



CUMBERLAND ROADS/BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Hwy. 63 Bridge Replacement: This week they are starting the bridge decking. Please note, the I-beams and related infrastructure you will see them putting in place the next couple days are temporary structures to create a false decking that they use to support the real decking during construction. These temporary structures are reused and rusty, but are not part of the final structure. So no--we're not getting rusted beams in our new bridge! If weather cooperates, the pouring of the real bridge decking is scheduled for late next week, with hopes of having it done before the 4th of July. After the holiday break, additional work to raise the elevation of the highway to match the new bridge will take precedence, along with dredging of the lake channel in later July.

Local Street Improvement Projects: Barron County Highway Department is already deep into our mill and overlay work on many of our local streets. They will attempt to get as many of the streets that have been milled covered in new blacktop as possible prior to the 4th of July. They will

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School Board Holds June Meeting; Push is on to Prepare Building for Start of School

by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland Board of Education gathered in the Middle School Commons on Tuesday night, June 15, to hold their monthly meeting. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, acceptance of the Consent Agenda, and with no District Reports scheduled for the night, the Board moved immediately into Action Items.

First up was Consideration of the proposed 2026-2027 Administration, Professional, and Associate Staff wage increase. Using the CPI as a partial guide, a statistical metric which measures the average change in prices paid by consumers for goods and services, while also staying within the budget and with the goal of retaining staff, the

Board voted a four percent raise for the 2026-2027 school year.

The Board then moved on to the proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Professional and Associate Staff Handbooks. Superintendent, Dr. Barry Rose, discussed the limited changes, largely in the area of staff absences, which he said would, "Provide clarity to the handbook." Following a discussion by the Board, the 2026-2027 staff handbook passed unanimously.

Next up was the approval of a 10-cent increase to the school lunch for next fall. Following guidelines as set by the National School Lunch Program and the

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1899: A Season of Baseball and Thoughtfulness from the Island City

by Mark R Fuller

As the Cumberland Islander City Baseball Team enters the middle of their season, we are reminded of how baseball played such an integral part of the recreational opportunities for our citizens from the beginnings of the City. As early as the 1890s, games were played between our own citizens as well as the communities that surrounded us.

There was very little money spent on equipment and if you were fortunate enough to own a glove, well and good, but if none were available, you played bare handed or used a glove from the other team, who left them out in the field between innings. Uniforms were optional and a work shirt, overalls, and tennis shoes worked just fine.

One of the biggest problems was having balls to play with. Teams would sometimes scrounge up a tiny rubber ball and wrap it with yarn and then make a cover out of old shoe leather to take their place. Early travel consisted of the train, a horse drawn

wagon, or simply walking to the contest.

Besides the City League Teams, Cumberland High School Baseball organized their first team in 1896. After couple years of minimal competition, they would join the newly formed Barron County League in 1898. The high school season often extended well into the summer, where baseball was thought to be naturally played.

In 1899, the residents of the city were anxious for another season of ball. Things began on Saturday, May 6, when the first game of the high school season was played against Rice Lake, ending in a 17-16 victory for Cumberland. After the game, Judge Comstock invited the entire team to share dinner with him at the Hotel Cumberland. The coach was Principal Hamilton and up next for the team was a strong New Richmond nine.

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CUMBERLAND FEDERAL BANK HONORED!



CUMBERLAND FEDERAL BANK EMPLOYEES, CUMBERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEMBERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS WERE ALL ON HAND AT THE ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GOLF OUTING CELEBRATING INDUSTRY IN THE ISLAND CITY. THIS YEAR CUMBERLAND FEDERAL BANK WAS HONORED. IT WAS A LITTLE SOGGY ON THE COURSE THIS YEAR BUT A GOOD TIME WAS STILL HAD BY ALL. CONGRATULATIONS CUMBERLAND FEDERAL BANK.

TASTE IN CUMBERLAND!



OVER 70 VENDORS WERE ON HAND FOR THE ANNUAL TASTE IN CUMBERLAND FUNDRAISER FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF BARRON COUNTY HELD ON MONDAY NIGHT AT THE CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB. A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT GREETED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE SAMPLING TONS OF TASTY FOOD AND DRINKS WHILE RAISING MONEY FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

RUN FOR THE BACON!



A BEAUTIFUL SATURDAY MORNING SAW A BIG TURNOUT FOR THE ANNUAL "BACON FUN RUN & WALK" HELD ON JEFFERY BOULEVARD, SPONSORED BY LOUIES FINER MEATS. RUNNERS AND WALKERS OF ALL AGES TOOK PART IN THE "FUN" EVENT AND ALL WERE TREATED TO FREE LOUIES BACON AT THE END OF THE RACE/WALK. MILES HENDRICKSON OF BURNSVILLE MINNESOTA WAS THE MENS WINNER IN THE 2 MILE RACE WITH A TIME OF 11.29. ADELYN ORDWAY OF CUMBERLAND WAS THE FIRST PLACE FEMALE CROSSING THE FINISH LINE WITH A TIME OF 15.15. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE FOR A FUN MORNING.



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Turtle Trot Run/Walk in Turtle Lake-July 11, 2026

The 46th Annual Turtle Trot race will be held again this year in conjunction with the Turtle Lake Lions Inter-County Fair. A Pancake Breakfast will also be held as part of the race event. The race and breakfast will be held on Saturday, July 11, beginning at 8:00 am at St. Ann's Center in Turtle Lake. Electronic timing will be used again this year for the race and is sponsored by Cumberland Healthcare and the St. Croix Casino.

There will be three events - the 10k run, the 2 mile run, and the 2 mile walk. Race forms may be picked up at Dairy State Bank, the Turtle Lake Public Library, and the Turtle Lake School or register online

at www.runsignup.com/Race/WI/TurtleTrot/TurtleLakeTurtleTrot.

T-shirts for the event will be handed out before the race. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in various age divisions for the running events.

The race is coordinated by the Turtle Lake Lioness Club and sponsored in part by the Village of Turtle Lake Tourism Commission. Partial proceeds from the event will go to the Turtle Lake School track teams who assist with the race. The pancake breakfast is also sponsored by the Turtle Lake Lioness Club with proceeds going to various community projects supported by the Club.

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Don't miss this year's free family concert featuring the Teddy Bear Band. Children are invited to bring their own teddy bears! After intermission, the group returns as *Rich and the Resistors*, performing classic rock and other favorite hits for adults.

Library staff will hand out free paperback books to children at the concert.

This concert is part of ETC's Island City Music Series and is sponsored by the Cumberland TSAP Library Foundation.

Find out more at cumberlandpl.org



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The Teddy Bear Band is next up for the Island City Music Series. The Teddy Bear Band is an interactive children's concert which will take place on Tuesday, June 30th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Interactive Kids Concert Comes to Island City Music Series June 30

Teddy Bear Band brings an interactive children's concert to Cumberland Tourist Park June 30, 6 to 8 p.m., as part of the Island City Music Series. After intermission, the band returns as Rich and the Resistors for a set of classic rock and other hits.

The June 30 performance, sponsored by the Cumberland

Library, includes a special bonus: the library will hand out a free book to each child in the audience.

Teddy Bear Band's set is designed for toddlers through elementary-age children, with music built around participation and interaction that encourages kids to engage, laugh and connect. Parents are encour-

aged to join in alongside their children.

Shank N Shig BBQ will be on site serving slow-smoked brisket, ribs, pulled pork and their famous mac n cheese. Kayaks provided through the Cumberland School District's Community Education program are available for those who want to enjoy the music from the water.

Admission is free, with donations encouraged.

The Island City Music Series, presented by Enrichment Through Culture, runs every Tuesday through Aug. 11 at Tourist Park. For more information about the Island City Music Series or Enrichment Through Culture's programming, visit cumberlandetc.com.



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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

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FRIDAY, JUNE 26: •6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball

SATURDAY, JUNE 27: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Indoor pickle ball @ ES Gym

MONDAY, JUNE 29: • 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School

TUESDAY, JUNE 30: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School • 5:00 pm Indoor Pickle ball @ ES Gym

Kayaks and Music on Beaver Dam Lake

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 10th year that Cumberland School District kayaks and life-jackets will be available on Tuesday evenings during the Concert Series on the shores of the Cumberland Beach from 6-8 pm.

KAYAKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING: TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2026.

COST: FREE, however donations will be much appreciated! So come on down, listen to some tunes and bring the whole family!

****Launch located near the music on the shores of Beaver Dam/ Cumberland Beach****

So that we are prepared, and know you are interested please reserve your kayaks by Tuesday morning of the week you wish to use them by calling the following number:

Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 / sbrid@cscdmail.com

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Girl Scouts Donate Cookies!!



Local Girl Scout Troop 3054 donated cookies on Friday, June 19th to the Cumberland Police Department, Cumberland Fire Department and Cumberland Care and Rehab, to thank them for all they do for our community! Pictured left to right are Girl Scout Ailah Eggert, Cumberland Police Officer Joy Nelson, and Girl Scout Chloe Donica.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I hope you had a wonderful Fathers' Day. We have lots of relatives with babies who are celebrating being a father on Fathers' Day for the first time. Those lucky people – it goes by so quickly. I see the commercial where the mother of the little five-year-old boy gets to go back in time to when he was a baby, and I think, "I want to do that!" If we only knew when we were in our twenties how fast our little ones would grow up, I think we would all try to slow it down a bit and enjoy life's little treasures. And, it seems to me, that today's fathers are much more into their kids lives than fathers were sixty years ago, which is a very good thing. Enjoy it while it lasts, guys.

Instead of having coffee hour after worship service at Barronett Lutheran the second Sunday of June, we waited until this Sunday so that we could have a breakfast in honor of all the fathers in our congregation. It is such a nice way to start out a Sunday morning, listening to Pastor Todd's sermons and then gathering in the basement for food and conversation. Remember, if you are looking for a church in our area, please stop by for a visit at Barronett Lutheran. We will be so happy to welcome you.

Oak View Adult Family Home received a very nice "thank you" note from Kasey Schrankel, the Shell Lake Senior who was given our Dexter Dre Memorial Scholarship. It is so nice

to know that the students appreciate the help we can give. Thank you for the note, Kasey.

And, I received a very nice card and note from Dorothy Kris Hagen, who now lives in Tennessee. She and I seem to have a lot in common, and I hope someday to be able to stop by her place in Tennessee for a cup of coffee and a visit. Dorothy told me that her mother, Jean Hagen, wrote for the Cumberland Advocate many years ago, and that she also wrote for newspapers in Rochester, Winona and Faribault Minnesota. I am going to go into the archives at the Advocate and read some of her columns. I enjoy seeing what was important to people years ago – I guess one of my favorite parts of our newspaper is the section where news from as far back as 80 years ago is reprinted.

Our neighbor, John, was walking his dog by our garden the other day, and I stopped by to chat for a few minutes. Well – John said that he saw a fisher in a tree on our land. He said it was just a little one, but when he showed me the picture it certainly did not look little to me. I am not happy at all about this!! Our cat, Matilda, loves to go to the garden with us and explore all around in the tall grass, weeds and woods. Now she will have to stay at home and be content with watching the birds in the front yard. She is going to be very angry with me when I

get in the Kubota and leave her at home, but I don't want to take the chance of losing her. Dang fisher!!!!

Jessi Stouffer called to ask if she and some friends could pick rhubarb, and I told her that, of course, that would be fine, and to come on over. Well, they picked the rhubarb at the house, and then came to the garden where Duane and I were working. Jessi's friends were Collyn, Kathy, Sally and John. John, who is just a youngster, decided that he was going to have his dad come with a front-end loader and flatbed and steal the treehouse. I told him that I would have to hurt him if he tried that, but that he and his mom and grandma – and their friend – are welcome to come and play in the treehouse and steal produce from the garden any time. Duane and I enjoyed their visit a lot, and hope they do come back often.

Lynn and Kane Thon had a great grandma/grandson day out on Saturday. Kane wanted to try fishing in a river, so Lynn took him to the public boat landing on the Red Cedar over by the Rice Lake airport. He always wants to try for bass, and was a little disappointed when he didn't catch any, but said he had fun fishing anyway. From now on they are going to go to lakes because he has decided (and I think he is right) that bass do not live in rivers.

I'm going to run. Hope you had a great Fathers' Day and enjoy the week to come.

Class of 1960!



On June 16th, 11 1960 graduates of Cumberland High School (plus 3 spouses) gathered for lunch at the Timberland Bar & Grill. The food was great and the reminiscing was equally enjoyed. The Timberland Bar & Grill is now open 7 days a week which allowed us the opportunity to meet on a Tuesday. Front Row L-R: Sharon (Jones) Rogers, Barbara (Adams) Burdick, Judy Jacobson (spouse), Annette (Sirianni) Eschen, Joyce Riebe (spouse) and Dianne (Janson) Peterson. Back Row L-R: Dick Oslund, Lee Jacobson, John Lloyd, Gene Romsos, Bruce Madison, Anthony Weaver, Jim Vaughn, Robert Riebe & Bill Burdick (spouse).

Red Barn Theatre Presents:

Now & Then

Directed by Rick Snyder Cast: front: Theo Lang, Marina Terenzi, back: Dave McNulty, Connie Olson, Rick Snyder June 17-27, 2026

Red Barn's "Now and Then" Closes June 27

There are only several more performances of the Red Barn's current production "Now and Then" so don't miss your chance to see this heartfelt romantic dramedy. It's a play that explores profound choices of love and

life.

Also take in the beautiful acrylics and watercolors of Sara Cornell featured in the Gallery.

The Red Barn Theatre is located northeast of Rice Lake, Wisconsin at the junction of Highway 48

and County Trunk M. The curtains open at 7:30 pm for all shows. There are no Sunday performances.

Reservations may be made by calling 715-234-8301 or online at redbarntheatre-ricelake.com. Single admission tickets are \$20.

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

After watching the weather forecast this morning (Tuesday), it looks like our stretch of cool and comfortable summer days will be coming to an end this weekend. I personally love temps in the 70’s, but I know plenty of people are ready for some toasty “lake weather.” It has been great sleeping weather with temps down in the 40’s at night, pull up the blankets and all is good. It has also been nice to not have the AC on for the past two weeks. Anyway, it looks like hot summer lovers will get their wish soon!

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The Brewers are at it again, they lead the NL Central division by a comfortable 5 games, as we head to the end of June. The return of Brandon Woodruff on Monday night was outstanding. Woodruff allowed only 1 hit through six dominant innings. If he can stay healthy, the Brewers have a dominant starting pitching staff Kyle Harrison and the almost unhittable Jacob Misorowski, along with a talented bullpen make the crew especially scary this year. If there is a year for the Brewers to make a big move at the deadline, I think this is the year. It’s time to swing for the fences as they say!

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The Island City Music Series is off and running again on Tuesday evenings at Tourist Park. The weekly concerts take place at 6 pm and usually feature some great local talent. Next Tuesday, June 30, is a special event featuring the Teddy Bear Band. Children are encouraged to bring their own teddy bears and take part in the fun. The second half of the show features classic rock and other favorites for adults. Should be a fun night at the beach!

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We should be about halfway through the bridge project by now. There is no doubt it is impacting businesses on both sides of the bridge. I know you have heard it before, but it is so important to make the extra effort to support our local small town businesses. Every little bit helps, plus it only takes a few extra minutes to go from one side to the other.

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I hope all the fathers out there had a great Fathers Day this past Sunday. I went to an Islander baseball game and grilled a big tasty steak for supper, perfect! Have a great week!



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Haglund’s private conservation work is legacy for divided times”

MADISON, Wis. – In a contentious era for public policy across the board, conservation of natural resources ranks among the most divisive.

One side is led by those who blindly deny anything is amiss when it comes to protecting land, water and wildlife; the other is ruled by those who put all trust in bureaucraticies that can punish innovators and communities for daring to act on their own.

Brent M. Haglund, who died June 12 at 78, was a Wisconsin champion of a third way: Harnessing the power of people to safeguard the natural world, one victory at a time.

I came to know Haglund when he was president of the Sand County Foundation, which traces its roots to the land ethic of Wisconsin’s Aldo Leopold, author of “A Sand County Almanac.” Leopold believed people – acting individually or collectively, and given the right incentives – were the best stewards of the land.

That belief was shared by ecologist Haglund. It inspired him to push for the undamming of the main-stem Baraboo River 30 years ago, when re-

moving dams was questioned by many and outright opposed by others.

Today, dam removal is a standard of care that enhances safety, improves fisheries, benefits nearby landowners, boosts water oxygen levels while reducing nitrogen, and generally allows a river to be a river.

Well into the 20th century in Wisconsin and elsewhere, dams were ribbons of commerce and transportation, powering grist mills and, later, small electric plants. They outlived their usefulness, but that didn’t make them any easier to remove. Sometimes, simple nostalgia got in the way.

The Baraboo River project succeeded because there was cooperation among private citizens, conservation foundations such as Sand County and the River Alliance of Wisconsin, and governments at local and state levels.

“Today, a leaf that wafts into the water at the Baraboo River’s headwaters near Elroy may meander all the way down the 160-mile river to where it meets the Wisconsin River near Portage,” read a passage from “Hands-

On Environmentalism,” which Haglund and I co-authored in 2005. “That makes it the longest mainstem of a river to be undammed in the United States – and an environmental precedent that will be closely studied for years to come.”

There are far longer undammed rivers today, but a precedent was set by that successful experiment in south-central Wisconsin. Removal of outmoded dams is now more commonplace across the United States and around the world.

The book defined hands-on environmentalism by first explaining what it is not. It is neither “command-and-environmentalism” on one end of the spectrum nor “free-market environmentalism” on the other.

Rather, it’s a participatory movement that goes beyond segmented stakeholder conversations to emphasizing community partnerships with private, public and non-profit interests at the table. It can involve a lot of people willing to get their hands dirty, literally or figuratively.

“Because it’s based on values such as local control, government ac-

countability and economic opportunity, this new vision of environmental activism is challenging the command-and-control model that has dominated thought ... for the past three decades,” we wrote.

The book drew on other close-to-home examples as well as practices in Arizona, Louisiana and several African nations.

It’s no surprise that today’s debates about conservation and environmental challenges take place over a wide divide. The same is true about many other issues facing society.

There are people who predict humankind will procreate and pollute itself into oblivion, much as Thomas Malthus wrongly predicted 300 years ago. Others take laissez-faire thinking to a point where global climate change is nothing but “fake news,” despite scientific proof to the contrary.

Haglund opted to follow the middle road: Trust settled science but also trust people to act in the best interests of themselves and their communities.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
June 29, 2016

The Cumberland School District will be inducting six new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame at the Honors Dinner in September. The members are Duane Matye, class of 1949, Joe Hegenbarth, who graduated Rice Lake High School in 1951 before coming to Cumberland, John Walsh, class of 1977, Cindy Nerbun (Burgos) class of 1995, Mike Mysicka, class of 1993 and Phil Peichel, class of 1983.

20 Years Ago
June 28, 2006

Chad Olson, branch manager at Cumberland’s U.S. Bank, who was recently promoted to U.S. Bank district manager, has won U.S. Bank’s Annual Pinnacle Award, which represents the top ten percent of U.S. Bank employee in their line of business. In addition, Olson was among the top one percent of employees nationwide to win U.S. Bank’s Top Tier, earning him a \$10,000 prize.

The Cumberland High School Marching Band entertained the audience with an energetic performance on Saturday in Clear Lake. The parade judges were so impressed, Cumberland walked away with first place honors, with their them entitled “Shades of Blue” which

incorporates jazz and rock.

30 Years Ago
June 26, 1996

Carl Bents, owner of the Tower House Restaurant, was recently awarded a plaque of appreciation from the Cumberland Fire Department. The plaque is to show appreciation for many late night meals and refreshments he has provided for the firefighters. Carl received the plaque from Fire Chief Bob Mack.

40 Years Ago
June 25, 1986

Cumberland Firefighters responded to a fire at the Pat Doonan residence in Comstock on June 21, where flames had broken out in an upstairs bedroom. The fire may have been caused by smoking materials. No one was injured during the fire, but the bedroom and lower rooms suffered some damage.

Weekend rains in Cumberland and surrounding areas ended a month-long stretch during which less than an inch of rain was recorded. Rainfall during June had totaled nine tenths of an inch. The weekend’s wet weather pushed the month’s total to 2.82 inches, bringing relief to farmers.

50 Years Ago
June 24, 1976

Tons of carp were re-

moved from the cemetery portion of Beaver Dam Lake recently. This portion of the lake was treated with fish toxicant by the Department of Natural Resources on June 10. In an attempt to reduce the carp population, the area was treated with 330 gallons of rotenone. A net was stretched across the highway culvert to prevent fish from escaping the main lake.

60 Years Ago
June 30, 1966

A Cumberland landmark started to disappear from the local scene last week with the razing of the 1903 school building on Second Avenue. After 63 years of service, the old building is a memory. Elementary grades will be moved into the 1924 and 1953 buildings to the south and the junior high will move into its new home in the west wing of the high school.

70 Years Ago
June 28, 1956

Charlene E. Christensen of Cumberland is among the 334 Wisconsin high school girls from 293 state communities who are attending the 13th annual Badger Girl’s State on the U of W Campus this week.

80 Years Ago
June 27, 1946

Albert Skinner was elected Commander of

the Anderson-Thomson Post of the American Legion, succeeding W.W. Ellenson at a meeting last week.



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06/18	56	51	1.38
06/19	65	46	0.00
06/20	67	49	0.53
06/21	69	50	0.00
06/22	72	52	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.

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Lauren L. Breit, 42, Chicago, IL., speeding, \$276.10. Tristin J. Ellsworth, 26, Milwaukee, speeding, \$175.30. Lyncoln E. Emerson, 19, Altoona, OWI, \$1,049.50. Michael A. Holub, 40, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. J R Vinyl Windows, Frederic, vehicle equipment violations-group 2, \$200.50 and vehicle equipment violations-group 1, \$238.30. Dawn T. Korzenieski, 49, Almena, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Wilson O. Lopez-Gonzalez, 33, Saint Paul, MN., OWI, \$1,112.50. David J. Nelson, 39, Barron, speeding, \$276.10. Dustin E. Riley, 33, Thorp, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Jack M. Swiggum, 21, Bemidji, MN., speeding, \$213.10. Jesse J. Whitehead, 19, Barron, vent/side window excessive tinting, \$114.50.

Complaints

Sarina M. Stone, 35, of Solon Springs, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date was scheduled for June 12, 2026.

Terry L. Moss, 65, of Rice Lake, has been charged with obstructing an officer. His court trial is scheduled for July 27, 2026.

Samantha J. Rutherford, 34, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court appearance was scheduled for June 15, 2026.

Rita M. Cleveland, 45, of Comstock, has been charged with possession of marijuana. Her court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Nathan J. Swint, 17, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date was scheduled for June 17, 2026.

Kiunte J. Sigurdson, 26, of Barron, has been charged with possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Martin A. Helgeson, 45, of Barron, has been charged with operate ATV on roadway by person <16 years old. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Christopher W. Farmer, 28, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His motion hearing was scheduled for June 18, 2026.

Criminal

Traffic

Cristian A. Lanza, 34, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked, OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Haley L. Paulus, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate without a valid license. Her initial appearance is scheduled for July 1, 2026.

Remington C. Bundt, 32, of Menomonie, has been charged with ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for July 1, 2026.

Robert M. Welch, 45, of Shell Lake, has been charged with OWI and operate with restricted controlled substance. His initial appearance is scheduled for July 1, 2026.

David K. Larson, 76, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for July 1, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

David W. Goslin, 54, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His initial appearance was scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Russell L. Deveau, 40, of Solon Springs, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. His court hearing is scheduled for September 4, 2026.

Jamion B. Frazier, 25, of Altoona, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Nick K. Hagen, 41, of Cumberland, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance was scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Sarah R. Petersen, 37, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. She has a warrant issued for her arrest.

Chippewa Falls Man Arrested in Rice Lake for Operating while Under the Influence- 5th or 6th offense

Dakota D. Ellithorpe, 31, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence-5th or 6th offense, operate a motor vehicle while revoked, possession of THC, violate the bond condition in Chippewa County which states the defendant must not possess or consume alcohol, violate the bond in Washburn County which states the defendant must not drive without a valid driver's license, and violate the bond condition which states the defendant must obtain absolute sobriety.

The City of Rice Lake Police Department Sergeant, reports on June 12, 2026, at approximately 11:34 pm, he was driving southbound on Wilson Avenue approaching Messenger Street when he observed a Chevrolet drive northbound on Wilson Avenue near Highland Street. The sergeant reports he saw no front license plate on the vehicle, but later saw it to have temporary registration in the rear window, and observed the vehicle to be traveling in excess of the posted speed limit.

The sergeant reports he observed the vehicle stop at the stop sign for Messenger Street and continue northbound. The sergeant reports he drove through the inter-

section and began to pass the vehicle. He then heard the vehicle quickly accelerate, as he had heard the engine to be loud, and the vehicle's tires to begin to slide quickly on the wet pavement due to the quick acceleration.

The sergeant reports he conducted at traffic stop of the vehicle on Wilson Avenue and Newton Street.

The sergeant reports that as he approached the vehicle, he observed the driver, the defendant, exit the vehicle and walk to the front of his truck.

The sergeant reports he exited his squad car and yelled at Ellithorpe several times to get back into his vehicle, but he did not comply. The sergeant reports Ellithorpe began asking the sergeant why he was "traffic stopping" him.

The sergeant reports Ellithorpe was refusing to listen to his commands.

The sergeant reports as he approached Ellithorpe and as he was several feet away from Ellithorpe, the sergeant smelled a strong odor of both intoxicants and marijuana coming from Ellithorpe's person. The sergeant reports he observed Ellithorpe's eyes to be bloodshot and glassy, and Ellithorpe's speech to be slurred as he spoke.

The sergeant's reports reflect he eventually grabbed Ellithorpe's right arm and held it and escorted him to the front of the sergeant's

squad. The sergeant reports Ellithorpe continued to argue with him about the reason for the stop. The sergeant reports he smelled the odor of intoxicants coming from Ellithorpe's breath as he spoke.

The sergeant reports he tried asking Ellithorpe for is ID, but that Ellithorpe became argumentative and argued about the reason for the stop.

The sergeant's reports reflect that Ellithorpe was eventually able to retrieve his wallet and that the sergeant located an ATV safety certificate with Ellithorpe's name on it.

The sergeant reports he tried asking Ellithorpe how much alcohol he had to drink but Ellithorpe continued to argue about the reason for the stop.

The sergeant's reports reflect that he asked Ellithorpe multiple times if he would perform field sobriety tests and Ellithorpe stated, "absolutely not" and then ignored him.

The sergeant's reports reflect he eventually searched Ellithorpe's vehicle, and in the center console he located a vape cartridge that had a brown liquid in it, which tested positive for THC using a Nark II test kit.

The sergeant reports that while Ellithorpe sat in the rear of his squad, he would swear at the sergeant and

called him names.

The sergeant reports he transported Ellithorpe to the Barron County Jail.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, Ellithorpe may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years or both. For operating a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than one year or both. For possession of THC he may be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months or both. For violating the condition in Chippewa County which states he must not possess or consume alcohol, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For violating the bond condition in Washburn County which states he must not drive without a valid driver's license, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For violating the bond condition in Washburn County which states he must obtain absolute sobriety, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both.

Northwest Region Construction Update

Barron County Highway: County O Location: East Branch Upper Pine Creek Bridge north of the village of Dallas Schedule: June 15 to early August Cost: \$ \$501,425 Description of work: Replacing the bridge and reconstructing 149.5 feet of approaching roadway Traffic impacts: County O is closed at the structure, and traffic is being detoured via County D, WIS 25 and County U. Highway: County O Location: Wisconsin Avenue intersection in Rice Lake Schedule: April 20 to late September Cost: \$1.1 million Description of work: Realigning and extending the County O left-turn lanes, constructing right-turn lanes both north and south along Wisconsin Avenue, replacing traffic signals and adding sidewalk and a pedestrian crossing on County O Traffic impacts: Wisconsin Avenue and County O remain open to traffic, but motorists will encounter lane closures for the installation of new traffic signals. Highway: US 53 South Location: Bridges between Cameron and New Auburn, structures over US 8, Knapp Street, County A, County AA

and Carlson School Road, 2025; and structures over 20th Street, County I and the Chetek River, 2026 Schedule: Feb. 23 to October, 2026 construction; May 5, 2025, to October 2026, overall project Cost: \$10.91 million Description of 2026 work: Replacing the decks on the bridges over the Chetek River and 20th Street; replacing the bridge over County I; milling pavement on both sides of each structure and placing new asphalt pavement on the approaches; milling and overlaying the pavement on the southbound US 53 on- and off-ramps at the County I interchange; and replacing guardrail, pavement markings and signage Traffic impacts: Southbound US 53 remains open to traffic, but motorists will encounter: Continuous single-lane closures on southbound US 53 from north of US 8 to south of 20th Street southwest of Cameron, north of Knapp Street in Chetek to south of County AA southeast of Chetek and from north of Carlson School Road, located northwest of New Auburn, to south of the structure The speed limit is reduced to 55 mph. Single-lane closures on County I through the duration of the project Closure of the ramp from

County I to southbound US 53 The ramp closure is anticipated to be in place through Oct. 1. Traffic is being detoured on northbound US 53 to the US 8 interchange, where motorists will exit and then re-enter southbound US 53. Highway: US 63 Location: Charrie Lane in Cumberland to the Washburn County line Schedule: April 13 to late June Cost: \$4.64 million Description of work: Removing a portion of the existing pavement and paving new asphalt, installing centerline and edge line rumble strips, cleaning or repairing culverts, reconstructing sidewalk curb ramps to Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance and placing new pavement markings Traffic impacts: US 63 remains open to traffic, but motorists will encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging from: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays Highway: US 63 Location: Beaver Dam Lake in Cumberland Schedule: April 24 to early September Cost: \$2.64 million Description of work: Removing the existing box culvert carrying Beaver Dam Lake under US 63, building a bridge with a longer span to replace the box culvert, removing the Lake Street Bridge, dredging Beaver Dam Lake under US 63 and the Lake Street Bridge, building an ATV trail on the east side of US 63 from Arcade Avenue to Nedvidek Street, reconstructing US 63 on both sides of the new bridge, reconstructing portions of Lake Street, Nedvidek Street and Babcock Avenue to match the raised profile of US 63 and constructing curb, gutter and sidewalk Traffic impacts: US 63 is closed to traffic on both sides of the structure. Traffic is being detoured via WIS 48, US 53 and WIS 70. In addition: Lake Street is closed just

past the boat landing. \$ Access to the boat landing is being maintained. \$ The Lake Street Bridge is open to emergency vehicles only through late July. Polk County Highway: WIS 46 Location: US 8 to WIS 35 Schedule: April 15 to early October Cost: \$8.49 million Description of work: Recycling 4 inches of pavement in place on the rural portion of the project; placing 2.75 inches of new asphalt and installing centerline rumble strips; milling 3.25 inches of pavement in the village of Balsam Lake and placing 3.35 inches of new asphalt; cleaning, extending, lining or replacing culverts; replacing or adjusting existing guardrail; and replacing curb ramps in the village of Balsam Lake Traffic impacts: WIS 46 is closed from 140th Avenue to 150th Avenue. This closure is anticipated to be in place through mid-July. Traffic is being detoured via US 8 and WIS 35. Motorists might encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging on other segments of the project. Highway: US 8 Location: WIS 35 North to WIS 46 South Schedule: May 11 to late August Cost: \$7.52 million Description of work: Milling 2.25 inches of existing asphaltic surface and placing 3.25 inches new asphalt; reconstructing two locations of roadway where sloughing is occurring; widening the paved shoulders from 3 to 5 feet; installing centerline and shoulder rumble strips; cleaning, extending, lining or replacing existing culverts and replacing deteriorating end walls on some structures; replacing or adjusting guardrail; and completing roadside maintenance, including clearing and ditching Traffic impacts: US 8 remains open to traffic, but motorists will encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging for paving operations.

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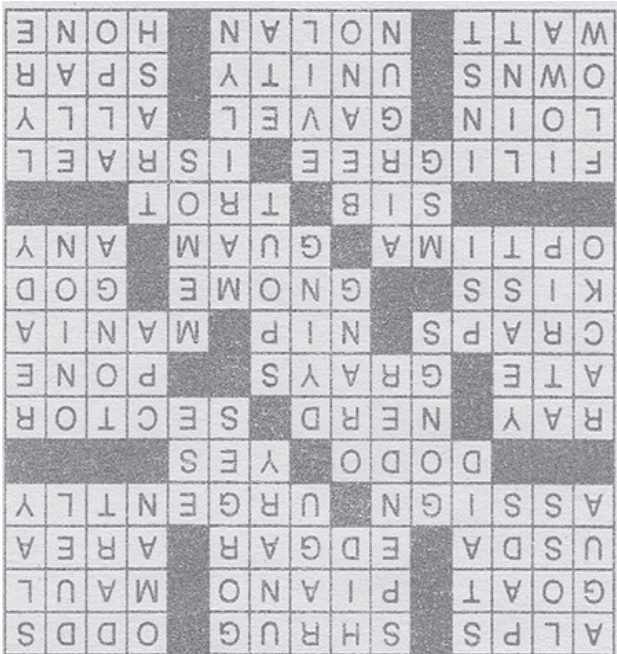


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Sports

ISLANDER BEAT WOODTICKS IN SUNDAY AFTERNOON AFFAIR

The Cumberland Islanders captured an 8-5 victory over the Bloomer Woodticks on Sunday afternoon at Islander Park. Ryan Lundmark, Troy Majewski, Vaughn Johnson, and Uriah Johnson combined for six of the team’s eight hits in the victory with Majewski and Lundmark leading the way with a pair of singles.

Cumberland were the first to score getting on the board in the first when Wyatt Jensen grounded out, scoring a runner from third. The Woodticks then tied the game at one each in the top of the second on a groundout as well.

The Islanders then took the lead in the bottom of the second. An error allowed one run to score to give Cumberland the lead, 2-1.

Cumberland would then add one run in the third after Bloomer committed another error to lead 3-1.

Wyatt Tift stepped on the bump first for the Islanders.

The right-hander allowed seven hits and one run over five innings, striking out eight and walking three. Wyatt Jensen, Uriah Johnson, and David Olson each came on in relief for Cumberland to help lead the Islanders past the Woodticks.

David Olson provided pop in the middle of the lineup, and led Cumberland with two runs batted in. Reid Olson added a long RBI triple. Vaughn Johnson had three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, tallying 10 walks for the game. Ryan Lundmark stole two bases. Cumberland ran wild on the base paths, amassing six stolen bases for the game. The Islanders will travel to Haugen this Saturday night for a 7:30 contest under the lights and head to Spooner on Sunday for a 1PM battle with the Cardinals. Come check out a game, they are fun to watch!

Sports Notebook

By Mark R Fuller

*The 2025-2026 Sports seasons have come to an end following last week’s State Tournaments. The Softball and Baseball State Tournaments had little success for northern schools as River Falls and St. Croix Falls lost in the first round in baseball and Spooner and Grantsburg lost their first game in softball. In Girl’s Soccer, meanwhile, Rice Lake dropped their State opener to an undefeated McFarland Team, 2-1. McFarland later completed their undefeated season by winning the Championship Game.

*It is still June, but the 2026-2027 WIAA sponsored sports kick off in just over five weeks, with Football practice starting August 4, Girl’s Golf on August 10, and Volleyball, Boy’s Soccer and Cross Country, August 17.

*Due to the Competitive Balance Factor as established by the WIAA, two area squads, St. Croix Falls in Wrestling and Amery in Hockey, will move up a division for Tournament play next year.

Both appealed their status, but were turned down by the WIAA. The Barron Co-op Hockey Team and Ashland Boy’s and Girl’s Basketball, meanwhile, appealed and will be dropped down a Division for Tournament play beginning next year.

*Sport Athletes Contact with Coaches- All sport coaches have sanctioned school coaching contact opportunities during the summer, from June 1 through June 30 and July 7 through July 31. Sanctioned school opportunities allow you to use school support and facilities as you would during the season. Sanctioned school coaching contact means teams can assemble with coaches, school monies and resources can be applied, and schools can sponsor the events/activities. Sanctioned school contact days are open to any and all interested students in your school. They are not allowed during the school year.

*Hope all our fathers had a great Father’s Day!

Sports Look Back, June 28, 1956

In a game called after five innings because of light failure, Cumberland beat Wheeler here 1 to 0 on Wednesday night.

The game’s lone run was scored in the first inning when Ted Ficocello walked and scored on a Bud Rylander’s booming triple to left center field.

The game was a pitcher’s battle all the way between Hable of Cumberland and D. Olefson of Wheeler. Each gave up only two hits in the five innings pitched.

Cumberland VS Ridgeland:

Home runs by Bob Nesvold and Norm Sullivan paced Jimmy Nelson’s Islanders to a 9 to 0 win over Ridgeland at Ridgeland Sunday afternoon. This win puts Cumberland at the top of the league with a 5-0 record.

In exhibition play, the Islanders have 5 wins and 1 loss.

Lefty Al Peer hurled 5-hit ball, striking out 10 in scoring the shutout. He did not give up a single walk in the great pitching exhibition. Cumberland touched Johnson for 10 hits with Ficocello and Nesvold each getting 2.

Cumberland VS Wheeler: After the Ridgeland victory, the Islanders went to Colfax where they beat Wheeler 6 to 3. Bob Hable hurled 8-hit ball and held Wheeler to 3 runs, one in the 3rd, 4th, and 9th innings.

Cumberland came from behind to win as Wheeler led 2 to 1 going into the fifth but the Islanders put the game on ice with 3 runs in the fifth and never looked back.

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Tournament Champions!

THE CUMBERLAND CHAOS 8U SOFTBALL TEAM TOOK FIRST PLACE AT THE MUSTANG STAMPEDE IN MENOMONIE LAST WEEKEND. THE GIRLS PLAYED GREAT NOT ALLOWING A SINGLE RUN IN MULTIPLE GAMES ON SATURDAY. PICTURED ARE BACK ROW: COACHES ISAAC LUNDQUIST, EVAN STRANGSTALIEN AND ZACH STOWELL. MIDDLE ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE HARPER HAUGEN, IVY HERNANDEZ, VIOLET LUNDQUIST, HARPER STOWELL EMERY STRANGSTALIEN AND BRIA GARDNER. FRONT ROW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT ARE GRACE MAZUREK, MIA RANALLO, EVE LUNDQUIST AND RILO THORP. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!

ISLANDER CATCHER RYAN LUNDMARK BEATS THE TAG AT THE PLATE SUNDAY AFTERNOON VS BLOOMER.

LEVI JENSEN SLIDES HOME WITH A RUN IN THE ISLANDERS 8-5 WIN OVER THE WOODTICKS.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

SOLAR TIMES

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LUNAR TIMES

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06/27 Sat	3:30	9:42	3:55	10:07	05:22	08:58	7:47p	2:58a	11:44p	11:19a	*
06/28 Sun>	4:16	10:29	4:42	10:55	05:22	08:58	8:41p	3:39a	NoMoon	12:09p	
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Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window

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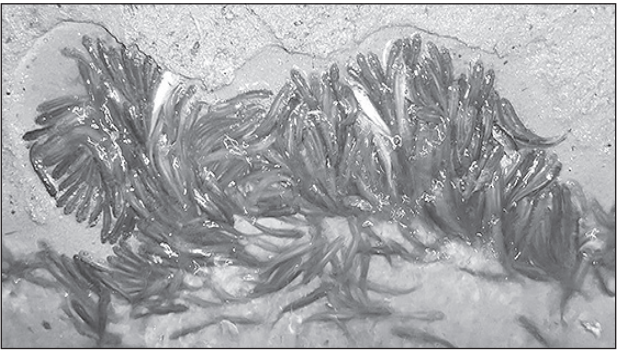
An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

The Total Plan

Hello friends,
This week and ever since 1982, I am fishing and escaping from the real world with friends and family at a fly in fishing lake in Ontario, Canada. I am going to write my annual independent way of living, way of life story and I hope that you enjoy it.
On a good day, my truck is not started and I do not have to go town.
I have enough garden planted to feed myself and probably 5 other people with sweet corn - 5 crops, potatoes - 400 hills, tomatoes - 27 plants and a whole bunch of veggies from onions to squash. Last year I put up five Nespro's of chili which I bag and freeze and makes an excellent meal.
I no longer raise cattle as the calf price has become too high which in the past, I was breaking even but had manure, now I would lose about \$800 per animal. My guess would be when my soil/sand becomes worthless due to a lack of nutrients I will get back into the cattle business.
My woodshed is stocked for the 2026/27 winter with split and drying oak.
Over the years I have planted 11 apple trees, my life has become so busy that the last few years I neglected them and did not make apple sauce. This year I have been on top of pruning and spraying and hope to make 40 to 60 quarts of applesauce this fall. When my apple trees were blossoming in late April, there was a hard frost, I put my Mr. Buddy propane heaters next to them as well as some electric heaters and it helped but I still lost some potential apples. Necedah has cold overnight lows.
I have been working on the financial end of a retirement plan for 26 years, for a self-employed person that has a low income that has been a challenge but a few years down the road and if Social Security still works I should be fine when the time comes to slow down.
My time in the garden is a total addiction for

me. The brown to green to brown phase of spring, summer and fall for a garden and the at least 1500 pounds of food I will harvest is like catching a really nice stringer of walleye every day.
Speaking of walleye, there used to be a yard in front of my house, now there is Lake Matilda which is named after Michelle Chiaro who was the coolest lady I have ever known. Michelle passed away on 6/15/22 and I will never stop honoring her.
Lake Matilda is my getaway, whether I am looking out my window, working on it, sitting next to a fire by it or like yesterday, swimming in it. So far I have planted bluegill, perch, crappie and last fall I planted twenty, 5 to 8-inch walleye in it.
The perch have spawned the last two springs, the bluegill the last three, the crappie are too young, the walleye will not spawn but I will add 20 each fall and after 3 years harvest maybe 15 a year.
My entire life and I swear this is the truth, I have had a dream where I have tip-ups in my backyard, and I am fishing on the lawn where I grew up in Poynette. In a few years I think that dream will come true as I will have a shack on Matilda and the thrill of catching a walleye will become reality, while the panfish will become a staple of my diet.
To feed the panfish and walleye I have been stocking 3 gallons of fathead minnows each spring and fall. Fatheads are very prolific and spawn up to five times each warm season.
Most importantly is the newspaper staff and owners that run this column so I can live like I do since I was 27, thirty-seven years as of this past May. If you get a chance, tell them thank you, it makes a difference.
The truck pulls out of the driveway for Red Lake, Ontario in a few hours.
Time to hang with The Canada Gang!
Sunset



Fathead minnows spawning in Mark Walters pond.



This pond is Walters escape and only 40 feet out of his front door.



Walters garden on June 11.

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A MIGHTY SWING!



TREVOR TAKES A BIG SWING AT "DAY BALL". YOUNGSTERS LEARNING THE GAME OF BASEBALL AT ISLANDER PARK.



WYATT TIFT PICKED UP THE WIN ON THE MOUND GOING 5 INNINGS STRIKING OUT 8 WOODTICK BATTERS IN THE ISLANDERS 8-5 VICTORY SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

1899...

New Richmond proved to be as strong as advertised, taking a 24-8 victory. As long as they were in the area, the Beavers also played Hammond, where they dropped a 13-12 contest.
The same week of the high school's trip to New Richmond, the City League Team opened up practices under Manager Dr. C. E. Foote with players like Jim Doar, Lew Thomas, Will Huser, and Bert Miller heading up the squad. The start of their season was heartened by the fact they would be playing in new uniforms purchased by the Business Community.
Ironically, the next game for both teams would be against each other. When Shell Lake did not show up for a scheduled game, the Cumberland City League Team talked the High School into a contest. Won by the City League 7 to 6, the Advocate would complement the young squad saying, "It was a fine exhibition of ball playing throughout, probably much better than the spectators would have seen had Shell Lake put in an appearance."
Unfortunately, baseball would be put on hold a week later when a strong tornado ripped through New Richmond on June 12, causing one of the biggest disasters this area has ever seen.
In a headline called, "A Ruined City," the Advocate described the June 12 event saying, "It is beyond the power of the pen or picture to convey to the mind any adequate idea of the real situation." It came on the afternoon of the circus, which had brought many unsuspecting victims into the city.
Over 115 people died and over 300 buildings were destroyed in the storm with an equal number of dead animals. On Second Street was a pile of lumber and wreckage 10 feet high with a dead horse on top of the pile. There were thousands of trees blown down, while others, "Still stood utterly defraud of bark and as white as if they'd been polished."
A week after the storm, a piece of tarred and pebbled roofing, weighing 350 pounds, was found near Almena and thought to have come from New Richmond. The storm had carried it 40 miles before dropping it in a field.
Thankfully, Cumberland received little effect from the storm, but Barron, Almena, and Rice Lake each had some damage. Among those killed in New Richmond was Dr. Hopkins uncle, William Bixby, and four members of the Hawkins family, relatives of John Corbett.
Cumberland and cities from Western Wisconsin and Minnesota responded immediately. Thirty men from the city went to help clean up on Wednesday and thirty-six more on Thursday. More from the city continued to make the pilgrimage as the week went on.
Cumberland also responded immediately with \$650 in cash, from which part of the money came from canceling Cumberland's July 4th events and giving that money instead, "For the relief of our sister city." Eventually over \$800 would be contributed from the Island City.
This effort of giving led to a different 4th for the city, but nevertheless, a satisfactory one.
There were street races and throwing contest for the kids and a ballgame between the high school and city league teams. The Advocate said, "Men, women and children flocked to the grounds including some who had not seen a game in years." The paper summarized the 29-27 City League victory by saying, "The game was very successful in accomplishing the object sought, that of furnishing amusement and entertainment for the crowd. Although no attempt was made to have a big celebration, it as one of the most enjoyable and satisfactory 4th of July ever experienced in Cumberland."
Baseball would continue in Cumberland throughout the city that summer, but none of the games would be more important to the city and its people than what it had done for its neighbor. That's the way it is and should be here in the Island City!

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PUBLIC NOTICES



CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES Tuesday, May 19, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Middle School Commons, 6:00 p.m. Open Session Closed to Follow

Present: Board – Gideo, Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner, & Stone
 Administration – Rose, Ferguson, Green, & Hopkins
 President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.
 Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

- Motions for officers are as follows:
 - President: Rieper nominated Stone, seconded by Gideo, all voting aye, Stone elected President
 - Vice President: Gideo nominated Skinner, seconded by Rieper, all voting aye, Skinner elected Vice President
 - Clerk: Gideo nominated Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, all voting aye, Hyatt elected Clerk
 - Treasurer: Skinner nominated Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, all voting aye, Gideo elected Treasurer
- Appointments or volunteers:
 - CESA 11 Delegate: Jonelle Gideo
 - WASB Delegate and Alternate: Delegate: Adam Skinner, Alternate: Jennifer Hyatt
 - Indian Education Committee: Richard Rieper
- Motion made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve the Cumberland Advocate as the official newspaper of the district. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Discussion was held, and meetings will be held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, or as decided the mother before, in either the Middle School Commons or Endeavor Commons.
- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Elania McMillan, Boys' Soccer
 - Isaac Lundquist, Curriculum update
 - Tami Bowman, Special Education update
 - Dan Hopkins, Athletic update
- Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve the approval/denial of open enrollment applications for the 2026 – 2027 school year as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Gideo, to approve the ICVA, Charter School Contract. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Skinner, to approve Joseph Serbiak's resignation as Special Education Teacher. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Gideo, to approve Adreanna Serbiak's resignation as High School Secretary. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve Erik Ethun's resignation as High School Assistant Football Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Isaac Lundquist as Middle School Principal. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve Heidi Miller as Elementary School Principal. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to approve Benjamin Kisling as Director of Learning. All voting aye, motion carried.
- Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.
 Motion made by Rieper, seconded by Gideo, to adjourn to closed session. President Stone requested that the clerk conduct a roll call vote to adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of considering employment and compensation, performance evaluations and discussing negotiations per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c), specifically to discuss employee negotiations and personnel. By roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried to immediately adjourn to closed session.
 A motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to reconvene to open session to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.
 Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Hyatt, seconded by Stone. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.
Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk

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NOTICE STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) CASE NO. 2026 PR 45

In the Matter of the Estate of Connie K. Bussewitz, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 45.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/20/1947 and date of death 02/21/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1571 Forest Street, Cumberland, WI 54829.
 3. All interested persons waived notice.
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 25, 2026.
 5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

/s/ Deanne E. Larson
 Probate Registrar
 June 12, 2026

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OBITUARIES



Rose M. (Pinotti) Schullo

Rose Marie (Pinotti) Schullo, 74, of Cumberland, WI passed away peacefully on June 21, 2026 at Cumberland Healthcare surrounded by her loving family.

She was born October 19th, 1951, in St. Paul, MN to Thomas and Beatrice (Percy) Pinotti. Rose grew up in St. Paul and graduated from St. Bernard’s Catholic High School. She married Michael John Schullo on September 25th, 1971, at St. Bernard’s Catholic Church in St. Paul. In 1976, the two began their own dairy farm and raised a new family near 3 generations of family. Shortly after, Rose began volunteering as a religious education teacher at

her local church, beginning a lifelong dedication to ministry and teaching. Rose later served as Director of Religious Education (DRE) at St. Anthony the Abbot in Cumberland, WI for seven years, and went on to serve as DRE at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rice Lake, WI for 18 years. Rose was awarded the Fr. Harold Dodge Award for Excellence in the Ministry of Catechetics from the Diocese of Superior for her commitment to faith and those she taught. Rose truly embodied the heart of her mission-she loved to teach, to share her faith, and found great joy in the energy and curiosity of her students and the many teachers and volunteers who made it possible. In her free time Rose enjoyed reading, gardening, cooking and coming up with inventive ways to entertain her family and grandchildren. Above all, Rose cherished time spent with her family and took pride in creating meaningful time together. Thank you Nona! Whether we called her daughter, sister, sis, Cookie, wife, mom, Nona, aunt, friend

or colleague we have been forever changed by her love. “Well done, good and faithful servant.” - Matthew 25:23 She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Michael Schullo; her daughters, Michelle (Matthew) Torgerson and Anne (Jonathan) Schullo-Feulner; and her grandchildren, Mariette, Gi-ana, Sophia, Aksel, Stella and Ole; 2 brothers, Richard and Douglas Pinotti; a sister, Violet Pinotti along with many nieces and nephews; brothers-in law, Dan (Pam) Schullo and Joel (Christine) Schullo. Rose was preceded in death by her son, John Michael Schullo; her parents, Thomas and Beatrice Pinotti; and her siblings, Dennis, Mary, and David Pinotti; a sister-in-law, Vicki Pinotti; father and mother-in- law, Mike and Dorothy Schullo. Mass will be held at 11 AM on Thursday, June 25, 2026 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Most Rev. James Powers officiating. A visitation will be held at Kilcoyne Memorial Services on Wednesday, June 24, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, with a prayer service beginning at 7:00 PM and for one hour prior to Mass at the Church. Interment will be held at a later date at St. Anthony

Catholic Cemetery in Cumberland, Wisconsin. Arrangements were entrusted to Kilcoyne Memorial Services, 637 N. Main Street Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868. Online condolences may be expressed at www.kilcoynememorialservices.com Anthony “Tony” J. Lombard Anthony “Tony” John Lombard, age 56, passed away on January 23, 2026. He is survived by his loving siblings: Linda Hines (Bill), Susan Miller (Tom), Theodore Lombard (Mary), Mary Smith (Dan), Doreen Cassidy (Casey), Francine Cunningham (Pat), William Lombard (Vicki), and Andrew Lombard (Hope), along with many nieces and nephews who will forever cherish his memory. Tony will be remembered for his warmth, his humor, and the steady, loving presence he brought to those around him. He was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed. Please join us in celebrating his life on Saturday, June 27th, between 1 pm and 4 pm at the Cumberland American Legion.

David “Dave” L. Broome David Lee “Dave” Broome, 70, of Cumberland died Sunday, June 21, 2026. Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 27 at 11:00 AM at the Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland. Visitation will be from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, June 26, and for 1 hour prior to the service on Saturday at the funeral home.



SENIOR DINING

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Monday, June 29
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Tuesday, June 30,
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Wednesday, July 1
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans (BB), Garlic Breadstick, Fresh Grapes.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

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But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. Matthew 5:44-45

I listen to a podcast fairly regularly where the host makes a statement that is modeled after these words of Christ. I am not sure that all the listeners are aware of the Biblical reference, but given the historical knowledge of the host, I am sure that she is. The reference is in an “ask” to contribute to the podcast through online giving. But she makes the point that if you give or if you don’t – you still get access to all of the podcast content. In other words, they aren’t going to reward the givers and punish those who choose not to give.

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