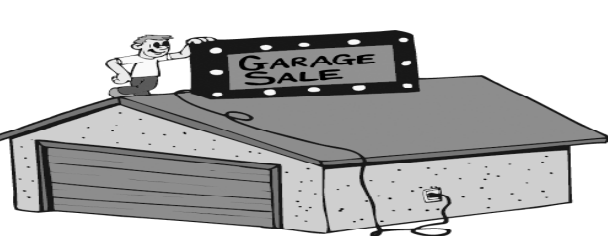
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Notice

The Beaver Dam Lake Management District and the City of Cumberland are sponsoring an informational gathering on Tuesday, August 19th from 4:30 to 6PM at the Tourist Park/Beach pavilion. Emmons & Olivier Resources, Inc. (EOR) and City representatives will be available to discuss and answer questions about the Draft Beaver Dam Lake Management Plan and the City of Cumberland Draft Parks and Recreation Concept Plans for Visitors Park and Eagle Point Park. This is another opportunity for the public to ask questions and have input relating to both Plans that will guide the accomplishment of the goals in both plans in the future.

Beaver Dam Lake Management District

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**SLMD MEETING AGENDA
ANNUAL and Q3 MEETING**
August 30, 2025 • 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Maple Plain, WI Town Hall

Meeting Agenda

Education Event: Pat Brown, Barron County Lakeshore Technician
Call to Order: Carrie
Introductions: Board and Homeowners:
Board Member Attendees:
Home Owner Attendees:
Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Current Agenda:
- May Meeting Minutes:

Homeowner Forum

- SLMD Members Discussion
- EWM Buoy Installation 2026 Vote
- Facilitator: Carrie
- Waiting for Fall bed mapping results and then we will vote on it in November

Aquatic Invasive Species

- Presenter: Clint
 - DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) and Grant Funding Strategy for 2025:
 - Beetles released in July
 - Dash Diving done in June
 - Zebra Mussel Monitoring: Two home owners are tracking and monitoring. No Zebra Mussels found to date

Grants

- Presenter: Clint
 - Rain Gardens and Shoreline Preservation Discussion:
 - Review Grant submission process with Angie for assistance
 - September and November are grant submission deadlines
 - Bed mapping late summer/early fall | Dash Report
 - Assessing spend to date - will determine if asking for additional 1 year extension

Treasurer's Report

- Presenter: Mike
 - 2025 Financial Projections
 - 2024 Audit Results
 - 2026 Budget CBCW Update and Approval
- Presenter: Jessica
 - CBCW Training Overview:
 - To date hours - paid out at \$18/hour.
 - Update to date volunteer hours - coordination led by Jessica for 50 hours.
 - Deadline to get all hours in is end of September

Website Update

- Presenter: Angie
 - Rebranding Logo
 - Logo Design Suggestions
 - Development of Merchandise Page:
 - Merchandise Vendor | Ordering

Annual Sand Lake Community Party

- Organizer: All Board Members
 - Feedback from Events | 4th of July Activities
 - Additional ideas?
 - Spring Potluck

Facebook Engagement Update

- Presenters: Angie/Jessica
 - Posting & Engagement

Virtual Meeting Options:

- Organizer: Angie
 - Investment in WiFi Infrastructure: Update on status of investing in reliable internet connection at Maple Plain Town Hall. Explore opportunities to share costs with other organizations utilizing the Town Hall.

Future Agenda Items

- Coordinator: Carrie
 - Q4 Meeting
 - Date: Confirmed November 1st
 - Time: 10:00 - 12:00 at Maple Plain Town Hall.
 - Virtual: Google meet option available.

Adjournment

- Motion:

Angie Kennedy, Secretary
Sand Lake Management District Board

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Sand Lake Management District	Budget 2026
Income	
Int/other income	1,700
Tax receipts	25,000
WDNR grant adv	
WDNR grant reimb	15,750
Total income	42,450
Expenses	
Ag projects	934
AIS CBCW	5,000
AIS mgmt (NAS, divers)	7,500
AIS plant surveys (ERS)	5,500
Buoys	1,000
Consultant Proj Supp	7,450
Fish sticks	
Insurance	3,500
Mailings/ dues/mtgs	2,000
Shoreland improvement	2,000
Projects	
Total Expenses	34,884
Net Income (Loss)	7,566

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1130 Charie Lane, Cumberland, WI will auction the contents of a storage unit rented by Wayne A Hagen. The contents are briefly and generally described as: dresser, seated chest, 4 drawer file cabinet, microwave, deep fryer, toaster over, dishwasher, heater, desk, 2 benches, LP's (12 - 15, shrink wrapped), kitchen table, misc totes & shrink wrapped items. Auction runs 8/18/2025 - 8/28/2025. See auction details at storagetreasures.com

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
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Bid Opening: Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 12:00 pm (local time)

The City of Cumberland, hereinafter referred to as the Owner, will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service for the construction of **PRE-ENGINEERED BUILDING COLUMN REPAIR** until Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 12:00 pm (local time). All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud at CBS Squared, Inc., 770 Technology Way, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729, at that time.

The Project includes work associated with the repair of the steel columns on the Cumberland City Street Shop. All work must be completed by October 17, 2025.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a lump sum basis as indicated in the Bid Form. Bids shall be on the forms provided for that purpose and per the Contract Documents prepared by CBS Squared Inc. identified as "Pre-Engineered Building Column Repair".

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is: CBS Squared, Inc. located at 770 Technology Way, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729. Contact person is: Chad Oster, 715.861.7417, coster@cbssquaredinc.com.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.cbssquaredinc.com> for a fee of \$30. Documents may be downloaded by first selecting BIDDING from the menu tab, then selecting this project from the CBS SQUARED CURRENT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBidDoc™ Number 9826418 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

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

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

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

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

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

The City of Cumberland reserves the right to reject all bids, without cause, and accept the bid that is in the best interest of the City of Cumberland.

Randall Reeg, City Administrator
City of Cumberland
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Cumberland, WI 54829

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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 on Tuesday, August 19, 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 bids:
 - a.Fuel
 - b.Snow Removal
4. Consider review/revise of policy po9575, Indian Policies and Procedures.
5. Consider approval of Jordan Potvin as High School Head Football Coach.
6. Consider employment of Matt Jungbluth as High School Assistant Football

NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2025 PR 83

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE of Robert Buckner, aka Bob Buckner.

An application for informal administration was filed.

The decedent, with date of birth November 24, 1948, and date of death July 30, 2025, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 342, Cumberland, WI 54829.

All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 18, 2025.

A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

Alicia Crome
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Deanne E. Larson
Probate Registrar

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Coach.

7. Consider employment of Richard Lauterbach as High School Assistant Football Coach and High School Assistant Wrestling Coach.
8. Consider approval of Joshua Anderson as Head Girls' Softball Coach.
9. Consider approval of Tayna Majewski as National Honor Society Advisor.
10. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Cumberland Bus Service, Inc. Agreement.
11. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
12. Set meeting dates and events.

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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Meet the 2025 Miss Cumberland Candidates and Junior Princess Candidates



Miss Cumberland Candidate: Natalie Potthier

Sponsor: Cookies N Cream, Dairy & Beef

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

To show that if you try hard enough you can do anything you set your heart to.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

We have the ability to come together as a community and have fun together.



Miss Cumberland Candidate: Zarina Nelson

Sponsor: Corner Bar and Restaurant

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

I want to be Miss Cumberland so I can represent the town I was born and raised in.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

My favorite part of Rutabaga is all the food stands and seeing all the visitors from out of state.



Miss Cumberland Candidate: Jasmine Delgado

Sponsor: RE/MAX Northstar

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

I want to be a role model for the younger girls and show them kindness and respect.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

I would say the variety of bands that come in and perform. I love hearing different genres of music.



Miss Cumberland Candidate: Lucy Schell

Sponsor: Sal's on 63

1. Why do you want to be Miss Cumberland?

I would like to be Miss Cumberland because Cumberland is such an important place to me and my family and I would love to be the girl to represent the community.

2. Your favorite part about the Rutabaga Festival?

My favorite part of Rutabaga Fest is seeing all of the bands play. I love to go dancing with my grandma. I also love seeing how much fun everyone around me has.



Junior Princess Candidate: Addyson Rodewald

Sponsor: Dana Schneider Electric

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Princess?

I would get to meet new people and represent Cumberland with the royalty.

2. What makes a good friend?

Treating you kindly and willing to help you, keeping your secrets and not telling anybody.



Junior Princess Candidate: Ailah Eggert

Sponsor: The Apothecary

1. Why do you want to be a Junior Princess?

I would like to be a Junior Princess because I like going to new places and meeting new people.

2. What makes a good friend?

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Junior Princess Candidate: Chloe Donica

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1. Why do you want to be a Junior Princess?

I would like to go to different cities, meet new people and ride on the float.

2. What makes a good friend?

A good friend is kind, helpful, trustworthy, and understanding.



The 2025 Miss Cumberland Pageant will be held on Thursday, AUGUST 21ST at 6:00 pm in the Middle School Gymnasium. Tickets are available at the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce or you can purchase at the door. Tickets are \$5 each (Children 5 and under are Free)



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Sports

2025 CHS Hall of Fame!



Tyler Odden

Tyler Odden: 2025 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

By Mark R Fuller

When discussing her time on the Cumberland Cross Country Team during High School, 2025 Hall of Fame Inductee Abby Nelson called teammate Tyler Odden, “A legend.” Defined as, “An extremely famous person, especially in a particular field,” this is an accurate description of a runner who has few comparisons among Cumberland athletes.

Growing up in Timberland, his outstanding career started the fall of his freshman year, when he signed up for Cross County. “I didn’t know anything about the sport, but it turned out to be one of the highlights of high school,” he would add.

He immediately took to the sport and by his 9th grade season’s end, Odden would qualify for the State Meet and finish 18th overall. This was just the start of his State appearances, as he would qualify for the La Crosse Meet three more times adding a 10th, a 6th, and a 4th place finish, running among the best Wisconsin had to offer.

During his four years on the Cross Country squad, he would set numerous School and Area records, including a Course record run of 16:28 at the Barron Course. He would additionally take home an individual HON Championship, win all but one race his entire senior season, and help lead his 1997 team to the Beavers only Boy’s HON Team Title in School history.

He credits Coach Mike Clay for his success saying, “Coach Clay pushed me to my limits and my ultimate success. When I look back, there was one thing that sticks out and that was Coach Clay and his bicycle. He used that to ride alongside me on his bike to push me during practices.”

Clay would say about his runner, “Tyler exemplified three attributes that made him not only a champion runner, but a leader and friend as well. First, he had heart. When every fiber of his being was saying slow down, take it easy, he did the opposite. He strove for excellence and achieved it. Second, he inspired others. Teammates wanted to be like Tyler. In his quiet way, he showed all of us what cross country was all about. Finally, he had the demeanor of a champion. He never bragged, never held back, was always polite, and when he smiled, you knew all was well.”

During the winter, Ty-

ler was a member of the Spooner-Cumberland Co-op Ski Team. Cross Country skiing was something he’d done since he was a youngster growing up. His success there led him to four more State Tournament appearances in his winter sport.

In the spring, Odden participated his freshman and sophomore years as a member of the Cumberland Track Team. In what should be no surprise, he set the School Record in the 3200, went to State both years where he finished 8th overall as a sophomore, and won the HON 3200 individual Championship. If you’re counting with me, that’s 10 State Appearances in 10 attempts. That is a legend!

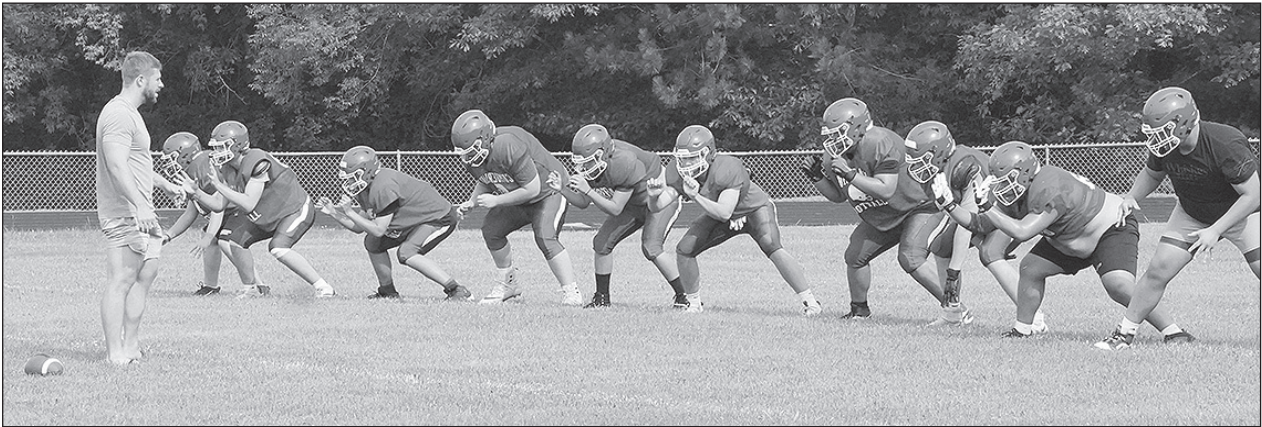
Odden would say about his high school career, “An important memory for me is my teammates. The camaraderie we had as a team made each season fun. Practices, team meals, and the races were always something to look forward to as were the pep rallies for State and hearing “Run Odie run” often during meets.”

Following his graduation, Odden would attend UW-River Falls for two years, where he was a member of the Cross Country Team. As a freshman, he would be named the team’s MVP and was the team’s number one runner. In the fall of 2003, Tyler transferred to WITC-New Richmond where he completed the Diesel Mechanics program.

After graduating, Tyler began working on his family farm where he continues to work today. The farm consists of 600 dairy cows and 5,000 acres of crops. Tyler and his wife Becca, who teaches in the Cumberland District, have three children, Charlotte, Max and Jack. Charlotte will be a freshman at South Dakota State University in the fall, Max will be a Junior at Cumberland High School and Jack will be entering 8th grade. Tyler remains active in helping with his children’s activities, such as, 4-H, sports, and FFA.

Looking at the runners that have been part of Cumberland athletic history, from Steve Anderson to Candy Kroells, to the Nelson Twins and Ryan Steines, several names stand above the others for their outstanding success. Right there among them is the name of Tyler Odden, a 2025 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee.

Putting In The Work!



29 kids are out for this years Cumberland Football Team. New Head Coach Jordan Potvin and the Beavers get their first taste of live action this Friday when they head to Amery for a scrimmage. The Beavers then head to Chetek for the first conference game of the year on Friday, August 22nd. Game time is set for 7 pm.

Football Team Opens Practice; Returns Several Starters, but Small Numbers

The Cumberland Football Team opened practice last week for the 2025 season. Twenty-nine players greeted new Head Coach Jordan Potvin, who served last year as an assistant coach and the team’s Defensive Coordinator.

Prior to last season’s work with the Beavers, Potvin spent time on both the Siren and Cameron coaching staffs. He received a Bachelor’s Degree at Concordia St. Paul and his Master’s Degree in Athletic Coaching Education from the University of West Virginia.

Potvin adds, “I believe football is the best sport in the world, a total team sport where everyone mat-

ters and many life lessons are shared. As a coach, I get to share my passion for the game with different kids and teams every year.”

For the second consecutive year, numbers are low with 29 players reporting to opening drills. “We have low numbers, but return seven starters on both sides of the ball. We have to be realistic about the wins and losses because with 29 kids, one or two injuries puts us in a tough position. My goal as Head Coach is to be competitive on Varsity and play a full JV season while providing a safe environment while we try to grow the numbers,” Potvin says.

Despite the number of kids

out, Potvin was pleased with the opening week of practice, saying, “The kids really worked hard and we had a few surprises from some guys who we hope can help us on both sides of the ball.” Among the key returners are First Team All-Conference lineman Brody Gilbertson, Second Team defensive back Troy Majewski, and top tackler Logan Peterson.

Cumberland hopes to improve on last year’s 1 and 8 record and last place finish in the HON. Returning Conference Champion St. Croix Falls returns seven players who received First or Second All-Conference honors and is the favorite to

defend their 2024 Title.

The team will get the first look at their team this coming Friday in Amery, when the two teams hold a scrimmage beginning at 10:00 am. The 2025 opener will be in Cumberland on Friday, August 22, when the Beavers host Chetek at 7:00 pm.

Cumberland Schedule:
8/22 vs Chetek 7pm
8/29 @ Ladysmith 7pm
9/5 vs Bloomer 7pm
9/12 @ Ashland 7pm
9/19 vs Northwestern 7pm
9/26 @ Spooner 7pm
10/3 vs St. Croix Falls 7pm
10/10 vs Hayward 7pm
10/17 @ Barron 7pm

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Team Totals

Hardina Septic- 860
Goonies- 837
Twin Town Tavern - 836
Charlies Place - 797
Echo Valley Bear Hunters-793
Brill Sportsmans Club-792
Friess MinnowFarm - 787
Lake Country Dairy - 769
Hotel Bar - 766
Almena Meat Co- 763
Halco Press - 762
Rouzer Farms 1 - 760
4 1/2 Men - 747
Spare Time - 746

Toombs Septic - 732
Vision Builders - 727
B n B Disposal - 724
Rouzer Farms 2 - 713
Cookie & Cream Dairy-708
5 Dipsticks - 689
Beckers Trucking - 658
Spray and Pray - 536
Twin Pines Ladies- 518
BJ’s - 341
Top Men
Jon Chartraw - 25
Jordan Olson - 25
John Ricci - 25
Jason Murphy - 25

Brady Blechinger -25
Steve Scharmer - 25
John Ahlm - 25
Dan Hardiana - 24
Ethan Yeske - 24
Charlie Carlson - 24
Mike Rouzer - 24
Eric Rouzer - 24
Tom Rouzer - 24
Bill Ricci - 24
Cory Koenig - 24
Greg Nichol - 24
Duane Talbert - 24
Andy Flottum - 24
Nick Klingelhoets - 24

Dave Klingelhoets - 24
Top Women
Hayleigh Chartraw - 24
JoAnn Scribner - 22
Allie Snowbank - 20
Kassy Coleman - 19
Amber Riebe - 17
Top Youth
Walker Nykanen - 25
Ella Moen - 25
Nolan Bever - 23
Jade Shallock - 23
Brandon Wright- 23
Kyle Carlson- 23
Landon Hubbard- 23

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08/13 Wed	9:14	3:01	9:38	3:26	06:06	08:17	10:12p	11:15a	4:25a	4:50p	*
08/14 Thu	10:09	3:56	10:35	4:22	06:08	08:16	10:35p	12:35p	5:15a	5:41p	*
08/15 Fri	11:06	4:52	11:33	5:19	06:09	08:14	11:04p	1:58p	6:08a	6:36p	*
08/16 Sat	Q-----	5:48	12:03	6:18	06:10	08:13	11:42p	3:21p	7:05a	7:34p	*
08/17 Sun	12:30	6:45	1:00	7:16	06:11	08:11	NoMoon	4:36p	8:04a	8:35p	*
08/18 Mon	1:26	7:42	1:57	8:12	06:12	08:09	12:31a	5:41p	9:06a	9:36p	*
08/19 Tue	2:21	8:36	2:51	9:06	06:14	08:08	1:33a	6:32p	10:06a	10:36p	*

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

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GO BEAVERS!

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



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Young Biologists

Hello friends,
The next two week's I am writing to you about Idaho and then Montana. This week's column will be based out of Stanley, Idaho, a very mountainous area. There I was helping/observing and camping with a team of fish technicians who work for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and do research on trout and salmon on tributaries of the Salmon River.
Julianne Kirby graduated from the University of Virginia in 2024 with a degree in Environmental Science and is the crew leader. Treygan Bragg is a senior at Brigham Young University and a biology major. My daughter, Selina Walters graduated from UW Stevens Point in 2023 with degrees in fisheries and water resources. Devin Dockendorf is a senior at Bemidji State, majoring in wildlife biology. This crew works "hitches" that are 8 days and then have 6 off with a percentage of them living out of their cars when not working.

**Monday, July 28th
High 83, low 47**
This is one of those "how much can you write about as there is a ton" type of stories. First it was a 1625 mile drive to get here while pulling a trailer with an atv in it for my next adventure, and pretty much staying in the GMC Hotel the entire time. Second is arriving at a remote camp nestled in the mountains and meeting the crew I mentioned and about 15 other people doing research. Just as much as anything else would be the learning curve I would be on as I observed, helped, and always waded following this snorkel team.
Here is the scoop in as few words as possible. First, each team which can vary from 2 to 4 people, hike into a predetermined site on a steam that can be 2 to 15 feet wide and 2 inches in some places to 4 feet deep.
This in itself can be a physical task and is found by using OnX. Once the site is reached, depending on the width of the stream, either one or multiple people suit up and one person takes data and the each survey covers 100 meters of stream with measurements of stream width taken 6 times.
Next the snorkelers get into the water, which due to fact that their wet suits are partially shredded,

can feel very cold with an average stream water temp of 51 degrees.
What the snorkelers are looking for and tell to the data recorder is the number and size of steelhead/rainbow trout, cutthroat, brook trout, bull trout, and presence/absence of non-target native fish such as dace, suckers, pike minnows etc..
The crew was extensively trained in early June in fish identification and estimating size, which with the larger fish is completed by knowing the width of their hand. Interestingly, in most cases when spotted, the fish are not scared of the snorkeler.
My main job was to record data which is a huge responsibility but quite simple once trained and that enabled us to have two crews. For myself some of my main challenges were to do the data correctly and just as importantly to not fall in the often very slippery, rock or gravel bottomed streams, also keeping up to 21-24 year olds in our mountain hikes.
In the late afternoon I was with Treygan and Selina. Bull trout are one of the most loved fish in the mountains and a very clear sign of the health of our rivers and streams, unfortunately they are not doing well and are labeled as "Threatened".
Bull trout have two main life histories, one is a "resident" and they are much smaller than "migratory" bull trout that come back to where they were born to spawn. A resident bull trout is large at 12-15 inches and the migratory bull trout which lives most of the year in lakes or larger rivers can reach into the high 30-inch mark. We were on our last site/pass of the day, and I have to tell you that due to the cold water temps, pulling themselves on the stream bottom through countless deadfalls and over hundreds of rocks all day these kids are visibly worn out. They say this snorkeling is a lot like "underwater rock climbing. Treygan and Selina came across an incredible find, 4 big bull trout ranging from 22 to 33 inches, they were even able to make a really cool video with Selina's phone.
This evening at camp where each crew does it owns cooking and just about everyone sleeps in a tent on the ground the bull trout experience was the talk of camp.
I think that just as interesting is the chinook



Treygan, Devin, Julianne, and Selina enjoying a day in the water.



Challenging would be a good way to describe a snorkel crew's job.



A great picture of a bull trout taken by a member of the snorkel crew.

salmon that are born in these streams and rivers, live in fresh water for a year or two, migrate roughly 900 miles to the Pacific ocean to salt water, live there for several years and then migrate in an incredible journey to spawn and then die where they were hatched.
As sometimes happens I have used more space than I should but for everyone reading this I hope you can at least partially understand how important this work is and be thankful that there are enough men and women that get the education and are willing to do the research to protect our natural resources.
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Sports Look Back, August 14, 1975

The Cumberland Beavers opened football practice last Monday, with 22 lettermen from last year's squad reporting.
Head Coach Roger Wistrill is hopeful for an improvement over the 1974 season when the team finished with a 2-6 record in the conference.
The season opens Friday, with a non-conference game at Prescott.
On the coaching staff with Wistrill is Athletic Director Bill Mestelle, Gordy Overby, Bob Wurm, Berk Skinner and Bruce Gonzales.
The seniors on the squad are all lettermen and are as follows: Barry Zappa, Dale Hagen, Paul Nelson, Mike Miller, Dennis Jergenson, Len Amundson, Daryl Wohlk, Bruce Meyer, Vince Gunderson, Norm Nelson, Greg Forsell, Shawn Warwick, Ron Ricci, Kevin Tyvoll, Don Ekenstedt and Dean Meyer.
The juniors have six lettermen from last year's team. They are Ken Sparish, Joe Clark, John Alich, Mark Hanson, Vince Lepak, and John Walsh. Other juniors on the team are Bill Hanson, Dan Nieman, Dean Hagen, Kelly Doonan, John Peichel, Jeff Strickland, Wayne Mathison and Kevin Barrows.
Twenty-one sophomores are on the squad. They are David Zappa, John Odden, Roy Riebe III, Larry Johnson, Steve Bowen, Jim Muench, Mike Stelter, Mike Schultz, David Jansen, Vince Nieman, Steve Schneider, Bob Ricci, Mark Strickland, Bud Gidio, Greg Kamnetz, Mike Williamson, Randy Ogren, Doug Huebner, Jeff Mayer, Mike Chiodo and Jack Jerry.

Spot Bar Wins Rice Lake Tournament!



The Spot Bar Reunion Team, won the Rice Lake Division 1 Slowpitch Softball Tournament. Pictured back row left to right are: Caden Thompson, Jordan Thompson, Andrew Loy, Kevin Drost, Nate Froehlich, Jaylen Lansin, Tom Swanson, Nate Werth, and Izaak Bohl. Pictured front row left to right are: Scott Neva, Gene Wilson, Jim Dreyer, Logan Schultz, Josh Thompson and Broc Haas. Not pictured are Jackson Massie, Jacob Konvicka, Braden Wirth, Justin Knutson, Jake Lundquist and Isaac Lundquist.



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Reflections from a Summer Trip to Europe

by Mark R. Fuller

My predominant reflection from a trip like this is just how lucky I am. I once attended a banquet where a gentleman at the podium pulled out a baseball from his sports jacket and said, “It’s amazing what this little sphere has done for me!” That sums up my life very well. A large percentage of my travel opportunities and many of my best friends come from my involvement in baseball.

This trip came with the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Baseball program. Fresh off our June D3 National Baseball Championship, our team members, family, and program friends had a chance to sign up for this European experience, allowed every three years by NCAA rules.

Most Universities don’t attempt such a venture, but our baseball program heads to Europe every three years as allowed by the NCAA. This is due to the passion and hard work of our Head Coach, John Vodellich, whose parents immigrated here from Yugoslavia some 50 years ago. His father was a skiing coach and his mother an Olympic athlete.

Still having relatives back in the former homeland of his parents, his travel opportunities have created a love of Europe for myself and many of his past players and coaches. Each trip has left a group of athletes more knowledgeable of the world around them.

Once there, we generally schedule five to six games and see places that unfortunately many never see. Because of my 16 years of conducting baseball clinics overseas each winter, I also have an opportunity reconnect with the many great friends I’ve made. For our first-time travelers, I believe the trip is life-changing because of the people and cultures they come across.

I write articles about the trips because I have had several people ask me to. I’ll never forget one of our residents telling me how much she enjoyed a past article because, “I take my vacations to places I’ll never get see from your stories.” If that’s the case, I’ll gladly write a wrap-up, if only for those that feel the same way she does.

As a former history teacher, I find each European Trip very exciting. Here, we think of Independence Hall from 1789 as an old relic. On this trip, we will see churches and castles that go back to the 600s; magnificent buildings that took some 400 years to complete. We will also see the remains of Roman walls from their period of domination.

The other thing we will come across are people just like us. Many of whom will take a vacation day or travel a distance to help show us their city and give us a great experience. Those whose life goals are similar to ours, despite any differences and hardships we may have in our lives. People who will provide us a different perception of themselves and their country from what we may have heard prior to our trip.

This particular trip starts in Paris, France, moves through Switzerland, Austria, Germany and Slovenia, before ending in Italy. We have six games scheduled and stops that include a visit to the Champagne region of France, several Castles, a ride through the Alps, and a variety of tours and dinners.

Our first stop in Paris finds a bustling city filled with tourists. The motels on the trip have been well planned out and put us in walking distance of many great sites. After a day of travel and a night of sleep, our second day in Paris begins with a walking tour led by two coaches from the French Team we will play later that

evening.

As we walk, one can’t help but notice the numerous outdoor cafes and beautiful buildings that show the age of the city. The tour is followed by an opportunity to grab a meal and then a late afternoon bus ride to Jean Marechal Stadium for our first game of the trip.

The games are a treat, not only from the opportunity to compete against a team from Europe, but for the exchange of gifts and the meal which comes after each contest. My wife Barb has made 20 National Championship T-Shirts for me which become my exchange gifts to a team member and coach from each opponent. Pizza and enjoyable fraternizing conclude the evening.

Our third day in the city offers an opportunity to look around Paris on our own. The day for my daughter Jana, granddaughter Clara, a few friends and myself includes stops at Notre Dame Cathedral, the Eiffel Tower, and the famous Louvre Museum, where I take my prize picture of Mona Lisa. A late boat ride on the Seine River is interrupted by rain, which seems to pop-up out of nowhere. That becomes a theme for the rest of our trip.

Up to our visit, Europe had been very hot and dry. We, however, will have at least some rain on each of the next 12 days of our trip. It cost us three of our six scheduled games and a fourth where we can only play two innings. Unfortunately, but uncontrollable and despite the cancellations we still meet at each game site for a meal and conversation with our hosts.

The reputation that unfortunately sometimes accompanies the French proves not accurate at all. Those on the trip agree that we find the prices better and the people much friendlier and helpful than we sometimes read in reviews. A lesson that we should take to heart before making judgements of others both here and there.

We spend three more days in France, first in Reims and secondly in Strasbourg.

Reims is one of the centers of French champagne production. Champagne is 100 percent a French product and the area, which include Reims, is located 90 miles from Paris.

A good friend of our coaching staff, Gregory Cardot, lives in Reims and gives our group a tour of a winery and an evening opportunity for Champagne tasting. He also sets up a tour of the famous Reims Cathedral, known as the Coronation place for many French Kings.

In Strasbourg, meanwhile, we find a beautiful city in which I’d love to spend more time. France was more than expected and Greg’s gift of a bottle of real champagne will make its way back to Cumberland to share with Barb.

If you love the mountains and pristine lakes, Switzerland and Austria are the place to visit. A tour of Zurich and a stay in Lucerne make up our three days in Switzerland, a country whose prices are the highest of the trip. Between the two stops is one day and night in Munich.

Among the scheduled events in Switzerland is a game against the Swiss National Team, which draws a large crowd. Unfortunately, the contest lasts only two innings due to substantial rain. Having an opportunity to stand before both National Anthems prior to the start of the contest provides a bit of an Olympic feel and the meal afterwards, despite having to hide under the overhang of a building, provides another chance to share and make new friends.

Lucerne, meanwhile, is a fantastic and beautiful city. A boat ride on Lake Lu-

cerne and a meal of Swiss fondue are highlights of our brief one-night stay.

Next is a one-day evening in Munich, Germany. Founded in 1158, Munich offers a blend of historical landmarks which includes Marienplatz, the city’s central square, and the Frauenkirche Cathedral. In the city center, we gaze up at the famous Glockenspiel and walk into the Cathedral, built in the 1400s. The evening concludes with dinner at the famous Hofbräuhaus Brewery, which goes back to 1579 and is Munich’s most popular beer hall. My Louie’s Finer Meats t-shirt is fitting for the evening!

The next morning, it’s on to Austria and the city of Vocklabruck, where I have been several times before. Our stay includes a meal in the city center, where my conversation with a couple sitting next to our table leads them to entertain those present with a song which includes yodeling. Three minutes on the trip I will not forget.

The evening ends with a game against the Attnang-Puchheim A’s, which concludes just before the rain comes again. Following our victory, a dinner on a grill provides great food and fun, something many of our parents enjoy the entire contest from a gazebo in center-field. This will be the last game the weather will allow us to play on this trip.

In the morning, it’s off to one of my favorite European countries, Slovenia. The country gained its Independence from Yugoslavia in 1991 and it sits in a great position in the Balkans, with Austria the Alps to its north, the Adriatic Sea and Italy 90 minutes to the west, and Hungary to the east.

It was the first European country I ever visited and it holds a special place in my heart. It was also the first place I found regular coffee here is an espresso and I learned instead to order “White Milk,” which my friend calls, “Kids Coffee.”

We start our stay in the country with a visit to Bled, a small city an hour north of Ljubljana, the Capital. A large Castle sits high above the town, while an Island Church sits in the middle of Lake Bled. Going back to Medieval times, our Castle visit offers a look at life long ago. The rest of our day offers swimming for many of the players and for others a boat ride to a church dating back to the 1600s, when it replaced an older church built in the 800s.

We spend two nights in Ljubljana, a vibrant city built on the Ljubljana River. Thursday provides a tour of the city and a great meal with an outstanding tenderloin steak.

Friday, meanwhile, is filled with activities. It begins with a morning visit to their market, one of the best I’ve ever seen. Found all along one side of the river are hundreds of vendors selling everything from clothes, to handmade items of all kinds, to rows and rows of vegetables, to about anything else you can imagine. Throw in an International Food Tasting Event and our whole day could be spent there or on the other side of the river which is filled with cafes and their outdoor seating.

Our afternoon, however, includes a lunch at Gostilnica Orle, a restaurant located in the surrounding hills high above the city, while the evening concludes at Nostalgalia, a Vintage Café along the river, owned by a good friend from my previous visits there. He provides a free t-shirt for each of our group members as we are entertained by a local band who play several Johnny Cash songs among their sets.

We depart on Saturday



A stunning island church built in the 1,600’s in the middle of Lake Bled, Slovenia.



The Cathedral of Notre Dame, Paris France.



The Olympic Balloon in Paris France.

morning, stopping at Slovenia’s Predjama Castle on the way to Ronchi, Italy and a game scheduled that night against the Italian 23 and Under National Team. Unfortunately, rain once again stops the evening’s scheduled contest, but we enjoy a great meal with our Italian host at the ballpark.

Sunday morning, our group of 74 heads to Venice, from where many will depart on Monday morning. For Jana, Clara, and myself, however, we hop on a Bullet Train to Milan that afternoon, from where our flight leaves early the next day.

The trip home from Europe is always long. By the time you count your time in an airport, connections, and the flights itself, it takes some 14 hours to reach the United States. It gives you time, however, to think back

on the many things you saw and did and perhaps catch up on a bit of sleep.

My Champagne survived the flight, thanks to the dirty clothes that surrounded it. A few other items I purchased also remained in good condition, either in my suitcase or backpack. My great memories of my time in Europe, meanwhile, always come back in good shape.

Prior to 2007, I had no interest in traveling overseas. Once there, however, the history, culture, and people keep me saying, “Now how do I get back.” I’m lucky, for in November, I already have a Clinic scheduled in Portugal.

I would encourage anyone who reads this to take their own trip to Europe. The greatest cost you’ll have is the flight there. Once in Europe, you’ll find the cost

reasonable, the travel quite easy, and the people friendly and ready to show you their country.

From my many baseball trips to the wonderful Christmas Market River Cruise Barb and I took on the Danube a few years ago, each trip has provided me an opportunity to broaden my knowledge of another part of the world. I also realize, however, my trips there will likely end sometime in the next few years.

Then it will be someone else’s turn to take me to another part of the world through their own stories.

