



Common Council of Cumberland Holds May Meeting; Many Items Discussed

by Mark R Fuller

Cumberland's Common Council gathered at City Hall on Tuesday, May 5 to hold their regular meeting for the month. First up was the approval of the Consent Agenda, which included the payment of April expenses and meeting notes and acceptance of an operator's license for Melissa Wright. With no one in the crowd seeking to participate in public comments, the Council moved into the further business of the evening.

First up was the recognition of a donation by the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance of an AED for Tourist Park. To be displayed in a weather controlled cabinet, the generous donation was discussed and accepted by the Council with thankfulness.

The Council then accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission for the final plat and rezoning of Kauffman Estates parcels from T-1 zoning to R-1 (One-family residential), R-3 (Multi-family residential), and C-1 (General commercial). This will create nine single-family lots along Douglas Street among the three parcels.

This was followed by acceptance of a Public Works proposal for an exchange program with Tractor Central which would include the city's 1995 John Deere Brush Mower for a newer model with a bucket. This came after exploring the options of selling the 30-year old tractor or seeking a trade.

Several Utility issues were next on the agenda, beginning with the acceptance of a change order for the Highway 63 Water Main boring project. With the bid price coming in at a lower cost, this allowed the city to upgrade the mains as well as add two fire hydrants with two-thirds of any additional money coming from Grant money. This was the final payment on the project.

Further Utility requests included approval of payments to A-1 Power, LLC for their progress on the Highway 63 Water Boring undertaking including asphaltic pavement restoration, connection to existing water main, water main valve manhole, and change order items.

The final Agenda items seeking Council approval

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Lake Country Dairy Celebrates Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker® Recognition for Justin Willcox, Plus 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest Wins; Schuman Cheese's Turtle Lake Team Earns Top Honors for Quality and Craftsmanship

TURTLE LAKE, WI – Schuman Cheese-Lake Country Dairy is celebrating a major milestone for longtime team member Justin Willcox, who has earned the distinguished title of Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker® for Parmesan and Romano, as well as the company's success at the 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest, where the Turtle Lake facility earned three prestigious medals, including a first place finish for its Cello Extra Aged Asiago, and second place finishes for its Cello Asiago and Cello Madagascar Vanilla Mascarpone.

Lake Country Dairy employees traveled to Cheese-Expo in Milwaukee, Wisconsin this month to accept their awards and celebrate Willcox's milestone.

Justin Willcox entered the dairy industry in 2007 following a career change and quickly immersed himself in every stage of cheesemaking production, developing deep expertise in the craft and earning Master Cheesemaker

Certifications in Parmesan and Romano. A Bruce, Wisconsin native, Willcox has dedicated himself to mastering the art and science of cheesemaking while helping uphold Lake Country Dairy's reputation for excellence.

"We're making some of the best cheeses in the world because of people like Justin and because of the incredible commitment of our entire team," said Gary Gosda, Lake Country Dairy Plant Manager. "Justin's achievement as a Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker® reflects years of hard work, curiosity, and dedication to quality. I'm equally proud of our 140 employees, from the vat to the packaging line to the office, whose talent and teamwork make honors like these possible. These accomplishments belong to all of them."

The Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker® Program is the only program of its kind in the United States,

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GRANT WINNER!



NEZZY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL WAS THE WINNER OF THE QUARTERLY 50 PEOPLE & MORE GRANT. DALE GOERGEN, PRESIDENT OF 50 PEOPLE & MORE WHO CARE PRESENTED THE CHECK NEZZY'S OWNERS RACHAEL AND JESSICA ON FRIDAY, MAY 8TH WITH MANY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALONG WITH OTHER 50 PEOPLE & MORE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE WHICH MADE FOR A FUN AFTERNOON. THE OWNERS PLAN TO USE THE MONEY TO UPDATE AND IMPROVE THE LOBBY AREA OF THE THEATER TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

TAKING OUT THE BOX CULVERT!



WHAT A STRANGE VIEW. AFTER DRIVING OVER THE OLD BOX CULVERT ON US HWY 63 SEPARATING NORWEGIAN BAY FROM THE REST OF BEAVER DAM LAKE NEARLY EVERY DAY FOR OVER 35 YEARS THINGS ARE DEFINATELY CHANGING. NO DOUBT THIS SUMMER IS GOING TO BE TOUGH, BUT HOPEFULLY BY WORKING TOGETHER TO SHOP LOCAL WE CAN MAKE IT THROUGH AND COME OUT LOOKING GOOD WHEN THE PROJECT IS COMPLETED EARLY THIS FALL.

SCHUMAN CHEESE-LAKE COUNTRY DAIRY CELEBRATES TOP HONORS!



The World Championship Cheese Contest Awards Ceremony: Justin Willcox - Master Cheesemaker & Technical Advisor, Nic Klingelhoets - Industrial Automation Specialist, Lisa Gosda - Quality Assurance Manager, Dave Spaulding - Maintenance Supervisor, Celina Avery - Purchasing Agent, Derek Geiger - Senior Production Supervisor, Cora Roush - Production Supervisor, Andy Koenig - Production Manager and Gary Gosda, Plant Manager

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Molly DeNucci honored for media work at UW Whitewater

Molly DeNucci, a(n) Journalism major from Cumberland, WI, at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is one of 16 Warhawks to claim a Wisconsin Community Media Best of the Midwest award for their work on UWW-TV during the 2025-26 academic year in Onalaska, WI, from April 30 - May 1, 2026.

DeNucci earned the following award(s) for their work: 2nd place, Sports Non-Live Coverage.

Award winners were recognized at the Midwest Media Fest Conference and Banquet on Thursday, April 30. Attendees had the opportunity to network and celebrate during the exhibitors reception and banquet.

The 2026 Midwest Media

Fest Conference and Banquet celebrates local Public, Education, and Government (PEG) Access programming and Low-Power Community Radio programming. The event recognizes local programming produced by both professionals and amateurs and provides producers with feedback on their work from a slate of four judges.

The nine-state Alliance for Community Media Midwest Region includes Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

UWW-TV provides students with hands-on experience in producing high-quality content both behind the scenes and on camera.

DKG Invests in After School Arts at ETC

The ETC Afterschool Art Program is grateful to the Psi-Northwest Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for their generous support on behalf of the Wisconsin State Organization Sigma State Foundation. Through their efforts, our program was awarded a \$1,000 grant this past year to enhance creative opportunities for local students.

This funding made it possible to purchase a variety of new materials, including acrylic paint markers, printmaking supplies, small looms, and clay. These resources have enriched our programming and allowed students to explore new artistic techniques, build skills, and express their creativity in meaningful ways.

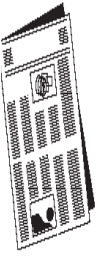
Afterschool Art is a program of Enrichment Through Culture (ETC), a nonprofit organization based in Cumberland. ETC also serves as our community theater, bringing arts and cultural opportunities to the region. The Afterschool Art program is held twice a week during the school year and is led by professional artist teachers, with the support of dedicated local volunteers. The

program currently serves approximately 30-40 students in grades 1-4.

Students are walked from the elementary school to ETC by volunteers, ensuring a safe and supportive transition into the program. Upon arrival, students are provided with a snack and then introduced to a variety of art-making options for the day, allowing them to explore different materials and creative approaches.

ETC is always looking for community members who would like to get involved. Volunteer opportunities are available in the Afterschool Art program, theater productions, and with building maintenance and improvement projects. Whether you enjoy working with students, supporting the arts, or helping behind the scenes, there are many ways to contribute.

We extend our sincere appreciation to the Psi-Northwest Chapter and the Sigma State Foundation for investing in the arts and supporting young learners in our community. Their commitment helps ensure that students continue to have access to engaging, hands-on creative experiences.



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The Red Barn Theater will open May 26th, with a comedy play “Jonas and Barry in the Home.” The show runs May 26 - 30 and June 2 - 6.

Red Barn Season Begins May 26

The Red Barn Theatre curtains will part on May 26 for the opening comedy of the summer season, “Jonas and Barry in the Home.” Terry Wiesner directs the small, but mighty cast of Mark Nymo as Jonas, Bill Koslofsky as Barry, and Sarah Miller as Barry’s daughter Rosie. Written by Canadian playwright Norm Foster, this funny yet poignant play follows the unlikely

friendship between Jonas and Barry as they navigate a new phase in their lives as residents in an assisted living facility. The show runs May 26-30 and June 2-6 and is recommended for ages 12 and up.

Director Wiesner is also designing and constructing the set. The work of artistic quilter Carol Anderson of Sand Creek, WI will be showcased in the RBT Gallery.

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This is an easy 2 mile long flat trail with benches to rest along the way if needed. Bring the kiddos and enjoy some time on this nice trail! Well behaved dogs on 6ft leashes are welcome.

 Scan here for more information 

CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS
COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, MAY 14: • 6-7 am TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 3-8pm Baseball DH @ Northwestern • 3:45 pm - 7:00 pm Scholastic Book Fair @ Elementary School • 4:00 pm HS Track & Field @ St. Croix Falls • 4:00 pm Softball @ home vs Northwestern • 5:00 pm Girls Soccer @ Barron

FRIDAY, MAY 15: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4:00 pm Boys Golf Home vs St. Croix Falls • 5:00 pm Girls Soccer @ Regis

SATURDAY, MAY 16: • 11:00 am to 1:00 pm CCE: Pickleball

SUNDAY, MAY 17: • 7-9 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball

MONDAY, MAY 18: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 5-8 pm Varsity & JV Baseball @ Ashland • 7 pm Girls Soccer @ Baldwin Woodville

TUESDAY, MAY 19: • 6-7 TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 4-7 pm HS Track & Field Meet @ Unity HS • 5-8 pm Varsity & JV Baseball @ Hayward • 6 pm School Board Meeting • 7 pm Girls Soccer @ St. Croix Central

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE: Pickleball • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball • 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Miss Cumberland Parent Meeting

2nd Annual May Foraging Event

Please joint Katie G. for year #2 on a Foraging walk in support of the Island City Food Coop. Katie has been an avid forager since 2016. She learned what she knows from experts such as Samuel Thayer from Foragers Harvest and the Forager Chef, Alan Ber-go. Once again, she will show you spring ephemeral wild edible plants that you can pick for yourself.

We will begin the class at the IC Food Coop and then proceed to an out in the field location. Please wear appropriate footwear, tick repellent and perhaps a water bottle. Plan on foraging for approximately 3 hours.

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State Solo & Ensemble Festival!



Cash Daniels



Nadia Benson



Audrina Garling



Chloe Herrick



Andrew Carlson

CHS Students Have Excellent Showing at the Wisconsin School Music Association State Solo & Ensemble Festival

Students from Cumberland High School had an excellent showing at the Wisconsin School Music Association State Solo & Ensemble Festival held at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Saturday, May 2. Thirteen of sixteen events earned first (gold) ratings-an incredible

accomplishment. Cash Daniels was also nominated for “Best in Site” for his marimba performance. All participating stu-

dents represented Cumberland with pride and excellence. Congratulations to our talented music students on a job well done!

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 3 Daisy Award!



Addison Schroeder of Cumberland Healthcare was honored with The Daisy Award for Extraordinary nurses.

Extraordinary Nurse Recognized at Cumberland Healthcare

CUMBERLAND, WI, MAY 7, 2026 – Addison Schroeder (Addie) of Cumberland Healthcare was recently honored with The DAISY Award® for Extraordinary Nurses. The award is part of the DAISY Foundation’s programs to recognize the super-human efforts nurses perform every day.

Addison consistently goes above and beyond to provide compassionate, exceptional care to every patient and family she is in contact with. Her kindness, professionalism, and dedication make a lasting impact on both patients and coworkers alike.

This recognition reflects the meaningful difference Addison makes each day through empathy, teamwork, and excellence in nursing care. We are incredibly proud to have Addison on our team and grateful for the heart she brings to her work every single day.

Addison is a nurse who shows up.

A nurse who listens.

A nurse who advocates, even when it’s hard.

A nurse who treats every patient like they matter.

Congratulations, Addison, and thank you for all that you do!

The not-for-profit DAISY Foundation is based in Glen Ellen, CA, and was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes. Patrick died at the age of 33 in late 1999 from complications of Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura (ITP), a little known but not uncommon auto-immune disease. The care Patrick and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for making a profound difference in the lives of their patients and patient families.

Said Bonnie Barnes, FAAN, CEO and Co-Founder of The DAISY Foundation, “When Patrick was critically ill, our family experienced first-hand the remarkable skill and care nurses provide patients every day and night. Yet these unsung heroes are seldom recognized for the super-human work they do. The kind of work the nurses at Cumberland Healthcare are called on to do every day epitomizes the purpose of The DAISY Award.”

For a complete listing of healthcare organizations currently running the program, please go to <http://DAISYfoundation.org>

In addition to the DAISY Award for Extraordinary Nurses, the Foundation expresses gratitude to the nursing profession internationally in over 4,600 healthcare facilities and schools of nursing with recognition of direct care Nurses, Nurse-led Teams, Nurse Leaders, Nurses Advancing Health Equity, Nursing Faculty, Nursing Students, Lifetime Achievement in Nursing and through the J. Patrick Barnes

Grants for Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice Projects, Medical Mission Grants their new Health Equity Grant program. More information is available at <http://DAISYfoundation.org>.

About Cumberland Healthcare

Cumberland Healthcare is committed to providing high-quality, compassionate care to residents of Cumberland and the surrounding region. With a focus on patient-centered care, the organization offers a wide range of medical services designed to support the health and well-being of the community.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

This Sunday, May 17th, Bishop Halom will be joining us for worship service at Barronett Lutheran. We are all looking forward to his visit. And, since the 17th of May (Sytende Mai) is Norwegian Independence Day, we are hoping that he will have time to join us in the church basement for coffee hour and a few Norwegian goodies – lefse, meatballs, etc.

I hope you had a very happy Mothers’ Day and were able to spend it with people you love.

Duane and I had a very busy couple days leading up to Mothers’ Day. On Thursday, Tina Anderson stopped by with a gift and a card. On Friday, Jim Marsh invited Lynn, Kane and Pierce Thon, Dawn Paradise, Duane and me to Hilltop for dinner. It was so nice to get together,

relax, visit, and enjoy Justin’s great food.

On Saturday morning Jerry Marsh and Jodi Ladd stopped for a visit and dropped off a beautiful plant that I will hand on the gazebo as soon as the weather is warm enough. It looks like a trumpet vine, but naturally has a name on the tag that I can’t possibly pronounce – or spell.

Then, at about 10:00, Lynn Thon and I took Kane and Pierce to Willow River State Park over by Hudson. Alyse Lehmann joined us there. We planned to walk to the falls, have a picnic lunch, and spend the rest of the day fishing and playing at the playground – But – It was so cold and windy that we watched other people trying to keep things on the picnic tables and decided that a picnic was out of the question. Kane had

brought his fishing rod, so he fished for a bit while Pierce played on the swings and slides. We finally decided that it was way too cold to be comfortable at the park, and went to Gibby’s for lunch and to bowl. The boys were disappointed that we couldn’t stay a little longer at the park, but as soon as we got to the bowling alley, they decided that it had been a good idea.

On Sunday Pat Olson, Duane and I drove down to Monroe to attend Sue Meier’s 80th birthday party. On the way down, while I was driving, my phone binged with lots of text messages – which I couldn’t read until we got to Monroe. Grandchildren and kids wishing me a happy Mothers’ Day. (I love them.) Anyway, Sue’s party was very, very nice. We saw lots of relatives and friends, ate lots of good food, watched Sue interact with everyone, and had a great time.

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I am going to run – I hope you had a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunny weather we are supposed to have this week. See you next time.

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Sudoku Puzzle #4153-D

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Busy, busy, busy, that’s the word here at the Advocate this week. Sports galore, plus the graduation issue and Summer Laker will be out next week. Everything is early this spring, with Memorial Day coming on Monday, May 25th. It’s only a few days early, but it seems like more with having to get stuff in and completed by this Friday for the graduation issue and next week for the laker. We will get there, it just gets a little hectic sometimes, that’s when Jess will say, “take a breath, one thing at a time.”

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Been some late nights with both the Wild and Timberwolves in the playoffs, been a few more 7 pm starts recently, so that helps. Looks like the Wild are in deep trouble dropping game 4 at home on Monday night. Hard to imagine beating the best team in hockey three straight. Colorado is really good, so it was going to be tough no matter what, but it was bad timing for the Wild to lose 2 key players for the series. You never know I guess, but as the saying goes, “I can’t hear the fat lady singing yet, but she’s warming up in the background.” Meanwhile, the Wolves and Spurs are tied at 2 games apiece. San Antonio is going to be a problem for many years to come with arguably the best young player in the world in Victor Wembanyama. Can you imagine being 7’4” tall and being that athletic? He really is amazing. Should be a good watch!

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I’ve seen the first few mosquitos of the season buzzing around, I guess that’s one plus of having been cool and windy the past several days, they no doubt will be out in full force with some warmth and less wind. I’m ready for summer, so lets get on with it, these skinny legs are awful white!

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Please continue to visit the stores and shops and such this early summer and remember to slow down in residential areas when traveling around the Highway 63 bridge closure. Have a great week!

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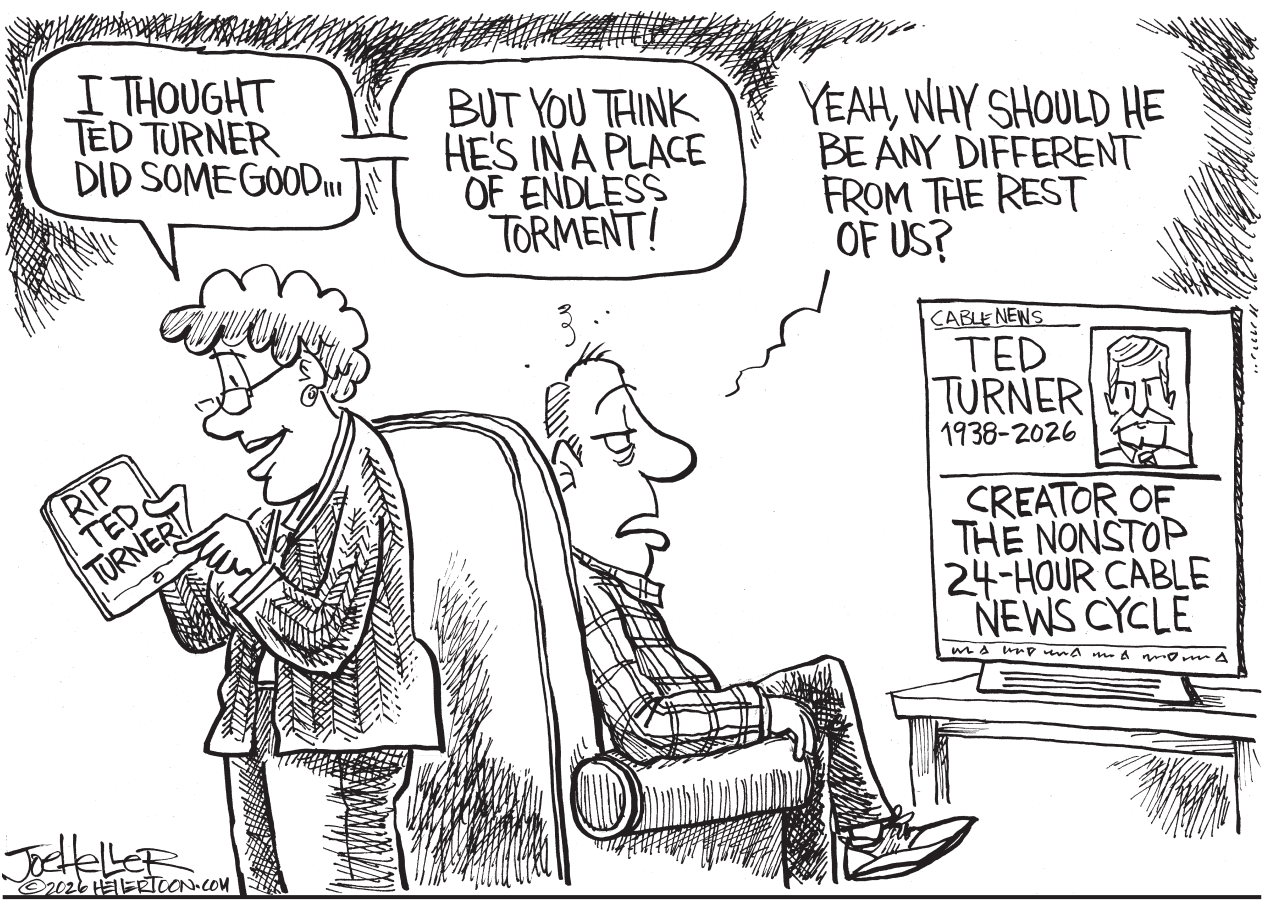
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“These ‘moonshots’ are grounded in engineering know-how”

MADISON, Wis. – The term “moonshot” most often reminds people of the Apollo space program that first landed astronauts on the moon in 1969 or April’s Artemis II mission, which was the first crewed flight beyond Earth’s orbit since 1972.

Devesh Ranjan, the new dean of UW-Madison’s College of Engineering, is hoping people will also associate “moonshots” with lofty research goals in the coming decade.

Since coming to Madison from Georgia Tech University in mid-2025, Ranjan has made clear his ambitious plans for the College of Engineering – already one of the larger and more prominent colleges on campus.

Rather than aspiring to move up in national rankings or attract random research dollars for the sake of doing so, Ranjan has embraced linking engineering’s various disciplines to tackling problems in Wisconsin, the nation and beyond.

In recent meetings with faculty, staff, students and some business leaders who serve on advisory boards, Ranjan announced a half-dozen “moonshots” that emerged from an internal list three times longer. They are:

“Engineering tomorrow’s cures:” Using artificial intelligence to power tools for

health care and therapeutics, such as learning more about rare genetic diseases.

“Limitless distributed power:” Developing fusion to be transported to homes, factories and across the grid at terawatt scale. That likely won’t happen in a commercial sense for decades, but test reactors may be on the horizon.

“Embodied AI:” Engineering autonomous systems to enhance human capability and quality of life. Transportation is one example under this category, which is sometimes called “physical AI.”

“Making quantum practical:” Applying engineering tools to take quantum technology from laboratories to the manufacturing floor. It’s another longer-term goal with real-world applications in Wisconsin, one of the nation’s leading manufacturing states.

“Securing critical resources:” Levering engineering disciplines to gain and preserve access to clean water, rare minerals and sustainable chemicals.

“Feeding the planet:” Engineering better food production systems without sacrificing nutritional quality or other standards. Again, Wisconsin is a natural testing ground for discoveries that could enhance farming at home and food supplies

globally.

Modern engineering is not just about designing better buildings or roads, although that’s still a vital function. Engineering can also help in areas such as human health, energy and securing resources in short supply – or finding alternatives for such resources.

“These moonshots have the potential for changing the way we do research on the campus,” said Ranjan, who holds two graduate degrees in mechanical engineering from the UW-Madison. By that, he explained, research within engineering can involve other schools and colleges with expertise in one or more of the six “moonshots.”

How to judge success of the “moonshots” has yet to be fully assessed. In 1962, President Kennedy set the time-defined goal of putting a man on the moon and returning him safely to Earth by the end of the 1960s. Because there are six distinct engineering goals, measuring success by the clock may vary.

Meanwhile, Ranjan is also moving on other fronts. He wants to visit each of Wisconsin’s 72 counties during his tenure, which he calls “Project 72.” The list so far includes about two-dozen counties, where he met with businesses, local officials and workers. The list includes

some of the state’s leading manufacturers.

The college will launch a degree program in aerospace engineering in the fall of 2026, which has already attracted more than 100 students – mainly from Wisconsin. In the past, Wisconsin lost those homegrown students to public university aerospace programs in nearby states.

Construction on the Phillip A. Levy Engineering Center was funded by the state Legislature and a gift from John and Tashia Morgridge, two UW-Madison alumni. Ranjan said that emerging structure in the heart of the engineering campus remains on schedule to open in 2029.

A native of Bihar in east-central India, Ranjan came from a farm family that valued education. He thinks that background influenced how he views public universities today.

“Looking forward, our college vision is bold; our aim, to galvanize technical progress into public benefit,” Ranjan said.

That’s a goal to be embraced and measured over time.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
May 18, 2016

Dave Jansen, 3M employee, was selected as the 3M Cumberland Above and Beyond program winner for the month of May. The purpose of the Above and Beyond program is to recognize employees who have served 3M Cumberland in an exceptional manner of exemplifying outstanding service through his or her work and exhibiting a positive and supportive attitude.

20 Years Ago
May 17, 2006

The United Way of St. Croix County has awarded the Cumberland Fire District two checks totaling \$580. The checks represent funds designated to the district by one or more employees of the Nexen Group Inc., in Webster. The Cumberland Fire District will use these funds to purchase rescue equipment.

Cumberland residents were without power from around 12:20 am Tuesday morning until 8:30 am., the underground primary feeder underneath the parking lot at Main Street Market shorted out. The outage affected people from Grove Street to Highway P, and east of the cemetery.

30 Years Ago
May 15, 1996

On Saturday afternoon, at 1:15 pm, a fire was reported at the Stella Cheese Warehouse located in Al-

mena. After investigation, it was determined the cause of the fire was arson allegedly begun by a nine-year-old. The fire, which burned out of control, resulted in total loss to the warehouse.

Cumberland Middle School eighth grade team captured first place in their division at the Mathematics of Pollution Contest on Wednesday, May 1 at the University of Wisconsin Center-Barron County. Team members of the winning team are: Andrew Gislason, Russell Laursen, Karen Nerbun, Ryan Guanzon, Lea Toftness, and Brandon Ordway.

40 Years Ago
May 14, 1986

The 1986 Prom Court include: Korri Wistrcill, Craig Lepak, Dawn Wackerfuss, Eric Gislason, Jennifer Liberty, Dean Bergstrom, Laura Lindemann, Tyler Lloyd, Kelly Wistrcill, Peter Landstrom, Trygve Nystuen, 1986 Queen Jeny Nystuen and 1986 King Rob Lombard.

Chad Ritchie, a Cumberland High School Student, has been named a semifinalist in “Teen Magazine’s Dream Guy Contest.” Ritchie’s photo will appear in the June issue of Teen.

50 Years Ago
May 13, 1976

At the request of the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, the council instructed the police de-

partment to enforce the city’s two-hour parking law in downtown Cumberland. The ordinance limits the parking in specified areas for a maximum of two hours between 9 am and 5 pm from Mondays through Saturdays, and between 5 pm and 9 pm on Fridays.

60 Years Ago
May 19, 1966

Myron Mommsen, Cumberland, was chosen as the Top Farmer of the Year in Barron County at the Annual Soil Conservation and Farm Management banquet.

70 Years Ago
May 17, 1956

Cumberland firemen answered a call about 2:15 pm regarding a fire at the Donald Lindemann farm home, just two miles east of Barronett on Wednesday. When they arrived, they found a blaze smoldering near the stove. No one was injured during the fire.

80 Years Ago
May 16, 1946

Upon demand of the people who live around the lower lake back of the Advocate office, the city last week opened up the channel under the bridge on Grove Street between the lake and Beaver Dam proper. The channel was filled in years ago when the level of the lake went down. In recent years, since the lake has risen,

there has been an increasing demand for passage through the channel so that people who live around the small lake can go through with their boats.



2026
WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
05/05	58	35	0.00
05/06	37	27	0.00
05/07	46	34	0.00
05/08	53	35	0.00
05/09	64	41	0.15
05/10	55	40	0.00
05/11	54	33	0.00

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

Sports

Softball Team has 2 and 1 Week; Record Stands at 11 and 8

The Cumberland Softball Team continues to play well and pick up wins as it added a pair of victories against one loss last week. Cumberland defeated Ashland 10-4 and Barron 13-0, while dropping an 8-7 heartbreaker to the Spooner Rails.

Against Ashland, the team got off to a quick start with four first inning runs. Presli Butzler had the big hit in the inning with a two-run double. From this point on, Cumberland coasted to the victory as Coach Josh Anderson' team received two hits each from Andi Olson and Liliana Murphy and solid pitching from Maci Anderson and Olivia Villarreal, who combined to allow only three earned runs, while striking out three Oredocker hitters.

Things were even easier on Friday, when the Beavers shutout Barron 13-0 in five innings. Presli Butzler continued her strong hitting with three safeties and a pair of runs-batted-in, while Avery Johnson, Maci Anderson, and Andi Olson had two hits each. Among Johnson's hits was a two-run triple, while Anderson had three RBI's.

Hailey Paulson was excellent on the mound, throw-

ing a five-inning no-hitter, while striking out nine and allowing a single base-on-balls.

The loss came to Spooner in nine innings, 8-7. The Rails won the contest despite being outhit by the Beavers, 10 to 8. It was a tough loss, with the Rails scoring a run in the bottom of the 7th to tie the score and send the contest into extra frames.

Raegan Beecroft had a big offensive night for the red and white with four hits in the contest, while Presli Butzler and Liliana Murphy added two each. Hailey Paulson was the hard luck loser on the mound as four of the Rails eight runs were unearned due to three Cumberland errors.

This week, the team played in St. Croix Falls on Tuesday and then host the Northwestern Tigers this Thursday for a doubleheader, beginning at 4:00 pm.

Next Tuesday, May 19, the Beavers close out the regular season with another home game at Islander Park against the Hayward Hurricanes. Game time is 5:00 pm. The first WIAA Tournament game is to be announced, but will likely take place on May 21.

Track Team Runs in Bloomer and Hayward

The Cumberland Track Team participated in two meets last week, beginning with the Dave Landgraf Invitational in Bloomer last Tuesday. Northwestern won the 12-team boy's competition with Bloomer grabbing the girl's title. Cumberland was 11th and 10th respectively.

Coach Ryan O'Connell saw his boy's 4x800m relay team continue their recent success with a 1st place finish. Ben Dettinger, Tommy Dettinger, Alex LaBlanc, and Nick Wells won the event in 8:52, well ahead of 2nd place Hayward, who ran a 9:13.

Tommy Dettinger added a third in the 3200m run (10:14) and Lauren McCreary in the discus (107-8), while Dettinger grabbed a 4th in the 1600 (4:43) and Mya Gardner in the girl's pole vault (8-06).

Jordyn Olson took 5th in the high jump as did the boy's 4x100m and 4x400m relay teams.

Two days later, the team headed to Hayward for a competition against Rice Lake, Ashland, Cameron, Ladysmith, and the host

Hurricanes.

The Beavers received four 1st place finishes there from Max Odden in the discus (118-4), Evan Hornstein in the 100m dash (11-34), and Tommy Dettinger in both the 800m (2:06) and 1600m runs (4:47).

Alex LaBlanc had a nice day with a 2nd in the 200m dash (24:87) and a 4th in the 400m (55:44), while Lauren McCreary added another 2nd in the discus (98-7) as did Ben Dettinger in the 800m (2:17), Nick Wells in the triple jump (35-6), and the Boy's 4x100m relay team.

Ben Dettinger's fine day included a 3rd in the 1600m. Other 3rd place finishes in Hayward came from Chris Murdza in the 110 hurdles, Hunter Fowler in the discus, Carter Grinage in the pole vault, Max Odden in the shot put, Jordyn Olson in the high jump, and the girl's 4x400m relay team.

Up next for the Track Team was a meet in Barron on Tuesday and another meet in St. Croix Falls this Thursday, beginning at 4:30 pm.

SPORTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 14

BASEBALL DH @ N. WESTERN 3:00

TRACK @ ST. CROIX FALLS 4:00

SOFTBALL DH HOME VS N. WESTERN 4:00

SOCCER VS ARCADIA @ BARRON 5:00

FRIDAY, MAY 15

GOLF HOME VS ST. CROIX FALLS 4:00

SOCCER @ REGIS 5:00

MONDAY, MAY 18

BASEBALL @ ASHLAND 5:00

SOCCER @ BALDWIN W. 7:00

TUESDAY, MAY 19

TRACK CONFERENCE MEET @ UNITY TBD

SOFTBALL HOME VS HAYWARD 5:00

BASEBALL HOME VS HAYWARD 5:00

SOCCER @ ST. CROIX CENTRAL 7:00

THURSDAY, MAY 21

GOLF CONFERENCE MEET @ TEE A WAY TBD

BASEBALL HOME VS ASHLAND 5:00

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BEAVER HURLER HAILEY PAULSON TOSSED A 5 INNING NO HIT SHUTOUT LAST FRIDAY NIGHT VS BARRON. THE RIGHT HANDER STRUCK OUT 9 BEAR HITTERS AND ALLOWED BUT 1 BASE ON BALLS. CUMBERLAND CRUISED TO A 13-0 WIN.



LAUREN MCCREARY HAD A GREAT WEEK IN THE DISCUS EVENTS FINISHING 3RD AT BLOOMER AND 2ND AT HAYWARD.



LILY AVERY TAKES OFF IN THE LONG JUMP AT LAST WEEKS MEET IN BLOOMER.



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Wood County’s Dexter County Park and Campground

Hello friends,
I live about 25 miles from Dexter Lake which is located in Wood County near Pittsville. I pass by it on highway 80 or 54 quite often and have actually had feelings of guilt for not knowing more about it as in canoeing, camping and fishing. This week along with my 4-year-old golden retriever Red, I spent 3 days at this fantastic campground and a lot of it was on the water as I tried to catch some crappie.

Monday, May 4th
High 77, low 34

Lots to say as usual, like when I left home all I was wearing was shorts and had the air conditioning on in my truck. Though I had long pants and shirts packed I didn't bring outer wear and that would be a bit of a bummer. I was hoping to have a water site on the 300 acre Dexter Lake which is filled by the Yellow River so my canoe would be at camp and ready to go and that was no problem as I was camping off season and during the week.

As I was building camp a couple from Vesper walked by and I would also speak with them the following day. They make the daily drive and walk what is a 5.25-mile trail and there are two others. This campground was created in 1962 and has 99 sites, plus an area for atv camping and three areas for group camping. The thing that would really impress me is that it is vast, covering 1000 acres for the entire park and the feeling that I had was kind of like going back to the 70's where everyone had space.

After building camp I launched my canoe and Red and I had 5 hours of daylight left and I had high hopes of figuring out the crappie. My main tactic would be crappie minnows, a 1/64th ounce black hair

jig, and a bobber.
I was a little short on the anchor situation, so I used my trailer hitch with a 2-inch ball. I only landed 2 crappie, and they were both small but could have caught and kept a limit of 6-8 inch bluegill.

While I was fishing a cold spell blew in from the north and I would realize that I should have bought more clothes and a heater for my tent.

Tuesday, May 5th
High 52, low 29

I have to admit, I did not have enough heat in my tent and it kept me awake much of the night. On the other hand, I was so excited to fish and explore, that I was on the water at 7:00 this morning, no food. caffeine or warm clothes and there was a solid north wind. I fished 3 places where I did last night with minimal success and then went for about a 1 mile journey where I was able to get out of the wind, set my anchor and I caught some crappie and real pretty bluegill.

Cold spells are bad news for shallow water fishing and this trip would be no exception but 6 hours after leaving camp I paddled back with 5 crappie, 3 gills and a perch for my effort. The journey back was into the wind, and it was more physical than I liked. Next week if the coho have migrated to Port Washington on Lake Michigan, I will be there in this same canoe. Today my hands went kind of numb after a while bulldogging into the wind and that was a bit concerning.

After a world class nap at camp I fished close to camp and found the crappie and really enjoyed myself. Though it is chilly, I am acclimatized and coming up with new ideas on how I could spend some quality time at this park. I have been writing this column



A light black hair jig with a crappie minnow can be a crappie killer!



Tis the season for painted turtles to bask in the sun!

since '89 and folks I want to tell you, Dexter Park and Campground is very cool.

The following day it was even colder, but I was on top of my game. In the end I kept a mess of crappies and bluegill, also a snapping turtle which can be a chore to unhook and release while in a canoe and my local buddies told me that that once this cold spell ends, the fishing will be fantastic.

When I went home, I had spent 20 hours in a squatting position in my canoe and most parts of me were in pain and all parts of me were cold, the woodstove and a hot bath made it all better!

Sunset

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SHORTSTOP TROY MAJEWSKI FLIPS TO BROTHER BENNET FOR AN OUT AFTER A GREAT DIVING STOP MONDAY VS CAMERON. THE COMETS SLIPPED BY THE BEAVERS 7-5



MAX PETERSON TAKES A RIP AND SENDS A FLY BALL TO CENTER FIELD VS THE COMETS MONDAY AFTERNOON AT ISLANDER PARK.

BASEBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	OVR
Saint Croix Falls	10-0	13-1
Northwestern	8-3	9-5
Hayward	7-4	8-7
Cameron	6-4	6-8
Barron	6-5	9-6
Ashland	5-5	6-8
Unity	5-7	6-10
Spooner	5-7	5-11
Cumberland	2-8	3-11
Ladysmith	0-11	0-13

SOFTBALL STANDINGS

TEAM	CONF	OVR
Spooner	10-1	10-1
Cameron	11-3-1	14-6-1
St. Croix Falls	7-3	8-7
Hayward	9-4	11-9
Cumberland	9-4	11-8
Northwestern	4-4-1	5-7-1
Ashland	3-6	4-7
Barron	2-8	2-12
Unity	0-12	1-13
Ladysmith	0-10	0-14

Cumberland Baseball Team Drops Three Contests; Seven games left in the Regular Season

The Cumberland Beavers Baseball Team dropped contest to Spooner 12-0, Barron 6-1, and River Falls 15-4 in play last week. This week, the team played Cameron and St. Croix Falls on Monday and Tuesday, before heading to Northwestern this Thursday for a doubleheader beginning at 3:00 pm.

Nothing went right for the Beavers in the home loss to Spooner. The Rails outthit Cumberland 12 to two in the contest with the only Cumberland hits coming off the bats of Tucker Wickstrom and Rhowen Ruppel.

Coach John Peterson used three pitchers in the game, with Parker Peterson taking the loss.

Last Friday, the Beavers hung with pre-season HON favorite Barron, but

saw a four-run Bear fourth inning be too much to overcome in the 6-1 loss. Zac Edwards had a big night at the plate with four Barron hits.

Tucker Wickstrom and Gabe Graf each had a pair of hits for the Beavers, with Graf's double knocking in the Beavers lone run. Troy Majewski took the pitching loss, going four innings and giving up five runs, but only two were earned.

Saturday, the Beavers took on a big challenge with a trip to River Falls to play the 8 and 5 Wildcats, where the game ended in a 15-4 loss to their Division 1 opponent.

Troy Majewski was two for two in the contest with a double. Gabe Graf was one for two with a RBI as was Mason Capra. Calvin Cunningham took the pitching loss for the Beavers.

Cumberland Golf Team Plays in Two Meets; Host SCF this Friday at 4:00 pm.

The Cumberland High School Golf Team was back in action last week, hosting one home meet and heading to Hayward for another. Despite two losses, the young and inexperienced players are showing some improvement as the season progresses.

On Monday, the team traveled north, where they dropped a 158 to 213 decision to the Hayward Hurricanes. Hayward's golfers shot well with Gavin Hand recording a 36 and Liam Aldoff a 37. The Beavers were led by Freshman

Miles Lehmann with a 48. Tuesday, the team hosted Ladysmith, who defeated them 167 to 227.

Ladysmith's Gavin Boehmer as Medalist with a 38, while Miles Lehmann once again led the Beavers with a 54 followed by Davis Ristow with a 56 and Gavin Lehmann with a 58.

Cumberland played at Northwestern on Monday, before hosting home matches this Wednesday and Friday in Cumberland. Wednesday's match begins at 9:30 am and Friday the Beavers host St. Croix Falls at 4:00 pm.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

SOLAR TIMES
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LUNAR TIMES
MOON

DATE	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Sunrise	Sunset	Rise	Up	Setts	Down	DST
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05/14 Thu	3:14	9:27	3:40	9:53	05:40	08:28	4:02a	6:17p	11:01a	11:28p	*
05/15 Fri	4:02	10:16	4:30	10:44	05:39	08:29	4:26a	7:44p	11:56a	NoMoon	*
05/16 Sat	N 4:56	11:11	5:27	11:42	05:37	08:30	4:56a	9:11p	12:56p	12:25a	*
05/17 Sun	> 5:59	11:38	6:31	12:15	05:36	08:31	5:37a	10:32p	2:00p	1:27a	*
05/18 Mon	> 7:07	12:51	7:41	1:24	05:35	08:32	6:32a	11:40p	3:00p	2:33a	*
05/19 Tue	> 8:19	2:03	8:52	2:35	05:34	08:34	7:41a	NoMoon	4:12p	3:39a	*

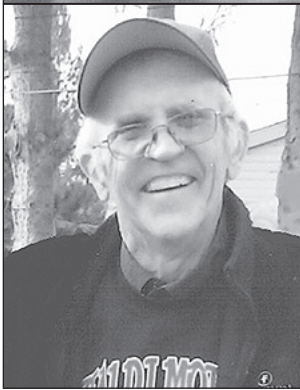
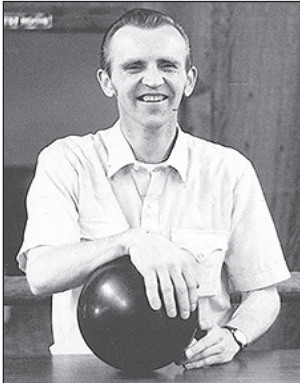
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OBITUARIES



Ricky D. Bleifus
Ricky David Bleifus, 67, of Cumberland Wisconsin passed away from a courageous battle with cancer on April 24, 2026, at home surrounded by his loved ones. Rick was born on March 16, 1959 to Tony and Betty(Jones) Bleifus in Rochester, MN.
Rick was married to Terry Kildahl on June 20th, 1981 and had four daughters together before her death on February 8th, 2014. He was employed by Olympic Wall Systems for 34 years and enjoyed doing side jobs for anyone that asked, he was the type of guy that would give you the shirt off his back even if he had nothing. On

his days off he loved spending time with his family and many friends. He enjoyed fishing, hunting deer, and finally getting his bear! Rick enjoyed camping at his family land in Cumberland, WI and eventually bought his own adjoining land were he enjoyed spending time until his death.
Rick is survived by his daughters BobbieJo, Tonya (Derrick), Courtney, and Richelle (Jorge) all in Cumberland, WI- five grandchildren- Kaleigh, Tucker, Yezzmene, Evelyn and Mateo; his mother Betty, Brother Russ(Kimberly); Sister Dawn(Mark); Sister-in-law Valerie and many nieces and nephews. He is proceeded in Death by his Wife Terry; Father Tony; Brother Mike; Infant Brothers Dale and Gary; Father and Mother in-laws Richard and Regina Kildahl and Sister-in-law MaryLou Kildahl Wallman.
A celebration of life will be held on June 6th 2026 at The Hammer Bar in Cumberland, WI from 2pm-5pm.



Robert “Bob” L. Barker Jr.
Robert LeRoy “Bob” Barker Jr, 79, of Cumberland passed away after his courageous battle with cancer on May 7, 2026, at Marshfield Medical Center in Rice Lake. He was born August 27, 1946, in Racine, WI to Robert LeRoy and Marilyn Jane (Runkel) Barker Sr. Bob graduated from Horlick High School in Racine before graduat-

ing from a carpentry trade school. He would go on to alternating between working as a carpenter and working as a cheese maker.
Bob enjoyed fishing, bowling, hunting, and frequenting the casino with his brothers. He was a master carpenter and tenured cheese maker. Bob had a way of weaving humor into every conversation. He was always willing to lend a hand whenever asked. His positivity and laughter will be deeply missed.
He is survived by his children: Robert (Christina) Barker, III, Steven Barker (Edna Koskei), Rick (Jennifer) Barker, and Randy Barker; 8 grandchildren: Damon, Joel, Robert, Alexander, Dylan, Ely, Jackson, and Declan Barker; 4 great grandchildren: Kira, Elly, Grayson, and Nora; brothers: Kermit (Denise) Barker of Warrens and Daryl (Linda) Barker, of Racine; sister: Judith Vasey, of Racine; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Bob was preceded in death by grandchildren: Sophia, Julia, Hadley, and Henry; spouse, Faith Barker; sister, Susan (Tracey) Gilbert; brother-in-law, Tim

Vasey Sr.
Celebration of Life will be held at 4-7 PM Thursday, May 14, 2026, at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

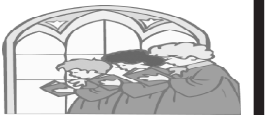


Stewart A. Flom
Stewart Arnold Flom, 82, of Cumberland died on May 8, 2026, at his home. He was born March 9, 1944, in Faribault, MN to Thorfon and Sylvia (Erie) Flom.
He was married in Red Wing, MN on June 17, 1967, to ZoAnn “Zoey” (Leik) Flom who preceded him in death on June 15, 2018.
He is survived by his sons: Christopher (Alma) Flom of Cumberland, and Theron Flom (Carrie Lindstrom) of Diamond Bluff; two granddaugh-

ters: Nessa Flom of Cumberland, and Sabina Londer of Winona, MN; grandson, Christopher Flom Jr. of Cumberland; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, ZoAnn Flom; and grandson, Jeremy.
Funeral services will be held at 3 PM Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Skinner Funeral Home, Cumberland. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland. Visitation will begin at 2PM. Military honors will be accorded by Anderson-Thomson Post #98 American Legion, Cumberland and the Wisconsin Military Honors Team.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Church Directory



“The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord”
by Deacon Steve Linton
St. Anthony Catholic Church

This coming Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. This is Jesus’ final appearance to the disciples following his death and resurrection before he ascends to heaven and remains until his return at the end of time. In Matthew 28:16-20 we read: The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. “When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.’”
In his final appearance, Jesus provides the Christian community with three charges. Make disciples, baptize and teach. As we draw to a close this Easter season, a time of reflection, remembrance and celebration, let us take heed of His call to us who believe in him. Let us make disciples for Christ. May it become a part of our Christian duty to share with others our belief in the risen Lord. Our charge is not to try and beat others into submission, but to simply share the good news of Christ and his works in our life and in our faith. Let us live a life that exemplifies Christ’s presence within us for others to see. For those who accept our invitation, let us baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and Holy Spirit so they too can share in the great Paschal Mystery. That they may die to sin and rise again in a new birth to receive the light of Christ, forgiveness of sins and to live a long and faithful life serving our Risen Lord. May we then do as Christ charged us and teach the will of God to all who are willing to listen and accept his word. The word revealed to us through the written works of the biblical writers, the traditions of our faith, and the Catechism of our Holy Church so they too may share fully in the liturgy of Christ’s church. We can do this if we put our trust in Jesus because he is with us always and will give us his strength and authority to the end of all time.
May God Bless Us Always!
Deacon Steve Linton

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NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session and closed to follow on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, in the middle school commons. The following is the proposed agenda:

- 1-4. Elect officers of the board, appointments or volunteers, the official newspaper of the district, and the Board of Education operations.
5. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
6. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
7. Consider approval/denial of open enrollment applications for the 2026 - 2027 school year.
8. Consider approval of the ICVA, Charter School Contract.
9. Consider approval of Joseph Serbiak's resignation as Special Education Teacher.
10. Consider approval of Adreanna Serbiak's resignation as High School Secretary.
11. Consider approval of Erik Ethun's resignation as High School Assistant Football Coach.
12. Consider approval of Isaac Lundquist as Middle School Principal.
13. Consider approval of Heidi Miller as Elementary School Principal.
14. Consider approval of Benjamin Kisling as Director of Learning.
15. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
16. Set meeting dates and events.

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

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

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk
Published in the Cumberland Advocate on May 13, 2026. WNAXLP

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sorenson Utility Extension
Cumberland, Wisconsin
Bid Opening: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 2:00 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 SORESENSE UTILITY EXTENSION until Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 2:00 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 the following work: Extending water and sewer main north of Sorensen Street. Work must be completed by September 4, 2026.

Bids will be received for a single prime Contract. Bids shall be on a unit price 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 "Sorensen Utility Extension".

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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 eBidDocTM Number 10183176 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.

Randall Reeg
City Administrator
950 1st Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
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STAPLES LAKE PROTECTION DISTRICT COMMUNITY ANNUAL MEETING/ PICNIC
Date: May 30, 2026
Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00PM
Location: Mixed Up Staples Lake Restaurant & Bar
1977 Polk Barron Street
Comstock, WI 54826

The Staples Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District will hold their annual meeting on May 30, 2026. The district continues to implement our Lake Management Plan that identifies strategies and resources that address the

water quality challenges facing our lake. We have also been diligently meeting with both Polk & Barron counties to identify areas needing attention within our watershed. As a landowner in the lake district, your input on priorities and potential management options is very important.

Annual spring/summer picnic to follow meeting.

Dan Fisher, Secretary
Staples Lake Protection District
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included the unanimous approval of a payment, not to exceed \$27,350 for the repair of the Water SCADA computer system and the acceptance of a request from the Utility for an annual replacement program with Tractor Central for a Skid Steer and Track machine, which would lead to the selling of the current machine, which is underpowered for current Utility needs.

The Tractor Central agreement provides additional safety features and provides 200 hours per year instead of the current 100 hours at an annual cost of \$3,000. Following a discussion of the proposal, the request was approved.

From here it was on to Committee updates.

Alderson Cady kicked things off with a report on the Library, who is meeting with Mr. John Thompson on Library Law for Trustees, in the process of selecting new officers, and just participated in an event with the School on embracing diversity.

Further Committee Updates included an announcement by Alderson Laursen of the Annual Lake District Meeting scheduled for August 8 at 10:00 am and by Alderman Schullo of the Annual Golf Club Meeting, which was held on May 13.

Updates were also given on the Airport, Senior Center, and Housing, while Parks and Recreation discussed the ongoing work involving the schematics of the Band Shell as Mayor Shoemaker announced that things were, "Moving along."

Chief Wolfe then gave the Council a lengthy report on work within her Department, which recently lost an officer due to his resignation.

LAKE COUNTRY DAIRY...

established through joint sponsorship by the Center for Dairy Research, UW-Extension, and Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin. Designed as an advanced education program for experienced cheesemakers, it requires candidates to hold a Wisconsin cheesemaker's license for at least 10 years, be actively producing the cheese for which they seek certification for at least five years, and complete extensive coursework and quality assurance requirements, over a 13 year commitment.

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Chief Wolfe concluded her report with an update on the recent excellent work of canine Kilo in the apprehension of a suspect and her Federal Grant writing.

Alderson Goldsmith was next up and refreshed the Council of several Public Works projects and the increasing of work hours on the Bridge project from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm to now 6:00 am to 9:00 pm. The purpose is to speed up the completion of their work, while there will be noise limitations on what can be done in the early mornings and night hours of their increased hours.

Alderson Lussier of the Finance Committee then told the Council of discussions by his group on future plans for street improvements with, "More information to come." He additionally discussed work on a salary matrix.

Next up was Jordan Peichel of Utility, who reviewed a number of city undertakings. This included the relocation of several hydrants on Main Street, new City poles, and the pilot study at the new well, which should resume this week and will be focused on how to treat the water.

City Administrator Randy Reeg and Mayor Shoemaker concluded the open session of the meeting, with Mr. Reeg discussing an upcoming Joint Public Hearing with townships on May 26 and the reactions from the city's construction up-

dates, that despite causing disruptions are helping keep individuals advised, for which many are thankful. Mayor Shoemaker, who was involved in a number of discussions throughout the evening, then concluded the night by moving into closed session to discuss the hiring of a lineman.

Reflecting on that commitment to excellence, Gosda noted the 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest featured thousands of entries from dairy processors around the globe, making Lake Country Dairy's multiple awards especially meaningful. Hosted by the

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VISITORS TOURED THE CAMPERS CABIN AS PART OF THE OUTDOOR EXPO AND ICE AGE TRAIL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION HELD AT TIMBERLAND HILLS ON MAY 2.

Outdoor Expo and Ice Age Trail Community Celebration was a Success

The Outdoor Expo and the Ice Age Trail Community celebration for Cumberland and Barronett hosted by the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance (CATA) and the Ice Age Trail Alliance was held May 2nd at Timberland Hills. The event was well attended by people of all ages. Little ones decorated hiking sticks, went on gnome hunts and learned

about geocaching. Adults learned about oak forest restoration and toured both the Camper's Cabin on the Ice Age Trail and one of the 5 new remote rustic campsites. Check for availability at TimberlandHills.com. The all-terrain wheelchairs from Access Ability WI were used by those with mobility impairments. Look for these

all-terrain wheel chairs to be included in upcoming CATA events. Lucky participants got a chance to win some nice door prizes and nearly 100 Burr Oak and Sugar Maple saplings were handed out in honor of Arbor Day.. The next step for our Ice Age Trail Community is to compose a brochure on local eats and treats, stay and play, shops

and stops and rest and recreation that hikers/visitors to Cumberland & Barronett will use to fully experience our area. If you are interested in assisting with this brochure, are a business that would like to be included or just would like to give some input, email Laura.Schmidt-Tyler@CumberlandAreaTrailsAlliance.org.



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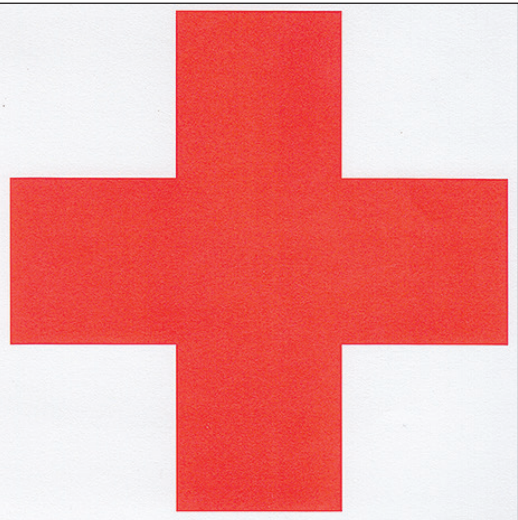
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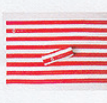
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