



Former Cumberland Police Officer Forced out for Bad Behavior

By Annie Pulley, The Badger Project



Police Officer Matthew Frey

A former officer, who worked for the Cumberland Police Department, was forced out amid an internal investigation listing dozens of professionalism complaints, which included yelling at citizens and watching hours of YouTube while on duty. He now works as a school resource officer and patrol officer for the City of Hayward Police Department.

Matthew Frey “resigned in lieu of termination” after working eight years at the department in Cumberland, according to a state database that tracks negative separations in law enforcement. He was hired by his current department a month after he resigned.

The investigation, which The Badger Project obtained through a records request, includes a 10 page list of complaints against Frey. They include compromising the safety of an alleged abuse survivor, yelling at a child at a homecoming football game and acting disrespectfully to coworkers and members of the public.

“I have received more complaints on Officer Frey than the entire department combined,” wrote Cumberland Police Chief Heather Wolfe in the investigation. Frey’s current police chief in Hayward, Marshal Savitski, wrote in an email that he was aware of Frey’s history before he hired him, but Savitski said it wasn’t criminal.

“I only discovered disciplinary issues,” Savitski wrote. “I am confident that those policy concerns will not continue as he passed a full year of probation without an issue. I have not had any written complaints on Frey since he started with us 21 months ago.”

Among the list of 26 complaints during his time in Cumberland, Frey was accused of making a suspect aware of abuse allegations against him, placing a woman and her child in a potentially dangerous situation.

The same year, Frey cursed at a driver he claimed almost hit him while he was directing traffic. When Frey approached the driver after she pulled into a nearby gas station, he said, “How stupid can you be for almost hitting me?” according to

the report.

In 2022, Wolfe asked her department to enforce winter parking restrictions. When Frey’s daily log didn’t indicate he complied, Wolfe reviewed department surveillance footage and found that Frey spent 30 out of 72 hours, or six patrol shifts, watching YouTube. He was reprimanded, but the department recorded repeated instances since 2023.

Frey is recorded losing his patience and becoming aggressive with members of the public. There are reports of disrespectful behavior during traffic stops; a report of Frey pointing a taser at an officer in front of the sheriff; a report of Frey yelling at a child during a football game; and multiple times Frey displayed an overtly negative attitude toward coworkers.

When asked in a department-wide evaluation what he could improve about his performance, Frey wrote, “I will always be true to myself and never stoop to the level of ass kissing or screwing someone over to benefit myself...I am sure there have been many complaints on how I speak to people, but I am truthful and honest in my duties as an officer. It does not bother me at all if other ‘deputies’ find my work to be distasteful.” Frey did not respond to requests for comments.

“All of these issues have me questioning whether he has the maturity judgement and competence to do this job effectively or if he even wants to do this job,” Wolfe wrote.

Savitski said his department is fully staffed at the moment, employing eight full-time officers and a handful of part-timers, he said. Frey is a full-time patrol officer but works as a school resource officer during the academic year.

The total number of law enforcement officers in Wisconsin has dropped for years and now sits at a near-record low, according to stats from the state DOJ, as chiefs and sheriffs, especially in rural areas, say they struggle to fill positions in an industry less attractive to people than it once was.

This cop crunch has been a problem for years across the country, experts say.

Statewide, the number of wandering officers, those who were fired or forced out from a previous job in law enforcement, continues to rise. Nearly 400 officers in Wisconsin currently employed were fired or forced out of previous jobs in law enforcement in the state, almost double the amount from 2021. And that doesn’t include officers pushed out of law enforcement jobs

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Huge Turnout!



Cars were lined up from Louie's on The Lake all the way north out near the Island Inn and everywhere in between for the annual Louie's Finer Meats Wurstfest held Saturday, September 13th. Great weather greeted hundreds for super fun event.

High-Speed Pursuit in Washburn County after Resident Calls in Suspicious Activity

In the early morning hours of August 27, 2025, just before 5:30 am, Washburn County Dispatch received a call from a subject who said they were house sitting at a residence in Spooner. The caller told dispatch that two people in black hoodies were circling the house, carrying crowbars.

The criminal complaint states that the caller could see a car down the driveway, but was unable to make out what type of car it was. The caller told dispatch that the two subjects had approached the door. The dispatcher could hear

what sounded like banging on the door. The caller yelled for the people to put their hands up. The caller then told the dispatcher that the people had fled towards the car, and that the caller had used a flashlight to confirm it was a black sedan.

Spooner Police along with Washburn County deputies responded, and within a couple of minutes, and officer located a black sedan heading west on Highway 70 and attempted to make a traffic stop. The sedan did not stop and the officer engaged in a short vehicle pursuit.

The criminal complaint goes on to state that the vehicle was driving in the opposite lane of traffic at times, at speeds up to 100 mph. The fleeing sedan almost struck two separate vehicles head-on while traveling at speeds of approximately 90 mph. At one point, the vehicle turned off its lights and was switching lanes of traffic.

The sedan slowed in thenear Gould Road, and then abruptly came to a brief stop, however, it quickly sped off, once again almost striking another car. When they approached the

intersection of Highway 70 and Carlton Road, the driver jumped from the moving vehicle and began to run north, into the woods near Tracks Bar.

The sedan was still rolling down the roadway onto Cyclone Lake Road. It was located by law enforcement, where it had crashed.

The officer engaged in a foot pursuit, giving multiple commands for the driver to stop, but he did not comply. The driver had his hands in his front pockets, and the officer gave warnings that he would be tased if he did

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Cumberland Marching Band Has Strong Showing at Baldwin-Woodville Invitational; Northern Lights Classic This Saturday

On Saturday September 13, 2025, the Cumberland High School Marching Band traveled to Baldwin, WI to take part in the Baldwin-Woodville Marching Arts Invitational. 11 marching bands from both Wisconsin and Minnesota

competed for top honors in music, marching, percussion, and colorguard in front of a panel of 8 Wisconsin School Music Association adjudicators.

This was Cumberland’s first competitive show of the season, earning a second

place finish in their division.

Cumberland will continue their season this weekend when they host the 13th annual Northern Lights Marching Classic here in Cumberland. 10 bands from throughout northern Wisconsin and Minnesota

will present their 2025 field shows at Endeavor Stadium. In addition, The 400 member University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire Blugold Marching Band will present an exhibition performance to conclude the evening.

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the sale. Large items, please take a picture and we will display the picture. Please mark your items with a suggested price. Call 612-384-5095 to arrange drop off. All monies made at the garage sale will go to the Cumberland American Legion and any unsold items will be donated to other charities.

TSAPL to host a Presentation on Lyme Disease

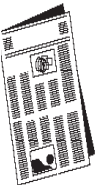
Join us at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland on Thursday, September 25 at 5:30 PM for a presentation on Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses. Patricia Wickman, BSN, RN, from Barron County Public Health, will share

important information and answer your questions. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required. To sign up, call 715-822-2767 or email cupl@cumberlandpl.org.

Home School Hub Kickoff

Join us at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland on Wednesday, October 1 at 1:00 pm for the Homeschool Hub Kickoff! Discover what the library has to offer homeschooling

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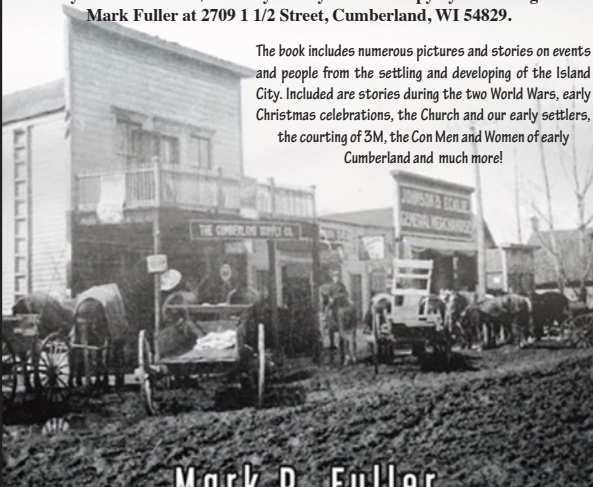
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The Ranallo family would like to say thank you to everyone who took part in the Steve Ranallo Memorial Golf Benefit. A special thanks to Cumberland Community Cares and everyone who donated prizes and more to the event. Marie, Joe, Mary, Carla and Micki.

Flag Retirement Service at Rice Lake Elks Lodge

RICE LAKE, USA – The Rice Lake Elks Lodge is offering a Flag Retirement Service at the Rice Lake Elks on Sunday September 21 at 2:00pm with assistance from local Boy Scout Troop 28. The event is offered as a community outreach event and Elks Leadership encourages the members of the local community to attend the service if schedules permit. The event will be conducted in the banquet hall of the Elks Lodge #1441 located off Lakeshore Drive, in Rice Lake, WI

Refreshments will be available following the brief ceremony. The Flag the United States of America is the emblem of the Benevolent and Protective order of the Elks, which is distinctively American and intensely patriotic, which is the driving force in Flag Retirement Service project offered to the local community. The American Flag flies over our homes, communities, and our public places and demonstrates our pride in America.

Flags that are brought in are essential to retirement as they are tattered, torn and ragged - they have served their country with honor and distinction. They have reached the end of their patriotic journey.

We are asking the community to assist the Leadership Team at Rice Lake Lodge #1441 by dropping off Flags that need to be retired from September 10-September 20. A box is located inside the Lobby located at the Elks Lodge #1441 at 36 East Eau Claire Street.

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Monday, September 22
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FRIDAY, SEPT. 19: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit • 7-9 pm Varsity Football Home vs Northwestern •

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20: • 9 am-3 pm HS Varsity & JV Volleyball Tournament • 10 am - 1 pm HS Cross Country @ Osceola • 11am-1 pm CCE: Pickleball •

MONDAY, SEPT. 22: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit • 4-8:30 pm Girls Golf Match @ Home • 5-8 pm HS Volleyball C Team Quad @ Shell Lake • 5-7 pm MS Volleyball Home vs Barron • 6-7:30 pm JV Football Game @ Northwestern • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •

TUESDAY, SEPT. 23: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-7 pm HS Cross Country @ Barron • 4:40-7 pm Boys Varsity Soccer Home vs Barron • 5-7 pm MS Volleyball @ Bloomer • 5:30-9 pm HS Volleyball @ Barron •

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Despite their work histories, wandering officers can be attractive to hire for law enforcement agencies, as they already have their certification, have experience and can start working immediately.

Law enforcement agencies can look up job applicants in the state DOJ's database to get more insight into officers'

work history. And a law enacted in 2021 in Wisconsin bans law enforcement agencies from sealing the personnel files and work histories of former officers, previously a common tactic for cops with a black mark on their record.

About 13,400 law enforcement officers are employed in Wisconsin, excluding those who primarily work in a corrections facility, according to

the state DOJ. Wandering officers make up about 2.5 percent of the total.

At least one major study published in the Yale Law Journal has found that wandering officers are more likely to receive a complaint for a moral character violation, compared to new officers and veterans who haven't been fired or forced out from a previous position in law enforcement.

High Speed Pursuit...

not stop. The driver tripped and fell to the ground but stood up and continued running.

The officer eventually deployed his taser and took the driver, identified as Caleb Shuman, 30, of New Richmond into custody. Shuman said that he had swallowed Fentanyl, and an ambulance was requested to respond.

Officers walked the path that Shuman had run and located a glove, a wallet, and

a headlamp with no strap.

At the time of his arrest, Shuman had multiple active felony arrest warrants from St. Croix County for failure to appear in court on charges of possession of narcotics.

Shuman is charged with Class F Felony Burglary of a dwelling, Class F Felony first degree recklessly endangering safety, Class H Felony attempting to flee an officer, two counts of Class

H Felony Bail Jumping, Class I Felony Possession of Narcotic Drugs, and resisting an officer.

At a recent hearing, the Honorable Judge Angeline Winton ordered a \$10,000 cash bond for Shuman with \$100,000 signature bond. On September 8, 2025, Shuman appeared, while in custody, and is scheduled to have a preliminary examination in November 2025.

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Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Wow, what a weekend! My son Isaac got married this past Saturday at a gorgeous wedding venue near Whitehall, Wisconsin. Isaac and Kali Bucher, pretty crazy for me to say as it seems like not long ago he was running around Cumberland playing baseball, working at the golf course or hanging out with his buddies. I guess that means I’m getting a little older. I can’t tell you how lucky we are as both Sarah and I really, really like Kali and all of her family. They are great down to earth people who are a blast to hang out with as well. It was so fun to see some family and friends who I haven’t seen in quite some time, and it was for a good reason, not a funeral. We had an awesome fish fry on Friday night (thanks to Nate and Luke) and everything from there went off without a hitch. I also want to thank Jess & Dan for handling the bartending duties, Tim & Michelle for all the help and awesome homemade cavatelli’s, Grandma Kate for the best cookies on the planet, my buddies Mike (for the truck), and Ron for hauling down a full load in his truck. Can’t forget about Reid for hauling down the trailer from Island Wines. It was a weekend I will never forget. I wish you both an awesome, happy marriage and like I said during my speech, I’m looking forward to a grandchild or two when the time is right. Cheers!

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What a horrific scene played out at Utah Valley University Campus when Conservative Activist Charlie Kirk was assassinated by suspected gunman Tyler Robinson in front of a huge campus crowd last Wednesday afternoon. This took place three months after the murders of Minnesota State Representative Melissa Hartman and her husband Mark and State Representative John Hoffman and his wife Yvette, who miraculously survived gunman Vance Boelters attack at their homes. Where does it stop, where does it end? Unfortunately, I don’t see it happening. In today’s world, heaven forbid, if you don’t agree with someone’s political views, it’s just awful and ridiculous. Last time I checked, we live in a Democracy. Don’t really know what to say, Rest in peace Charlie Kirk.

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St. Paul Lutheran Church will celebrate 125 years this coming Sunday, September 21st, with a brunch from 11:30 am to 1 pm, followed by a hymn sing at 1 pm and a 1:30 pm worship service. Please see the ad on page 12 for more information. Congratulations on celebrating 125 years St. Paul Lutheran Church!

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From all accounts Louie’s Finer Meats Wurstfest was the biggest and best yet. I’ve seen quite a few photo’s and the crowd was huge. I was bummed I had to miss that as well as the annual Steve Ranallo Golf Benefit. I’ll be back at both next year!

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Well the leaves have begun to change colors, it is amazing how much farther along they are here than just two hours to the south. It doesn’t feel like fall as I write this, but its right around the corner (yeah!). My boat has spent way too much time couped up in the garage, that’s about to change! Love fall fishing, hardly anyone on the lakes and the fishing gets excellent as the water gets colder, plus I don’t have one fish in my freezer, can’t have that! Get out and enjoy some beautiful weather. Have a great week!

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Pros and cons of tariffs strategy continue to play out”

MADISON, Wis. – A Trump administration goal in imposing tariffs on many foreign-made goods was to encourage some manufacturers to relocate in the United States, a process known as “onshoring.”

Trends show onshoring is underway, but not without its challenges. The recent immigration raid on a Hyundai plant near Savannah, Ga., illustrates a conflict between two White House policy goals.

About \$2.1 billion in state and local incentives went into attracting the \$7.6 billion plant. Korean workers were hired – some without documentation, some under short-term visas – for specialized set-up work. There were complaints those should be American jobs, but skilled U.S. citizens proved harder to find as Hyundai tried to keep construction on schedule.

The result: A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, raid that rounded up many workers and set back the date “Made in U.S.A” production can commence.

Tariffs are complicated taxes on foreign-made goods that can have a ripple effect on the economy, from supply chains to trucking to prices U.S. consumers pay for items that were much cheaper only months ago.

Debate over whether tariffs will bring back the hallowed days of American “factory towns” or unleash a new set of economic troubles continues, especially in states such as Wisconsin, where manufacturing traditions run deep.

One such discussion will take place Sept. 16 in Madison at a noon forum produced by WisPolitics.com with help from the Wisconsin Technology Council. It will feature Menzie Chinn, a professor in UW-Madison’s La Follette School of Public Affairs who studies macroeconomics; veteran farm broadcaster Pam Jahnke, who directs the Mid-West Farm Report Network; Buckley Brinkman, who leads the Wisconsin Center for Manufacturing and Productivity; and Roberta Oldenburg, director of business development for science and technology at Findorff Construction.

The line-up for the forum, to be held at The Madison Club, speaks to the downwind effects of tariffs: From favorable breezes to storm clouds, and from manufacturing to agriculture to construction.

The automotive industry in Wisconsin is one example. According to data from the Alliance for Automotive Innovation and IBISWorld, it contributed \$15.2 billion to the gross state product

in 2024. Under the Trump tariffs, most of the world’s car-making and parts-supply countries are subject to double-digit tariffs. Will auto-related companies in Wisconsin absorb the higher costs that will come with those tariffs?

Another example is the state’s farm economy. In 2024, Wisconsin exported nearly \$4 billion in agricultural products such as soybeans and dairy products. China, Mexico, and Canada account for more than half of those two exports. Retaliatory tariffs from these countries are making Wisconsin’s products more expensive and driving business to other nations such as Brazil, in the case of soybeans.

A flip side on the tariffs debate is foreign direct investment by nations such as Japan, Canada, Germany and the United Kingdom. Companies such as Kikkoman, which opened its first U.S. production plant in Walworth in 1972, continues to thrive in Wisconsin. Toshiba America Energy Systems Corp., Komatsu Mining Technologies, Yaskawa America Inc. and IRIS USA are among other Japanese companies with Wisconsin facilities.

Envoys from Japan and Canada, to cite two examples, have visited Wisconsin of late to remind public of-

ficials and private leaders alike they the state’s major trade partners.

Leaders at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. are also mindful of changing dynamics in the related worlds of imports, exports and foreign direct investment. They organized a recent trade mission to Japan and missions to Canada, Mexico and Germany are being formed.

Other than the Hyundai plant in Georgia, what signs point to more onshoring of manufacturing?

For starters, that company alone has announced plans \$26 billion in total U.S. investment by 2028, assuming the Georgia raid doesn’t leave a lasting hangover. Analysts such as Goldman Sachs predict a 2.5% increase in U.S. energy demand by 2030. While much is tied to data centers, the return of critical manufacturing to America for semiconductors, EV batteries and more is also a big part of the power picture.

The effects of tariffs on the U.S. and Wisconsin economies depends on who’s asked, but no one is pretending conflicts will simply go away.

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LETTERS

Disagreements should NEVER justify Violence

To the Editor:

On September 10, our nation lost Charlie Kirk to a senseless act of violence carried out by someone who disagreed with his philosophy. His assassination is a profound tragedy, not only for his family, friends, and supporters, but for anyone who values open discourse, decency, and the courage to stand for one’s beliefs.

In the aftermath of his death, I’ve been appalled by the vile comments and slurs being directed at Charlie. It is shocking that even in mourning, some would resort to name-calling—labeling him a racist, Nazi, misogynist, or homophobe. These attacks are not only false, they are deeply disrespectful to a man who spent his life engaging with ideas, challenging policies, and promoting spirited debate rather than hatred. Charlie’s life and work embodied fairness, integrity, and the kind of respectful dialogue that strengthens, rather than divides, communities.

Charlie’s Christian faith was the foundation of his moral life and guided him in every decision. What made him unique was the way he consistently

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago
September 23, 2015

The 2015 Homecoming Royalty was crowned before the start of last Friday’s football game. They are: Triston Larson, Cole Sutherland, Jack Ault, 2015 Homecoming King Ethan Roeschlein, Tyrell Hoisington, Jesus Delgado, Roy Green, Makenna Olson, Jenna Romanowski, Tayla Anderson, Lexi Friess, Sara Behling, Nikki Fox and 2015 Homecoming Queen Annie Larson.

20 Years Ago
September 21, 2005

The Riebe Family of rural Cumberland did well at the Minnesota State Fair Jersey Show. Nearly 200 head were exhibited. They won seven firsts and five seconds, including Junior Champion, Honorable Mention Intermediate Champion, Premier Breeder and Premier Exhibitor.

Alan R. Carlson, M.D., of the Cumberland Medical Clinic, has been named the 2005 Family Physician of the Year by the Wisconsin Academy of Family Physicians.

30 Years Ago
September 20, 1995

The Cumberland High School Marching Band finished second in class B, Saturday at the Amery Fall Festival Parade. Twelve bands participated in the parade with Cum-

berland finishing fourth overall.

In the upcoming years, students in the Cumberland School District, will once again have classrooms for all their courses and homerooms thanks to the results of the referendum election. In passing the \$8.5 million referendum, voters approved replacement of the 1924 section of the elementary school, renovation and technological additions of the high school and the beginning of a new middle school for grades 5 through 8.

40 Years Ago
September 18, 1985

A new gift and craft store, Country Keepsakes, has opened in Cumberland, adjacent to the Islander on Highway 63 at the city’s north edge. Nancy Gagner, who owns and operates Country Keepsakes, is planning the store’s grand opening for the end of September.

50 Years Ago
September 18, 1975

Mrs. Kathryn Riemer of Cumberland, and RN employed by the Barron County Public Health Nursing Service, has been awarded a Certificate in Public Health Nursing by the Council on Health, Madison.

Jack Walsh, Cumberland High School Biology Teacher, was the recipient of the NEA Honor Award

voted by teachers of the Cumberland Community Schools for “service to education and the teaching profession as an outstanding colleague with 16 or more years of service.

60 Years Ago
September 23, 1965

Cumberland rural firemen were called to the Les Nelson home on Crystal Lake, southwest of the city, at 5:45 pm, last Wednesday. The fire caused extensive damage to the new home and destroyed a double garaged attached to the house. According to the Fire Chief Charles Saile, the fire started in the garage and was probably caused from an electric wiring.

70 Years Ago
September 22, 1955

Cumberland’s 23rd Rutabaga Festival attracted a large crowd as usual and provided a varied program of interesting events. Karen Larson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Larson, was chosen as the 1955 Rutabaga Festival Queen.

80 Years Ago
September 20, 1945

PFC. Myron T. Sorensen, Cumberland, and of the American Division serving in the Philippines has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal in a citation from the commanding officer. PFC. Sorensen is with the liaison section of the field artillery of the division.

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couched his arguments within that faith, grounding his positions not in hostility but in conviction shaped by Scripture. He reminded us that public debate need not abandon moral clarity, and that Christianity’s call to truth and compassion can shape civic discourse in powerful and positive ways.

Alongside his faith, Charlie embodied the values of the Midwest—hard work, humility, respect for neighbors, and a practical, grounded approach to life. He was unpretentious, sincere, and steadfast in his commitments, and these

qualities shaped not only his character but the example he set for others.

What set Charlie apart was his willingness to engage with people who disagreed with him. He welcomed honest conversation, even when it was uncomfortable, and encouraged others to think critically rather than react emotionally. In an era when public discourse is increasingly polarized, that openness and courage are rare and unique.

Charlie Kirk was not perfect—no one is—but he lived his convictions openly and with integrity. The

tragedy of his death is compounded by the fact that our society has become so quick to demonize those with differing viewpoints. Let his memory serve as a reminder that disagreement should never justify violence.

As we mourn his loss, we should reject the false accusations and vile commentary, honor his faith, his Midwest values, and his commitment to dialogue, and strive to emulate the decency, courage, and integrity he exemplified throughout his life.

**Rick Bland
Barronett**

Ice Age Trail Chapter Offers Easy October Hikes

Two October hikes on the Ice Age National Scenic Trail in Polk County are open to the public by the Trap Rock chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance.

The first on Oct. 5 at 1 p.m. is a kick-off hike for the 2025 Mammoth Challenge, which is a program of the alliance. This easy hike launches from Zillmer parking lot on Day Road in St. Croix Falls and follows Mindy Creek downhill to Lions Park. The creek

was named after an Ojibwe woman of the Bad River band who lived and worked by the St. Croix in the area. More about the challenge is available at iceagetrail.org.

The chapter’s annual fall colors hike will be on Oct. 26 at 1 p.m., followed by a potluck, which non-hikers may join at 2 p.m. This easy two-mile hike on the Trade River north segment will go from 150th Street to the chapter shed on 140th Street. The chapter will

provide sloppy joes, baked beans and beverages. Participants should preregister by emailing the chapter at TrapRockChapter@iceagetrail.org or calling 715-371-0048.

Hikers should bring water and a snack, dress for the weather, and bring sun lotion or insect repellent, depending on conditions. Intersections near the start of each hike will feature yellow Ice Age event signs for directions.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

It is almost time for the Barronett Color Fest! The fun starts on Friday, September 26th, and runs through Sunday the 28th. There will be all kinds of activities for adults and children. The women of Barronett Lutheran will be serving pie, ice cream and other goodies at their booth on Saturday. Barronett Lutheran will hold Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 a.m. at the Community Center, and we hope to have lots of visitors that day.

There are lots of things I like to do at the Color Fest – shopping at the craft and produce sale, watching softball, the keg toss, the garden tractor pull – but my favorite is the dunking game. You know, the one where some brave person volunteers to sit in the seat above a huge vat of water and others throw baseballs at a lever that dumps him or her off the seat.

Some of the things that I like to stock up on at the craft sales are dish towels. There is usually someone there who has embroidered them with almost any design you can think of. They make great wedding shower gifts. Over the years I have also bought hand-woven throw rugs, blankets, doll clothes, jewelry -- the list goes on and on. It’s a great place to find some one-of-a-kind Christmas gifts. (It’s too bad we have to start thinking of that already, isn’t it?)

Anyway, be sure to check out the Barronett Civic Club Facebook page to get lots of details and times for all the events. We hope to see you there.

Pat Olson called to let me

know that Zion Lutheran Church in Turtle Lake will be hosting their Fall Dinner on Wednesday, October 1st. They will be serving from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. If you have not been to this particular dinner, let me tell you it is wonderful. There is absolutely no way that anyone would ever leave there hungry. Oh, and if you do have a friend or family member who is unable or unwilling to travel to Turtle Lake, they will also have to-go orders. Duane and I missed last year’s dinner because of an appointment out of town, but this year we will definitely be there.

Kaitlynn and Jessica Holmen are now old enough to get their driver’s permits. Wow!! They turned 15 on September 11. They were at their Grandma Lynn’s house this past weekend, so we had a little get-together for them here on Saturday evening. In addition to the two birthday girls and their grandma, their cousins, Kane and Pierce Thon were guests. We had jelly-roll and a Dairy Queen ice cream cake. Their mom, Jamie Anderson, was working at the Benjamin House food event in Rice Lake, so she couldn’t join us that evening. The next day, though, she took the girls to the North Shore for a fun-filled girls’ day out.

Tina Anderson and several of the Oak View Adult Family Home clients had a very good time on Saturday listening to, and keeping time with, the live music at Peter and Annie’s in Cumberland. Tina said that she didn’t know if music on Saturday happened all year long at Peter and Annie’s,

but that she planned to take the ladies back again because they all had such an enjoyable time.

Jeff, Carmen and Jim Copus and Donna V stopped by for a visit after having dinner at Sal’s on 63 on Friday evening. We were so glad that they took the time to stop by – we haven’t gotten out much lately to visit other people. They were still laughing about a goofy thing Suzy told them during dinner. I can’t tell you the whole story because it’s too long and convoluted, but it involved Ryan Lehmann coming to our house last week when Jim and a bunch of others were here. Ryan asked Tina Anderson where her dog – and he called it an unprintable name – was. Jim, who really didn’t hear the name that Ryan called the dog, thought he was asking about Donna and said, “Well, she wasn’t feeling well so she stayed home.” We all roared with laughter. Jeremy Olson was here and said, “Isn’t it funny when someone has the same pet name for their girlfriend as you have for your dog.” That was one of those “you had to be there” kind of things.

The Scandinavian Smorgasbord, hosted by Oak View Adult Family Home is coming up soon. It will take place at the Barronett Community Center the first Sunday in November. I will have lots more details about it before that time, but I just wanted to mention it now so you can mark it on your calendar.

I better go. I hope you have a wonderful week. See you next time.

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Friday, September 19

Baked cod with creamy dill sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, assorted bread, fudgy brownie.

Monday, September 22

Beef and bean chili, cheese and crackers, corn bread, chilled peaches.

Tuesday, September 23

Roast pork, mashed potatoes with gravy, California Blend veggies, assorted bread, apple cake.

Wednesday, September 24

Seafood pasta salad served on lettuce leaf, cowboy caviar with tortilla chips, dinner roll, chocolate pudding.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
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June B. (Swanson) Schleicher

June Bonnie (Swanson) Schleicher- Beloved caregiver, wife, stepmother, aunt, sister, and dear friend. Born June 15, 1945, to Milton & Edith Swanson, Minneapolis, MN. Passed away September 9, 2025, at Care and Rehab, Cumberland. June's education included Twin Lake, Lee, and Northport Elementary Schools in Minneapolis, Robbinsdale Junior and Senior High Schools in Robbinsdale. Her college education was done at North Park Covenant College, Chicago, IL, and the University

of Minnesota. Marriages to Barry Peltier and Robert Schleicher (deceased).

Survived by stepchildren Lisa Hughes (Timothy), John Schleicher (Shannon Daly), Kari Grimes (Mike), and Mark Schleicher (Lisa Ziesemer); grandkids: Lauren Zolin, Michael Grimes (Nicole), Sarah Tran (Tai), Brianna Hines (Connor), Kylie, and Ashley. June's sisters are Barbara Peterson and Ann Kronstedt (deceased). Brothers-in-law: Lynn Peterson and Ken Kronstedt; nieces and nephews: Karla Peterson, Jason Peterson (Misty Levenske), Jeffrey Peterson (Stephanie), Karen Pretzel (Steve); grandnieces and nephews: Harper, Cooper, Sawyer Peterson, Matthew, and Rachel Pretzel.

June, along with her two sisters, attended Brookdale Covenant Church in Brooklyn Center, MN, participating in Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Confirmation, and Bible

Camp. A favorite childhood pastime for June was reading books and writing summer plays for the neighborhood children to participate in and present. June and her sister, Barbara, never received an allowance, but baby-sat and worked high school summers in the mail room at the Billy Graham Association and the Burma Shave factory, both in Minneapolis, MN.

Twenty-two year old June loved to travel. One such adventure was hitching a ride in the backseat of an unheated car with her sister Barbara to New York City over the long 1967 Thanksgiving weekend to see the "big city lights". They saw a play in Greenwich Village, lunched at an automat, took subways and the elevated train to Coney Island Amusement Park, and stayed at the historic Roosevelt Hotel. June and Barbara became world travelers in 1968 after taking a retired World War II ship to cross the Atlantic Ocean. Both were seasick for eight days with a crew that only spoke Italian.

They rented a car in Paris and learned to drive a stick

shift car, staying overnight at hostels, picking grapes for 6 days while staying with a family in their home who owned the vineyard near Dijon, France, and even crossed over to occupied East Berlin on foot at the guarded Berlin Wall. June also traveled to Nova Scotia and throughout the United States. During her marriage to Bob, they traveled down the Mississippi River in their boat to Mobile, AL to take classes for June to become a licensed First Mate, and Bob became a licensed Boat Captain to carry passengers.

June's employment history included being a United States Postal Service employee in Minneapolis and Red Wing until retirement at age 70. June was a beloved aunt. She introduced her nieces and nephews to downtown Minneapolis, MN living, metro buses, and the Dayton eighth-floor Christmas displays. She was a caring and generous person, often putting others before herself.

Special thanks to Care and Rehab - Cumberland for the wonderful care she received over the 3 years as

a recent resident with physical disabilities.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Care and Rehab -Cumberland, First Lutheran Church of Cumberland, or charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life service to be held Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 11:00 am at First Lutheran Church- Cumberland, 1180 8th Avenue, 54829. Visitation at 10:00 am and luncheon to follow service.

Anthony "Tony" R. Tempesta

Anthony "Tony" Robert Tempesta, age 95, of Isanti passed away at home on September 13, 2025.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 26, from 4 PM - 7 PM at Skinner Funeral Home, 1245 1st Ave. Cumberland, WI. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM on Saturday, September 27, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 925 Saint Anthony St., Cumberland. Full notice to follow. Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



2025 WEATHER

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"Express Our Thanks"

by Pastor Tim Schmidt
First Lutheran Church

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, 1 Thessalonians 1:2

Paul begins his letter to the Thessalonians with a word of thanks. And what he is thanking God for is the people he is writing to. He is writing to a church community, and he begins by expressing thanks to God for their church and for all of them in it.

This is such a great opening to his communication with them. And it is a reminder of something that we maybe don't do often enough. And that is to express our thanks for the people in our lives.

Notice that there are two parts of what Paul is doing here. First, he is expressing his thanks to God in prayer. And we can do that too as we pray in thanksgiving for those who are near and dear to us – and whose lives enrich our own lives in so many ways.

But the second thing that Paul does here is that he tells the people that he is thankful for them. And that is something that we can do of course too. We can tell those in our lives that we are thankful for them and how much they mean to us. That is something that we maybe don't do very often. But it can mean so much – both for us in saying it – but also for them to hear it.

Prayer: Loving God, we give you thanks for the people that you have given to us that we might love and care for one another. Teach us to be thankful, not only with you – but with one another as well. For we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Sports

Soccer Team Goes 1 and 1; Parent’s Night This Thursday

The Cumberland Boy’s Soccer Team dropped a disappointing 2-1 decision to Eau Claire Regis last Tuesday, but rebounded on Thursday to defeat St. Croix Falls/Unity 2-0, to split a pair of contests last week. The team was back in action in Washburn on Tuesday, before returning to Endeavor Stadium this Thursday for a Parent’s Day match-up against Ashland at 5:00 pm. Thursday’s game will also include Soccer Youth Night at intermission.

The Beavers took an early 1-0 lead against Regis, when

Senior Camden Johnson found the back of the net at the ten-minute mark of the first half. Regis recovered, however, to get two second-half scores to take the victory. “We controlled the game in the first half, but Regis took momentum over the game’s last 20 minutes to pull out the victory,” said Head Coach Brent Sellent. Cumberland rebounded to control Thursday’s win over St. Croix Falls/Unity throughout the game.

“We received a great defensive effort from Calvin Cunningham, Andrea San-

tangelo, Cash Rouzer, and Austin Hornstein in the win,” added Coach Sellent. The two Cumberland goals, meanwhile, came from Braden Johnson following a throw-in by Shae Longtine, while Ian Sellent scored the Beaver’s last goal on a free kick from 20 yards out, following a foul on Rhowen Ruppel just outside the box. Following this week’s two games, Cumberland is back in action on Tuesday, September 23, with another home contest against Bar-ron at 4:30 pm.

Beavers Football Team Loses to Ashland; Northwestern up Next

The Cumberland Football Team traveled to Ashland last Friday, where they came away with a 40-0 loss to the Oredockers. Up next are the Northwestern Tigers, who come into Endeavor Stadium this Friday for a 7:00 pm contest.

Ashland built up a 26-0 lead over the Beavers by halftime and cruised to their second win of the season. “We didn’t play well on Friday night against a good team. We’re not getting enough on offense to give ourselves a chance, but our team is resilient and they don’t give up,” said Head Coach Jordan Potvin.

The Beavers finished the evening with 168 to-

tal yards, 40 through the air and 128 on the ground. Quarterback Troy Majewski completed four of 10 passes, with Max Odden continuing to pace Beaver receivers, grabbing three of the aeri-als for 23 yards.

Majewski added eight carries for 48 yards, while Logan Peterson led the Cumberland rushing attack with 49 yards on 17 attempts. “We are struggling to put the ball in the end zone, moving the ball at times but not finishing drives,” said Coach Potvin. Five turn-overs were also part of the Beavers struggles.

Defensively, the Beavers played better ball in the second half, after struggling

early on and giving up 315 total yards before intermis-sion. “We struggled for sure in the first half,” added Pot-vin.

Brody Gilbertson contin-ues to lead the team defens-ively with seven tackles on the night. Troy Majewski was right behind with 6.5 tackles, while Logan Pe-terson added 5.5 and Max Peterson five each. Graier Corns contributed a quarter-back sack.

This Friday, the Beavers host a good Northwestern team, who is 4 and 0 on the season, having stormed past St. Croix Fall last Friday, 41-0. They have outscored their opponents, 143 to 28 during their four victories.

Cumberland Cross Country Team Runs Twice; In Winter on Thursday

The Cumberland Cross Country Team ran in a pair of meets last week, partici-pating in Bloomer on Tues-day and Cameron on Thurs-day.

Bloomer was the site for their own Invitational, where seven teams partici-pated in the run. The host Blackhawks easily took first place in the girl’s competi-tion, with the Cumberland runners coming in sixth. In the boy’s race, North-western took first, with the Cumberland Boy’s Team also coming in sixth.

Leading the way for the Cumberland Girl’s squad was Freshman Jovina Skinner, who came in with an excellent finish of 15th place out of 72 runners with a time of 23:45. Junior Violet Small was the next best Cumberland runner with a time of 25:14, good for 28th.

The Bloomer Hartman triplets finished in first, sec-ond, and third individually with Junior Clara Hartman

leading the way with a run of 18:29.

In the boy’s race, Bloom-er’s Seth Rogge took Med-alist honors with a time of 16:47, while Cumberland’s Tommy Dettinger contin-ued his excellent fall with a time of 17:17, good for third. Brother Ben Dettinger also had a strong showing with a 12th place finish and a time of 18:31.

Last Thursday, both the Middle School and High School headed to Cameron, where they participated against nine other teams.

For the high school boy’s, Cumberland’s Tommy Det-tinger came home in first place with a run 16:47, 30-seconds better than his time two days earlier. Brother Ben added 8th place with a time of 18:24, while Jayden Eagleman was 27th out of 83 runners with a time of 20:22. As a team, the Beavers came in third behind Cameron and Chequamegon.

The Cumberland Middle

School runners were led by Leo Dettinger, who was 18th with a 2500m run of 11:23. Finn Corry of Birch-wood took first with an ex-cel-lent time of 10:09. Cum-berland’s Jackson DePatto was 42nd at 12:45.

The Cumberland Girl’s Team was led by led once again by Jovina Skinner, who ran a 23:32 to finish 21st overall behind the lead-er, Inez Schmidt of Cam-eron, whose winning time was 19:46. Violet Small came in 27th and Greta Weaver 41st for Coach Rosenow’s squad.

The Girl’s Middle School run was won by Kaci Dunn of Prairie Farm-Clayton with a time of 11:20. Cum-berland’s Riley Muench came in 25th win a run of 13:22, while Elliot Mey-er was 30th and Addalyn Lehmann was 49th.

Cumberland’s next com-petition is on Thursday, September 18 in Winter af-ter running in Rice Lake on Tuesday night.

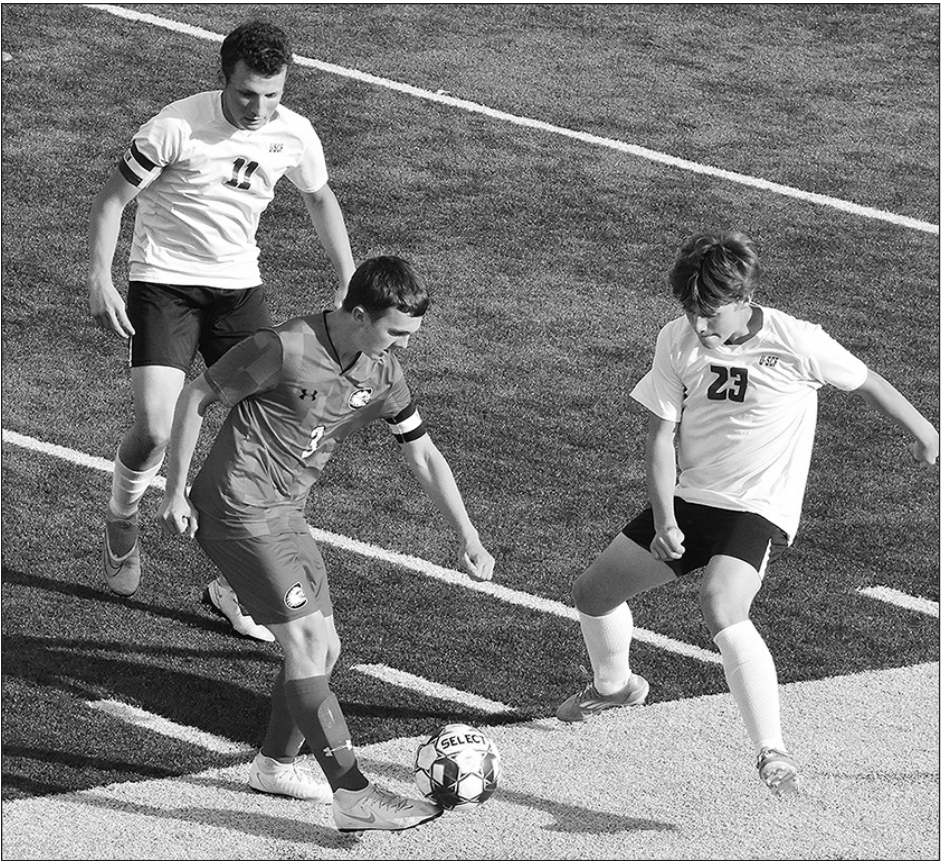


Greta Weaver at Cameron.



Presli Butzler (left) and Maci Anderson running the course at Cameron.

2-0 Win!



#3 Cash Rouzer and the rest of the Beavers Soccer Team played excellent defense in Cumberland’s 2-0 win over St. Croix Falls/Unity Thursday night at Endeavor Stadium.



#24 Austin Hornstein out races a St. Croix Falls/Unity player Thursday night in the Beavers 2-0 win. #4 Ian Sellent follows the play.



Cumberland defensive back #15 Max Peterson played tight coverage Friday night in Ashland. The Beavers are back home this Friday night vs Northwestern. Game time is set for 7pm. Photo by Greta Weaver



Beaver running back Logan Peterson fights for yardage last Friday night in Ashland. Photo by Greta Weaver



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Tales from the Bear Hunt

Hello friends,
This week's column is about the six nights that I spent hunting black bear in northern Juneau County teamed up with my good buddy Doug Cibulka. We have been running baits since April 15th and giving this hunt our best shot.

Wednesday, September 3rd
High 62, low 45

Today is day one of these hunts and not only is it Doug and I at "Bear Camp," our buddy Jeff Moll is here and is hunting teal and geese, and using my golden retriever Red. Today we were walking Doug out to his stand and somehow Jeff's alarm went off twice on his Suburban. That gave us a laugh, "except for Doug." Mr. Moll, who grew up with Mr. Cibulka and I, had one volley at a flock of teal in 2 hunts and dropped one.

As much as it hurts to say it the black bear in northern Juneau County at least for Doug and I have pulled off from all of our baits but one and at that one they have become nocturnal. We are not worried as this was our best season of baiting in 16 years with hundreds of experiences of large bear, day time bear and lots of other critters.

Acorns, especially at least right now, a forest floor of mushrooms and berries are what is on the menu instead of nuts and trail mix.

I am hunting on private land and Doug on public. The stand Doug is hunting has been our best. Doug, Jeff and I have had to stay up very late at night to figure out a solid plan for the next day's hunt.

Saturday, September 6th
High 64, low 41

The big story for Doug and I are 2 bears that are hitting my bait for over 135 days. One is a male in the 450-to-500-pound range, the other is a female who spent alot of time during the June breeding season is about 325 pounds. The entire summer these animals have been hitting the bait about an hour before dark. This week they have reverted to 20 to 50 minutes after dark. In other words, just after I get out of

the stand.

Wolves, let me tell you about wolves. They are at our bait 20 minutes after the bear opens the stump and leaves for the night or sometimes comes back. So far we have not seen a cub on the trail cameras which is not normal, they usually are a pain in the butt, not one pic.

I was doing some learning on the bear/mushroom subject and read that bear have a nose 7 times stronger than a bloodhound. It is not known if due to their strong nose they know which mushrooms are safe to eat or they simply can eat any mushroom that they want.

Today I had the pleasure of helping out some very good friends. One of my dad's, the late Robert Walters best friends was Al Mc Donald who with his wife Laurie raised two fine children June and Mike near Rio. All of my siblings and I used to have an absolute blast on their farm/property near Rio, while the elders also had their own fun.

Al McDonald and my dad started hunting deer together at The Meadow Valley Wildlife Area in the mid-50s and I started 54 years ago. In 1985 Al showed me the spot where we have our present deer camp and I moved us there that fall. Al was one of the toughest, most independent, fun and honorable men that I ever knew. About a month ago Al passed away while sitting on his atv on his property. Today, I showed his wife of 70 years Laurie along with Mike and June this sacred spot. We had a really nice picnic and celebration of a great man who with his bride who was originally from Bloomer.

Tuesday, September 9th
High 73, low 54

My 6th night in my stand, the big bear was at the bait 21 minutes after I left it last night, none of our other baits have been hit in 5 days. I know things will get better but I'm not sure when. About an hour before dark, I heard a wolf getting its ass kicked by something, maybe another wolf, possibly a bear. The fight was only 70-yards from where I was sitting. The



June, Mike, and Laurie McDonald honoring Al McDonald who truly was a great man.



Black bear like this are one of the reasons that Mark Walters is addicted to hunting them.

altercation ended with the wolf doing a whole bunch of whimpering and the victor doing a very large roar. When I checked baits today, the big bear hit the bait 40 min after I climbed out of my tree.

Experiences like that are why I run baits for 5 months!

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Raegan Beecroft tips the ball over the net vs Boyceville last week in Cumberland.



#10 Lilliana Murphy and #1 Alexis Peterson attempt a block vs Boyceville.

Girl's Golf Team Plays Well in Grantsburg and Northwestern

The Cumberland Girl's Golf Team put together an excellent effort on the course last week, as they took first in a triangular on Tuesday and came back with a fourth-place finish out of 11 teams on Thursday. The team was back in action this week on Monday and Tuesday and this Thursday, September 18, they head to Hayward for another 18-hole Invitational.

Things began last Tuesday, when Cumberland traveled to Grantsburg, where they easily defeated Barron and the host Pirates in a three-team competition. The Bea-

vers posted the top two individual scores on the day, with Bella Neitzel taking Medalist honors with a 45 and Brook Colburn finishing one-stroke behind at 46. Makenzie Tahtinen added to Cumberland's strong performance with a 48.

Two days later, Northwestern hosted the 11 Conference schools at Hidden Greens North in Solon Springs for an Invitational. A strong Spooner team easily won the Tournament, with Cumberland taking a solid fourth place.

The Rails posted the top three individual scores,

with Cumberland getting an 11th place finish from Bella Neitzel with an eighteen-hole score of 104. Brook Colburn finished close behind with a 106 for 13th place overall, while Makenzie Tahtinen scored 109, giving the Beavers three golfers in the top-20 for the day.

Coach Jess Olson was pleased with her team's performance. "We played some good golf and we're looking forward to adding Scarlett Stuntz to our roster this week."



Brook Colburn on the course at Grantsburg. Colburn shot a strong 46.

Volleyball Team Opens up HON Play at Home this Thursday Against Unity

The Cumberland Volleyball Team will open up HON Conference play at home this Thursday with a game against the Unity Eagles. The JV2 will play in the MS gym and JV1 and Varsity in the ES gym, with the Varsity game beginning at 7:00 pm.

Last week, the Varsity

dropped contests to Boyceville and Somerset at a triangular in Cumberland. "We played well in the Boyceville match-up, winning the first set, but lost the next two games with the third set very close," said Coach Erin Miller.

Leading the way in the two losses were Raegan Beecroft

with 10 kills, Sara Roff with 15 digs, and Natalie Anderson with 12 assists. Alexis Peterson added six kills, Lilliana Murphy and Beecroft with 10 digs each, and Kaylee Jackson with nine assists.

This Saturday, the Varsity and JV1 travel to Unity for the Eagle Invitational.

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09/19 Fri	3:44	9:55	4:07	10:18	06:51	07:11	4:21a	6:25p	11:31a	11:53p	*	
09/20 Sat	> 4:25	10:36	4:46	10:57	06:52	07:09	5:31a	6:43p	12:14p	NoMoon	*	
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Barron	BARRON	5	3	1	2-0-0
Saint Croix Falls	SCF	5	2	2	1-1-0
Ashland	ASHL	5	2	2	1-1-0
Spooner	SPOON	5	1	2	0-2-0
Bloomer	BLOOM	5	1	3	1-1-0
Hayward	HAY	5	1	3	1-1-0
Cumberland	CUMB	5	0	4	0-2-0

Soccer Standings

TEAM	TEAM	GR	W	L	T	PTS	FOR	AGAINST	PCT
Cumberland	CUMB	14	2	3	0	4	6	9	.400
Barron	BARRON	21	1	0	0	2	2	0	1.000
Hayward	HAYWD	13	1	0	1	3	3	1	.500
Washburn	WASH	12	1	1	0	2	11	5	.500
Unity/St. Croix Falls	UNITY	16	1	3	0	2	10	19	.250
Spooner/Shell Lake	SP/SL	10	1	5	1	3	16	19	.343
Ashland/Drummond	ASHDRU	9	0	4	0	0	4	33	.000

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Thursday, Sep. 18

Golf @ Hayward 9:00

Soccer home vs Ashland 5:00

Volleyball home (Elem. School) vs Unity 7:00

Friday, Sep. 19

CC @ Phillips TBD

Football home vs N.Western 7:00

Saturday, Sep. 20

Volleyball @ Unity 9:00

Monday, Sep. 22

Golf home triangular 4:00

Tuesday, Sep. 23

Soccer home vs Barron 4:30

CC @ Barron 4:30

Volleyball @ Barron 7:00

Wednesday, Sep. 24

Golf @ Solon Springs 10:00

Thursday, Sep. 25

Soccer home vs EC Regis 5:00

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1st Place - River Falls High School - 74.95

2nd Place - Chippewa Falls High School - 64.513

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-Saturday October 4 - Chippewa Falls Show

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Old Testament Amos 8:4-78
Epistle I Timothy 2:1-15
Hymn 941 "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" as our Creed
Alleluia
Gospel Luke 16:1-15
Hymn 588 "Jesus Loves Me" sts. 1, ref, 2
Children's Message
Choir sings "In Christ Alone"
Sermon/Votum
Hymn 644 "The Church's One Foundation"
Prayer of the Church
Lord's Prayer
Salutation
Benediction
Recess out - follow the cross
Closing Hymn 837 "Lift High the Cross" to Depart
Postlude: Doxology

We will be joined by 2 former pastors: Rev. Steve Miller and Rev. Roger Schlechte.

Musicians helping us celebrate: Cheryl Barrows, Sandy Miller, Bob DeGolier, Kent Wabrowetz, Bernadette Wabrowetz, Cindy Wright, Ron Ruppel, John Westin, Our choir, Our Praise Band