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CUMBERLAND
SCHOOL DISTRICT



HIGH SCHOOL
RIBBON
CUTTING

Join us for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
& Community Celebration!

Come tour the newly completed spaces, see
the improvements firsthand, and celebrate
the years of planning, hard work, and
community support that made this project
possible.

August 31, 2026
6:00 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION COMPLETE AT CHS

Cumberland, Wis. (August 2026) – Kraus-Anderson (KA) has completed construction at Cumberland High School located at 1010 8th Ave. in Cumberland, Wis. The major referendum-backed building project follows a \$32.95 million bond approved by voters.

The Cumberland School District is excited to invite our community to celebrate

a special milestone, the completion of our High School construction and renovation project.

Please join us on Monday, August 31, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at Cumberland High School for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Community Celebration.

Designed by Wold Architects, the 91,600-square-

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TRAGEDY STRIKES AT TURTLE LAKE FOOTBALL GAME

The Turtle Lakers opened up their 2026 football season Thursday night, August 20, at home against the non-conference foe, Alma Center Lincoln Hornets. While spirits were high with anticipation on both sides of the field, a tragic event unfolded with two-and-a-half minutes to go in the game. Alma Center's defensive back, Adam Massman, closed in on a Laker running back racing up the Laker sideline. While the tackle was made, the impact was fierce. The two got up and headed to their separate sidelines. Massman was being assisted by another

teammate and collapsed on the Hornet side of the field. Emergency care was performed by the on-site medical personnel and Massman was eventually loaded into an ambulance and transported to a nearby hospital. Unfortunately, it was learned Saturday that Massman had passed away from the injury sustained during the play. No official results have been released in regards to the injury.

Adam Massman's mother announced the death in a Facebook post Saturday afternoon. She said, "Our

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CUMBERLAND ROAD/BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Pedestrian traffic was re-routed across the new multi-use recreational lane sometime Tuesday, August 25th. Pouring of the concrete bridge approaches is now scheduled to start Wednesday August 26th. If it indeed occurs, Lake St. removals and dredging should start next week--possibly Tuesday September 1st. The curb and gutter installation has been

postponed to facilitate the approaches, so no word on when exactly that will occur. Blacktopping will be the last major hurdle, and that too will be scheduled depending upon how the rest of the schedule unfolds in the final weeks.

Local Street Improvement Projects:

The Barron County High-

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Welcome to the 94th Annual
Rutabaga Festival
Thursday
August 27th
thru Sunday
August 30th, 2026

MISS CUMBERLAND & COURT!



Congratulations to the 2026 Miss Cumberland Court and Junior Princesses who were crowned on Sunday, August 23. Pictured are front row from left to right: Junior Princess Elin DePatto, Junior Princess Lilia DePatto, 2026 Miss Cumberland Kiera Fox, and Junior Princesses Merritt Norby and Elinora Hanson. Pictured back row are 2nd Princess Greta Weaver and 1st Princess Emma Mewes.

William C. Brown Family Donates Gifts to Legion Post 98 from World War 1 Veteran

by Mark R. Fuller

Kari Brown Love, Robert William Brown II, and Paul William Miller, the grandchildren of lifetime resident of the City, William C. Brown, recently visited the City, where they donated a number of their grandfather's and father's memorabilia to American Legion Post 98.

Mr. Brown was among the first Cumberland residents to participate in World War 1 and was on board the S. S. Tuscania, when it was sunk by a German U-Boat in February of 1918, killing 230 Americans.

William C. Brown was born in Cumberland in September of 1895. He was the

son of Sever Olson Brun and Agnete Olsdotter Brun, who had come to the Island City from Norway. Once here, Sever Brun developed one of the finest farms in Barron County as well as working as a stone mason.

At the age of 21, William Brown enlisted in the National Guard and soon be-

came part of a US goal of a military fighting force of 2.5 million men as WW1 began. He enlisted during a radical transformation of the Army, whose numbers at the start of the war were only 120,000 with an additional 180,000 more in the National Guard.

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SUPER COOL!



JEFF AND CHRIS HOPKINS-HILE WORKING ON THE BEAUTIFUL MURAL AT THE ISLAND CITY FOOD COOP THAT WILL SURELY CAPTURE THE EYE OF ALL WHO PASS BY FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THE COOP WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF CUMBERLAND ETC APPLIED AND RECEIVED A \$5,000 GRANT FOR NON-PROFITS FOR USE WITH MURALS. JEFF AND CHRIS STATED THEY WILL HAVE OVER 160 HOURS IN TOTAL WORKING ON THE PROJECT WITH 10 DAYS OR SO OF PAINTING AND MANY HOURS IN DESIGN. JEFF SAID WHEN COMPLETED TWO COATS OF A SPECIAL POLYURETHANE SHOULD ENSURE THE MURAL LASTS MANY YEARS TO COME. AWESOME JOB BOTH JEFF AND CHRIS, IT LOOKS FANTASTIC!

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The Brown Family...

In August of 1917, Brown joined a number of other Cumberland and Barron County enlistees, who began their training at Camp Douglas. Six months later, he and ten other members of the City, along with a large number of Wisconsin soldiers, were on the S. S. Tuscania, headed to the war in Europe as part of a transatlantic convoy totaling 14 vessels who rendezvoused with an additional eight British destroyers off the coast of Ireland.

On February 4, 1918, as they as continued their course through the North Channel towards Liverpool, their ship was hit by a torpedo from a German submarine, UB-77. This led to the S. S. Tuscania being the first ship carrying American troops to be sunk during WW1.

Cumberland soldiers Lee Boyden, A.E. Onstad, Nels Sorenson, Irvin Talbot, Carl Cook, Alfred Nelson, Fred Neurer Alfred Kost, LeRoy Connor, and William Brown survived the sinking, but Homer Anderson did not. Sadly, he became Cumberland's first fatality of the war and would later be recognized in the naming of Post 98.

PFC Brown remembered standing next to Anderson shortly before his disappearance into the sea. It left sad memories for him as well as the other Cumberland soldiers.

Brown returned from Europe and to his Section 10 home after his US Army discharge on April 27, 1919. He became a Charter

The Brown Family Donation!



Top photo: The family of William Brown made a monetary donation to Anderson Thomson Legion Post 98. Bottom Photo: Items donated to the Badger Boys State from the William Brown Family.

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member of the Cumberland American Legion when formed on November 6, 1919 and continued meeting with the survivors of the S. S. Tuscania throughout his lifetime. He was extremely active in both groups as well as a Cumberland Mail carrier until his death in 1967 at the age of 72.

The Brown family has maintained their Army National Guard ties today, as William's son Bob and his son Bob II, as well as many other members of the ex-

tended family have served in the Guard during their lifetimes.

Besides WWI memorabilia, the Brown family is also donating a number of Badger Boy and Girl's State items to Post 98, another organization in which they have been heavily involved. The American Legion started Boy's and Girl's State in 1939 to help create a better knowledge of how our government works and our role as its citizens.

Their family ties to the organization go back to 1954, when William's son

Bob was a Cumberland representative. Their recent donations to the Legion, from years of continued affiliation, were welcomed by Post 98, who this summer sponsored a record seven Cumberland Juniors, to the Boy's 83rd annual session and the girl's 80th.

"We are extremely appreciative of the Brown family donation to our communities history and to Post 98 and for their many years of service to our Country" concluded Post 98's Youth Program Coordinator Mark Mauer.

Correction: In last week's cutline about the AED at Tourist Park, we forgot to mention that Sanford Health/Marsh ield Clinic and Cumberland Healthcare were the major donors for the AED.

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SCHOOL LUNCH

Tuesday, September 1
Crispy Bite, Chicken Nuggets, Harvest Brown Rice, Harvest Carrots.

Wednesday, September 2
The All-American Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Crispy Golden Fries, Simply Steamed Green Beans.

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pints of milk, seasonal fresh, frozen and canned fruits & fresh garden vegetables. Fresh salad bar available daily in all schools. A la carte menu available in High School.

2nd Option available in all schools: PB & J Uncrustables. 2nd Option for MS/HS Only: School House Pizza.

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RUTABAGA FEST
CUMBERLAND, WI

2026 BAGA

WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
08/18	81	57	0.12
08/19	77	50	0.00
08/20	76	52	0.00
08/21	77	53	trace
08/22	75	58	0.00
08/23	74	52	0.00
08/24	74	50	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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Cumberland American Legion
Available to rent for Weddings, Parties, Reunions, etc.
Hall • Bar • Kitchen
Open to the Public
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For More Info Contact
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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27: • 8 am Girls Volleyball Sprawl Invite @ Reedsburg Fieldhouse • 9 am Girls Golf Meet @ Cumberland Golf Course • 4 pm Boys CC @ Granstburg • 5:00 pm Boys Soccer @ Ashland/Drummond • 7:00 pm Football vs Ladysmith

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28: • RUTABAGA

SATURDAY, AUG 29: RUTABAGA

SUNDAY, AUG. 30: RUTABAGA

MONDAY, AUG 31: 6:00 pm Cumberland High School Ribbon Cutting • 9 am Girls Golf Section Preview Meet @ Luck Municipal Golf Course • JV Football Cumberland vs Ashland at Ashland Middle School

TUESDAY, SEPT 1: 1st Day of School! • 4:00 pm Boys and Girls CC Bruce Invitational @ Dodson Memorial Recreation Area

Summer Mini Fitness HITS
(High intensity interval training)

Join NETA (National Exercise Trainer Association) certified instructor: Tirzah Ziperrer for a 45-minute workout session. These classes will be an interval style format, that alternates 40 seconds of focused work with 20 seconds of rest, keeping your heart rate elevated while maximizing results in a short amount of time. Each individual day of each session will utilize a different style/focus.

One day will utilize dumbbells for strength-building intervals, another day will utilize body weight TRX intervals, and a third day will incorporate Pilates-inspired core and glute work, with some cardio endurance bursts, for a full-body burn. Expect to build lean muscle, improve stamina, and enhance balance and flexibility.

*suitable for all levels with options provided to modify or intensify as needed.

Time: 6:00 am until 6:45 am.

Location: MS Gym-Enter through the West High School

3 different sessions (sign up for 1, 2, or all 3)

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

Session #1: July 21, 22 and 23rd

Session #2: August 4, 5, and 6th

Session #3: August 18, 19, and 20th

Cost \$20 per session (3 classes), \$40 for 2 sessions (6 classes), \$55.00 for all 3 sessions (9 classes)

Bring: Yoga mat and light to medium hand weights if own, plus a water bottle. Mats and weights are available to use.

To sign up or questions please contact:

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

BAGA YOGA

PAM BAKER OF YOGA-WILDHEART WILL BE OUR INSTRUCTOR!

JOIN US RUTABAGA SATURDAY

AUGUST 29, 2026

7:00-7:45 A.M.

ON ENDEAVOR UPPER PATIO CHS

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The Cumberland School Board held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 18, and included among their items for discussion the announcement of a Community ribbon cutting for the new High School on Monday, August 31. Following a brief 6:00 pm opening ceremony, those in attendance will be able to take a look inside the new building with staff and administrators located in the various parts of the facility to answer questions.

“It will be an opportunity to thank our community members and taxpayers for their support of this project and the education of our youth,” said Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose. The 2026-2027 school year for students will begin the following day. During the meeting, Dr. Rose also told the Board that, “Interest earnings are doing well and the budget for our undertaking is in good shape.”

Dr. Rose additionally gave those in attendance further information on the final stages of work to be completed, saying, “It’s almost done.” He told the Board of ongoing inspections, roof work, and painting to be completed in order to be ready for the opener.

Other business of the evening began with District reports from Athletic Director Lorne Majewski and Director of Learning, Ben Kisling.

Majewski gave a rundown on summer activities for students, including the large number of participants us-

ing the fitness center. He additionally discussed an upcoming Sportsmanship Summit for HON student representatives and the strong possibility of a shot clock becoming part of high school basketball in the near future.

Kisling discussed the distribution of new curriculum packets to Elementary teachers and the goal of using received data from the DPI, State testing, and other sources to create an even stronger learning environment.

Action Items included the approval of winning bids for fuel and snow removal from Synergy and Erickson Excavating, the renewal of a three-year banking agreement with Cumberland Federal for the District’s needs, and the required renewal of Policy 9575 for Indian Policies and Procedures, for which the DPI said Cumberland is full compliance.

The District then discussed in depth and approved school policies regarding staff, focusing on technical clarifications, legal changes, and new policies involving Act 89, requiring public and private schools to provide annual trainings on appropriate communication between school employees and pupils, which all staff will be required to complete.

The final Action items involved Board approval of the resignations of Maxwell Anderson, School Psychologist and Samantha Lee, Special Education Aide at the Elementary School.

Anderson will be replaced by Tianna Olson and Lee by Siri Hyatt. Additionally, Vicki Kuehn was hired as Elementary Food Service and Drew Griffith as Assistant Football Coach.

The evening concluded with Administrative Reports.

Elementary Principal Dr. Heidi Miller discussed her excitement at being in Cumberland and said she was, “Overwhelmed with the kindness from the community since my arrival.” Middle School Principal Isaac Lundquist discussed technology updates and gave thanks for the hard work of the custodians who have made the Middle School, “Look like a new building.” High School Principal Dan Hopkins echoed the hard work of the custodians and addressed how successfully things have gone as the three building Principals have met during the summer. He also gave an update on the success of the Truck Pulling Team, thanking the leadership of Technology Education Teacher Jon Pasko.

Dr. Rose concluded the evening by announcing the Annual Budget Meeting for the Community will take place on October 19, beginning at 7:00 pm. Meanwhile, the September Board Meeting will be held on the 15th at 6:00 pm.

With that, the meeting adjourned and those in attendance were given a tour of the building.

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2026-2027 PUBLIC RELEASE

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS, SPECIAL MILK PROGRAM

This is the public release that we will send to: Cumberland Advocate, sent on August 20, 2026.

RELEASE STATEMENT

The Cumberland School District today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program or milk for split-session students served under the Special Milk Program. Each school office and the central office has a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following household size and income criteria will be used for determining eligibility. Children from families whose annual income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk if a split-session student does not have access to the school lunch or breakfast service.

FAMILY SIZE INCOME SCALE				
For Determining Eligibility for Free and Reduced Price Meals or Milk				
Family (Household) Size	ANNUAL INCOME LEVEL		MONTHLY INCOME LEVEL	
	Free Must be at or below figure listed	Reduced Price Must be at or between figures listed	Free Must be at or below figure listed	Reduced Price Must be at or between figures listed
1	\$20,748	\$20,748 .01 and \$29,526	\$1,729	\$1,729.01 and \$2,461
2	28,132	28,132 .01 and 40,034	2,345	2,345.01 and 3,337
3	35,516	35,516.01 and 50,542	2,960	2,960.01 and 4,212
4	42,900	42,900.01 and 61,050	3,575	3,575.01 and 5,088
5	50,284	50,284.01 and 71,558	4,191	4,191.01 and 5,964
6	57,668	57,668.01 and 82,066	4,806	4,806.01 and 6,839
7	65,052	65,052.01 and 92,574	5,421	5,421.01 and 7,715
8	72,436	72,436.01 and 103,082	6,037	6,037.01 and 8,591
For each additional household member, add	+ 7,384	+ 7,384 and + 10,508	+ 616	+ 616 and + 876

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a notice to parents or guardians. To apply for free or reduced price meals or free milk, households must fill out the application and return it to the school (unless notified at the start of the school year that children are eligible through direct certification). Additional copies are available at the office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by agency or other program officials. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

To obtain free or reduced price meals or free milk for children in a household where one or more household members receive FoodShare, Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), or Wisconsin Works (W-2) cash benefits, list the FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 case number, program name, list the names of all school children, sign the application, and return it to the school office.

For the school officials to determine eligibility for free or reduced price meals or free milk of households not receiving FoodShare, FDPIR or W-2 cash benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, total number of household members, and the adult signing the application form must also list the last four digits of his or her Social Security Number or mark the box to the right of "Check if no SSN". Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, welfare, child support, etc.).

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price meal and free milk policy, Melissa Weaver, Administrative Assistant, will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Dr. Barry Rose, Superintendent, 1010 8th, Cumberland, WI 54829, 715-822-5124.

If a hearing is needed to appeal the decision, the policy contains an outline of the hearing procedure.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the school. Such changes may make the household eligible for reduced price meals or free meals or free milk if the household income falls at or below the levels shown above, and they may reapply at that time.

Children formally placed in foster care are also eligible for free meal benefits. Foster children may be certified as eligible without a household application. Households with foster children and non-foster children may choose to include the foster child as a household member, as well as any personal income available to the foster child, on the same application that includes their non-foster children.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. Public Law 103-448 limits the release of student free and reduced price school meal eligibility status to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs. Consent of the parent/guardian is needed for other purposes such as waiver of textbook fees.

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

The 94th annual Rutabaga Festival is here! It is always such a fun time, people make plans to come back year after year. Take a drive down Jeffery Blvd and you will see tents and campers, class reunions are held every year, people mark it on the calendar, it’s no doubt a Cumberland holiday. It is also a huge event for all the non-profits who make money to help for the rest of the year, bars, main street stores, gas stations, the motel and more. It is also the big money maker that helps the Chamber of Commerce put on other events throughout the rest of the year. There truly is something for just about everyone. I hope you make plans to come on down and enjoy the great Cumberland get together, you never know who you might run into!

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Next Monday night, August 31st, at 6 pm, is the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Cumberland High School. Come and see the newly renovated and beautiful high school, take a tour and see what your community support made possible. It looks fantastic, hope to see you there!

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What a truly heart breaking scene that took place last Thursday night at the Turtle Lake vs Alma Center Lincoln football game. A young man lost his life. I can’t even imagine the pain his family and friends went through. My thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Adam Massman.

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The dry weather continues without much relief in sight. My yard is toast, it looks terrible, hopefully we can get some relief soon. Other parts of the country, mostly out west have it even worse with fires burning in over 80 locations, including dozens of large fires. To date, 2.22 million acres have burned nationally, to make matters even worse, water supplies are at historic record lows from prolonged drought’s and changing climate conditions. We need rain badly throughout the west as well as here at home, fingers crossed.

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I can’t say enough about how good the Island City Food Coop building looks as local artists Jeff and Chris Hopkins Hile are in the process of finishing up a mural on the side of the building. Those two are very talented, it looks fantastic, make a point to check it out!

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I hope everyone has a great weekend, be safe and enjoy THE BEST FESTIVAL IN NORTH-WEST WISCONSIN!



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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Not all data center sites are wrong: Wisconsin Rapids is one example”

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis. – A stroll around the massive downtown site of a shuttered paper mill, once Wisconsin’s largest, is a weedy reminder of a by-gone manufacturing era.

This tired hodge-podge of buildings is also the focus of a local campaign against building data centers – even though it’s hard to imagine a 220-acre location with better access to electric power, rail lines, roads and ample water supply.

The former Verso plant is symbolic of how the words “data center” have become politically radioactive in Wisconsin – even when that industrial-zoned site is undergoing a brownfield cleanup that would scare away most developers.

Rather than consider the chance to pump 21st century life into downtown Wisconsin Rapids, where the paper mill sits near the banks of the Wisconsin River, a group has organized to stop the project.

Members of the South Wood County Neighbors for Responsible Development would like to see the city pursue other types of developers and reject the data center proposal from PCH WI Holdings LLC.

The best chance to attract other uses to the site’s periphery is to welcome a

data center – within parameters set by the local officials and the community.

In other places where data centers have been built, that “halo effect” includes storage and logistics yards; equipment maintenance and repair businesses; fuel and transport support; accommodations, food and other services for people who build the center and others who will staff it once completed.

Rebuilding a manufacturing site that dates to 1894 doesn’t begin with opening a coffee shop and a hair salon. It begins by attracting a major employer and catching the worldwide tidal wave of artificial intelligence investment so that other localized investments can follow.

The arguments against data centers are familiar: They use so much energy that other rate-payers wind up footing the bill; they chew up valuable land; they consume too much water; and they would become white elephants if the AI industry collapsed.

Innovation in energy generation and transmission is under way; so are closed-looped systems for cooling. State regulators actively resist cost-shifting

for electricity. Productive farmland is generally a terrible place to build such centers, but this site hasn’t been farmland since Grand Rapids and Centralia were founded on opposite sides of the Wisconsin River around 1870. There will be winners and losers among major AI investors, but it’s not headed for a repeat of the “dot-com” bust. (If there’s a downturn coming, blame the \$40-trillion national debt.)

Opponents of data centers should not be longing to return to the days when paper mills were a staple of the Wisconsin economy. Instead, they should be focused on how such centers power artificial intelligence – and how AI is transforming legacy industries in manufacturing, health care, finance and logistics.

I suspect some of the opposition to data centers is misplaced. Many people don’t like AI for reasons that include job security, national defense flaws and threats to the mental health of kids. That’s understandable, but a 2-to-1 public thumbs down to data centers in recent polls seems over the top.

That polling has compelled some politicians to run away from data centers in their zeal to be elected.

Candidates for governor David Crowley on the Democrat side and Republican Tom Tiffany have already taken shots at one another on the topic.

For example, U.S. Rep. Tiffany’s campaign launched a 30-second ad in which his rival is nicknamed “Data Center David Crowley” and suggests lakes will run dry and family farms will be paved over because the Milwaukee County executive won’t end targeted tax breaks.

Scary scenarios don’t help. Candidates should instead urge Wisconsin to welcome well-placed data centers that meet high standards. Perhaps the next governor can pursue an idea floated by state Sen. Kelda Roys, D-Madison, during the primary campaign. She called for tasking a state negotiation team to help local communities avoid being overwhelmed by data center proposals.

Few physical settings are right for a data center. But when a worn-out mill is ripe for redevelopment that can attract more of the same, it’s worth a serious look.

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

A Look Back

Rutabaga Look Back, 1932

Plans are practically completed for Cumberland’s first ever Rutabaga Festival, which will be held October 14 and 15th, 1932.

The program is as follows:

Friday, October 14: Registration and placing of exhibits, band concert, amateur contests (Friday has been designated Amateur Day), kittenball tournament, animal circus, street sports, wrestling matches and Free old time and regular dance.

Saturday, October 15: Judging of exhibits, band concert, street sports, free noon lunch, old fiddler’s contest, musical programs, animal circus, football game, Shell Lake vs Cumberland, boxing bouts and band concert.

BANDS: The Almena Farmers’ Band, the Cumberland Boys’ Band and possibly the Chicago and Northwestern Band, will furnish music throughout the two-day celebration.

STREET SPORTS: Races, contests, etc., will be held on Second Street, which will be closed to traffic.

AMATEUR CONTESTS: Amateur contests of all kinds will be conducted and all home talent artists should register

early with W. L. Brobeck or B. R. Hines.

HARRISON’S FAMOUS ANIMAL CIRCUS: Tom O. Mason, chairman of the general committee of the rutabaga festival, has just succeeded in booking Harrison’s famous animal circus, to give an afternoon and an evening performance on each day of the festival. This show, which comprises five animated and amusing animal acts, will be given on Second Street and will be absolutely free to the public, and it is conceded that this attraction alone will draw thousands of visitors to the festival.

The circus comprises one of the best aggregations of trained animals ever exhibited in the northwest and includes Major Jack, the famous educated and talking pony, five acrobatic goats, that do all sorts of comedy and sensational stunts, trained monkeys, four of the world’s highest diving dogs, six trained performing dogs, and every act is just one thrill and laugh after another. Major Jack, the educated pony, picks out numbers, colors, flags, as called by the audience, adds, subtracts, gives the time of day, while the acrobatic

goats walk the tight rope, walk on bottles, shoot the chutes, roll barrels and do a number of comedy stunts, and the monkeys and dogs contribute their share of comedy and entertainment to make the show well worth traveling miles to see.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS: Some real good wrestling and boxing matches have been booked and plenty of good entertainment will be furnished along this line.

Four kittenball teams will stage a tournament. An old-timers dance and regular dance will be held Friday night at the Legion Barracks and the Opera House.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Chas Lundholm, famous Swedish comedian and character actor, will act as master of ceremonies, Saturday. Lundholm was famous on Broadway for his characterizations and has been secured by the committee at enormous expense to conduct festivities.

NEW WORLD’S CHAMPION WILL BE NAMED: On October 15, there will be a new world champion. The World’s Champion Baga Eater. The “King of Baga Eaters” must prove his worth to that title.



Doris Greener, 20 years old, at the 1935 Rutabaga Festival.



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Sports

Cumberland Kicks Off Season With Loss at Chetek

The Cumberland Beavers traveled to Chetek to kick off the 2026 football season last Friday night against the Bulldogs but came up short in a 15-6 loss.

It was the first game under new head coach Richard Lauterbauch. It would be a quiet offensive night for the visiting Beavers. Chetek would be first to get on the scoreboard when Jack Olson hauled in a 38 yard touchdown pass to put the dogs in the lead 6-0. The extra point attempt was no good. The score remained 6-0 until a 35 yard field goal with 1:56 to go in the half gave Chetek a 9-0 lead going into halftime.

The score remained 9-0 until Mitchell Monchilovich found pay dirt from 5 yards out with 6:55 to go in the 4th quarter. The extra point was blocked. Just over 2 minutes later, Chetek would salt the game away, when Jack Olson found the end zone again, this time on a 32 yard touchdown run. The extra

point was no good.

Cumberland could not muster much in the final four minutes as Chetek would run out the clock and claim a 15-6 win.

Monchilovich led the Beavers with 62 yards, rushing on 13 carries and scoring the lone Beaver touchdown.

Brody Gilbertson had 37 yards on 7 carries, Gabe Graf 36 yards on 4 carries, Elijah Jain 15 yards on 6 carries and quarterback Alex LaBlanc had 8 yards on 4 carries. Max Odden had the only reception for Cumberland good for 22 yards.

On the defense side of the ball, Gilbertson had 8 tackles, Odden 7 tackles, and an interception. Hunter Fowler had 5 tackles and Rhowen Ruppel 4 tackles. Gilbertson also led the way with 2 sacks. Stats from Chetek were unavailable as of Tuesday morning. Cumberland now gets set to host Ladysmith this Thursday night at Endeavor Stadium. Game time is set for 7 pm.

Volleyball Starts Season With Home Scrimmage

The Cumberland Volleyball teams all got in some action this past weekend on Saturday, August 22nd with a scrimmage on the Beavers home floor. Each level played hard and did well in many aspects of the game. The varsity really started strong playing scrappy from the back row and aggressive at the net! The girls also served really

well.

This coming week the schedule is as follows;

Tuesday: JV1 Quad @ EC Memorial

Wednesday: JV2 Quad @ Home

Wednesday & Thursday: Varsity travels to Wisconsin Dells for their Justagame Sprawl. It should be a fun fall of Cumberland Volleyball!

TRAGEDY...

dear Adam is with Jesus in heaven now.”

Shelly Bauer, Turtle Lake Superintendent, issued the following statement on Monday.

“We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of the student-athlete who experienced a medical emergency during Thursday night’s football game.

Our hearts are with the student’s family, friends, teammates, coaches, and the entire school community as they grieve this devastating loss. We also extend our gratitude to the medical professionals, first responders, and others who provided immediate care and support.

Counseling support remains available for Turtle Lake students and staff who may need assistance during this difficult time.

Lincoln Superintendent Drew Semingson issued a statement that read,

“Lincoln Families, I am messaging to share news of the sudden passing of Lincoln senior student Adam Massman. Adam was injured during Thursday night’s football game. He received medical support from EMT who were onsite at the game, before being transported to the hospital. We received news this afternoon that Adam passed away from the injury.

and friends today, and we will have counselors available to meet with students. We will also have counseling support available to students on Monday starting at 12:00, and throughout the day on Tuesday as students return to school.

This loss touches our Lincoln family in many ways. Adam’s family has deep connections throughout our schools, including his mother, Mrs. Brianne Massman, our elementary school counselor; a sibling at the Jr High; his uncle and aunt, Mr. Jake Prindle and Mrs. Nicki Prindle, who are teachers at Lincoln Elementary; his uncle Mr. Sam Prindle, who serves on the Lincoln School Board; along with other relatives on staff and friends and family throughout the student body.

We ask that you keep Adam’s family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.”

Adam Massman was a 17-year old senior at Lincoln High School at Alma Center. He was the quarterback and a defensive back on the Hornets football team. He also played basketball and baseball. In addition to his accomplishments throughout his athletic career he was well-known in the cattle showing circles where an outpouring of support has been shown throughout social media posts.

News reports show that Massman’s teammates went to the school parking lot and painted his parking spot with the letters LLA (Long Live Adam) in big letters. Story courtesy of the Turtle Lake Times.

Adam was active in our Lincoln community, participating in multiple sports, clubs, and activities making friends everywhere he went. The Lincoln Jr/Sr High School building is open to students, parents,



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BEAVER RUNNING BACK BRODY GILBERTSON LOOKS FOR SOME RUNNING ROOM LAST FRIDAY NIGHT AT CHETEK. PHOTO BY KAELY WENZEL.



MITCHELL MONCHILOVICH LED THE BEAVERS ON THE GROUND WITH 62 YARDS AND A TOUCHDOWN FRIDAY NIGHT IN CHETEK. PHOTO BY KAELY WENZEL.

READY FOR SOME VOLLEYBALL!



These six girls return with experience to lead this years volleyball team. Pictured from left to right are Hailey Paulson, Natalie Anderson, Lily Murphy, Olivia Villarreal, Lauren McCreary, & Kaylee Jackson. Good luck girls!



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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

The Golden Years!

Hello friends,
I am happy to say that as of today, I feel that I have passed through the very dark tunnel of the effects of Giardia and Ecoli. I kind of lost 23 days of my life and now I am going to make up for it by heading to Montana, tonight, and checking out new elk country, then to Idaho to load up Selina's possessions and then to Calgary, Alberta Canada. All in all, this roughly 4500-mile trip will be another test of that great thing called life.
This week I am going to write to you about my 8 golden retrievers that I have had since 1982, and it will tell you a lot. Thank you for bearing with me as I died and then came back to life!
1981. I rented a farm with a friend for \$100 bucks a month. Twenty, 40-pound pigs were purchased, chickens, calves, rabbits and most importantly, my first golden retriever who I named Ranger. Like the next 7 over the next 45 years, Ranger would become my best buddy.
1985. I moved to New Lisbon in late '82 after realizing I was not going to make my first billion in farming and became a steel fabricator at BarBel Fabricating. Some of best men that I would ever meet became my coworkers and I loved those guys. In '85 Ranger gave birth to Ben who would become a superb, hunting dog and partner in crime with me.
Losing a downed duck did not happen with Ben. Ben was with me for a 1244-mile trek of The Appalachian Trail and carried his own pack. I hand wrote this column, and snail mailed it to my editors in Deforest, Dick and Molly Emerson. Ben was a massive bundle of gold who weighed 113 pounds the last time he was weighed, and he was built like granite.
1991. I decided to canoe the Wisconsin River; Ben was getting long in the tooth and needed a mate. The day before I left, I purchased Star. Star was fairly close to crazy, mixed with super tough and learned from Ben that losing downed ducks and pheasant was not an option. Star would give birth at deer camp to my next pup and would pass away at deer camp at the age of 10.
1995. This situation was the dumbest coolest trip ever where I had a new pup. While canoeing the entire Chippewa River I met a gal in Glidden, I then moved to Glidden. I was kind of a wildman back then and this column was taking off in a lot of newspapers. Star gave birth to Ben's pup Pearl, Ben passed away weeks later. Ben was an avid sled puller and carried his 20-pound pack well over 1500-miles.
I had the extremely insane, no plan idea to hike the 170-mile ice of Lake Superior, from Superior

to Saxon Harbor on the ice with Star pulling a sled and 8-week old Pearl in it. This was the no plan trip, I found a place in Superior to stash my very beat-up Chevy pickup and just headed east on the ice, no tent and I lived on the ice for 17 days.
Twice I fell through the ice while attached to my sled, and about a million times I jumped leads, which is open water while pulling my sled. I would have Star stay 50-yards from the lead, do my jump after a very long run, and then have Star follow with Pearl in the sled, zero failure, ever.
2003. Pearl gave birth to Ice at deer camp. Ice was a dandy, another massive mongrel with a brain to go with him. Ice was a superb hunter and as cool a best friend as one could hope for, like the other goldens, he pulled a sled in the winter and carried a pack in the summer.
Lake Superior was the trip that created the idea but I had decided to do all of Wisconsin in silent sports on the outside border, can you say crazy? A map, a compass and will power, my pups and I did everything but Lake Michigan to the Mississippi River on the Illinois border. I would be trespassing the entire section and after nearly being shot on a man's land, while asking to cross it, I passed and moved on to other subjects.
Christmas 2009. I purchased Fire who my dream was to keep my genetic line going with Ice. On Christmas morning Selina was greeted to Fire, and it was her pup, she looked at me and said "Daddy I don't need any more gifts," that was my favorite Christmas. Ice came down with Anaplasmosis when Fire was 8-months old and it killed him, a major setback!
2012. Fire gave birth to Ruby. When Ruby was 8 weeks old, Fire decided to take Ruby for a stroll and came home without her. I live in wolf country, and it is heavily forested. For two weeks I put out signs and stopped at houses and walked a lot. On the 14th day I made a final effort. On the last remote dirt trail, I was going to check out I came to a closed-up cabin. I put a sign on the door and started calling. Something caught my eye in the woods, it was a very skinny Ruby, maybe 50 yards away, sitting and staring at me. Without a doubt, Ruby was the toughest dog I have ever owned.
2022. Ruby gave birth to Red in April of 2022. Michelle Chiaro was my life partner and passed away unexpectedly 9 weeks after Red was born. The next year or so was a pure fog, I had zero cares about training a hunting dog. Red on the other hand is the coolest, most intelligent golden retriever that I have ever owned. Last week, I was figuring that



Star and Pearl pulling sleds on Green Bay from Manitowoc following the shoreline to Gills Rock.



Star and Pearl always protected Selina, this photo was taken in April of 2001.



Mark Walters and his golden retrievers Star and Ben on a 130 mile hike of the North Country Trail back in '95.

I would get a pup out of Red but she only gave birth to one and that one is spoken for.
As you can see, much of my adult history is tied around my goldens and will be as long as I can!
I read the following on a beach bathroom wall in Hawaii, many moons ago, "The only true wealth, is good health!" Get Giardia and you will agree.
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Soccer Underway!



CASH ROUZER, MASON CAPRA, BRADEN JOHNSON AND PARKER PETERSON WILL BE THE LEADERS OF THIS YEARS BOYS SOCCER TEAM. GOOD LUCK GUYS!

Soccer Team Preparing For 2026 Season

The Cumberland Boys Soccer Team has only 11 players out for the sport this year. With 11 players on the field at a time no doubt this years team will be in excellent physical condition. Four seniors are being counted on to lead this years team. The four are Cash Rouzer, Braden Johnson, Mason Capra and Parker Peterson.
Captains for this year will be Cash Rouzer, Braden Johnson and Junior Bryan Sonora.
A busy first week sees the boys traveling to St. Croix Central on Tuesday and headed north to take on Ashland on Thursday. The first home match will be Tuesday, September 1st against Washburn.
This season will be an interesting one as the guys are hoping for the best. This will be coach Brent Sellent's 6th season as head coach and joining him on the sidelines this season will be new assistant coach Nick McMillan. Good luck guys!

Girls Golf Team Plays In First Match

On Wednesday, August 19th, the Cumberland Girls Golf team traveled to Luck for a meet with Luck-Unity-Frederic and Hayward. Cumberland gained some valuable experience and will look to continue to improve as the season moves along. Makenzie Tahtinen shot a 51 to pace the Cumberland girls good for a 4th place finish. Zoey Brandenhoff was right behind with a 52, good for sixth place.
Nautica Ruppel, Lilli Herman and Raegan Beecroft all played varsity rounds and all shot in the 60's on a really tough course.
The JV girls also got to play on Wednesday which was a really great experience for all of them. They are learning and improving every day. Scarlet Stuntz and Wren Ruppel had really good rounds for our JV.
Next Tuesday, Cumberland travels to Spooner and on Thursday we are home vs Flambeau, Spooner and Northwestern.



ZOXY BRANDENHOFF ON THE TEE AT LUCK.

RUTABAGA GOLF SCRAMBLE WINNERS!



BRAD FOX, CORI HALLGREN AND RYAN ERICKSON SHOT THE WINNING SCORE OF 58 (14 UNDER PAR) TO WIN THIS YEARS RUTABAGA GOLF SCRAMBLE HELD LAST SUNDAY AT THE CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB. CONGRATULATIONS!

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:

Single-lane closures on southbound US 53 and a reduced speed limit of 60 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 late September.

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: 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:

- o 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 August.

Highway: US 63
Location: US 8 East in Turtle Lake to WIS 48 West in Cumberland
Schedule: July 20 to mid-November
Cost: \$8.66 million
Description of work: Milling 2.25 inches of asphalt from the roadway surface and paving 3.25 inches of hot-mix asphalt; cleaning, lining or replacing culverts; replacing guardrail; replacing curb and gutter at various locations; installing new pavement markings; and completing the following improvements to increase safety: Installing shoulder rumble strips, placing a high-friction surface treatment on two curves and widening paved shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet

Traffic impacts: US 63 remains open to traffic, but motorists will encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging and temporary traffic signals.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

The Rutabaga Fest is here!! This weekend Cumberland will be completely overrun with all kinds of people having a great time with all the activities offered during Rutabaga Fest. There will be crafts, all kinds of wonderful food, the midway with rides for those of us (not me) adventurous enough to do that kind of thing, the Rutabaga Walk and Run, live music, carnival games and kids' games, and, of course, the parade. We love it!! I'm not sure that I will be able to complete the walk, but I'm going to do my best. Tru Lehmann has done the walk with me every year since she has been just a little tot in a stroller, so I know she will be there again this year. I have told her that I pushed her for a few years, and now it's almost her turn to return the favor.

Geri Pittman, Duane and I went to Hilltop for breakfast Sunday morning, and we were so glad we did. Not only was the food to die for – as usual – but we were able to visit with a brand-new grandpa. Louie Herman's little granddaughter, Serafina, was exactly one week old that day. Serafina, daughter of Carly Herman and Zach Siebert, was born in St. Croix Hospital on August 16 at 3:00 a.m. Because we are experienced grandparents, we gave Louie a little advice – Spoil her rotten, feed her lots of sugar, wind her up – and give her back to her parents to contend with. I think he's going to do just fine in that regard. Congratulations, Carly and Zach on your new little sweetheart.

Jerry Marsh, Jodi Ladd

and Jesse and Rachel Adams and their family were there too. We were so glad to be able to sit and visit with them and see that cute little one-year-old Suttyn. She is just adorable. She was walking outside with Grandma Rachel when we arrived, practicing saying her favorite word, "crocodile." So cute!

Sharai Hefty sent me a text to remind me that Barronett's Color Fest will be coming up next month too, September 25th through the 27th. She is so into the baking contest, you know, and wanted to invite all the ladies and gentlemen who love to bake to come and share their tastiest treats. The required ingredient this year will be apples, so get out your pie, cake, bread, cookie or other recipes, and create something with apples that the judges will not be able to get enough of. Sharai plans to win this year (again) so she will be the one picking out the ingredient next year. You know, of course, that I will be reminding you of this lots of times before the end of September.

I'm pretty proud of myself – I solved a mystery. A couple weeks ago I was coming home from the garden and stopped to talk to Ginger and Isaac Neitzel. We chatted for a while, and then I said I had to get home and get supper on the table. Isaac asked what was for supper, and I told him escalloped potatoes and ham. He said that was one of his favorites, I told them to stop by and have supper with us. Well, Ginger already had their supper ready, so they turned the invitation down.

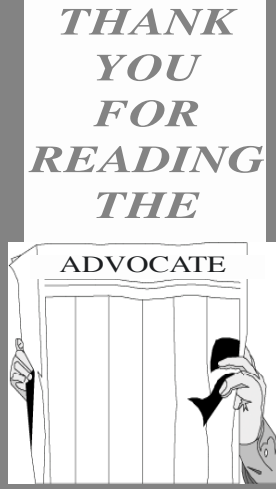
Naturally I had made way too much, so I took a container up the them to have for supper another day, and I took one to our neighbor, Tom Lifto. A couple days later I found one of the containers in the Kubota with a little red rubber duck in it – and I didn't know if it was from Isaac and Ginger or Tom because the containers were pretty much identical. Then, this Sunday I saw Isaac out mowing his lawn, so I stopped and asked him how the potatoes were (sneaky way to get a compliment) and told him that I would like the container back if they were done with it. He said that he would get it from Ginger – and I told him that I really didn't need it back. I told him about the rubber duck and that I was just trying to find out which of them gave it to us. Then I saw Tom outside his garage, stopped, and did the same thing. He told me that he had put it in the Kubota – Aha!! Mystery solved. It's so much fun living in a little town where people still do that kind of thing.

Lynn Thon bought battery powered motor bikes for her two grandsons, Kane and Pierce. Nate Hargrove and Alyse Lehmann came by her place Saturday evening, helped her assemble them and got the batteries charged. The boys are so excited – but they have to wait until their dad has a day off to start riding them. He wants to be there to see how they do before he turns them loose on the neighborhood. They can hardly wait – they want to go down to John Maline's place, show him their bikes, and play with his dog, Tater.

I better get going. I hope to see you at the Rutabaga Fest this weekend. Have a great week.



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Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

This summer sure went fast always does it seems. We are starting to think about our annual Fall Festival. Our board mtg is September 1st at 9:30 am. At that time we will set the date for the festival which will be some time in Oct. The next upcoming event we are having is a Fall Prevention presentation by a RN and Physical Therapist. Plan to attend it. It will be held September 9th at 12:30 pm. Christine said it will be a good time to ask questions and any concerns you might have.

I will let you know more about our festival after we discuss the plans at our meeting. Flooring is done in our store room which is good to have that accomplished. Stop in our coffee bar. It is doing well, we get a fun group every Monday around ten. Check it out! Of course any day is coffee time but Monday is scheduled. Welcome to some new faces always glad to see till next week take care of yourself and enjoy the nice weather while it lasts.

SENIOR DINING

Thursday, August 27
Seafood Salad on Lettuce Leaf, Fresh Grapes, Baby Carrots w/Dip, Dinner Roll, Cook's Choice Cookie.
Friday, August 28
Slippery Hill Salad w/ Deli Meat, HB Egg, Cheese, Veggies, Cowboy Caviar/Chips, Banana Bread.
Monday, August 31
Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Peas and Carrots, Assorted Bread, Chilled Peaches.
Tuesday, September 1
Seasoned Chicken Breast, Sweet Potatoes, Broccoli, Assorted Bread, Lemon Bar.
Wednesday, September 2
Swedish Meatballs w/ Mushrooms over Egg Noodles, Steamed Carrots, Assorted Bread, Berry Crisp.
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. & \$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. (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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Heather A. Heintz

Heather Ann Heintz, age 38, of Barron, WI passed suddenly on Friday, August 21, 2026 at Marshfield Medical Center - Rice Lake. She was born June 12, 1988 in Cumberland, WI to David and Sheila (Anderson) Heintz.

Heather grew up in the Barron area and graduated from Barron High School in 2006. She also worked at several businesses in the area, including the Country Inn & Suites in Turtle Lake, Economart in Barron, and most recently, she dedicated 17 years at Jennie-O in Barron.

Those who knew Heather will remember her for her bubbly personality, and for being a great mom

and aunt. She had many hobbies, including hunting for rocks, making jewelry, playing video games, working on her cross stitch, and spending time outdoors camping and kayaking. Prior to her diagnosis she enjoyed going for walks and bike rides with her sister Ashley, and deer hunting.

She will be greatly missed by her beloved four year-old daughter, Athena Paulson; Athena's father, Kory Paulson; father, David Heintz; sister, Ashley (Amos) Smith; niece and nephew, Korbin and Isabella Smith; grandparents, Richard and JoAnn Anderson; as well as many other aunts, uncles, relatives and friends.

Heather was preceded in death by mother, Sheila; and grandparents, Henry and Violet Heintz.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 AM on Friday, August 28, 2026 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Almena with Fr. Chris Kemp officiating. Interment Sacred Heart, Almena.

Visitation will be from

Thursday, August 27th from 4 - 7 PM at Skinner Funeral Home in Turtle Lake, and one hour prior to the service at church on Friday.

Skinner Funeral Home of Turtle Lake is serving the family.



Janet M. Diesterhaft Nyhus

Janet Marie Nyhus, age 82, of Cumberland, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully at her home on August 13, 2026.

Janet was born on October 12, 1943, to Henry and Anne Diesterhaft. She graduated from Barron High School in 1961. On June 17, 1961, she married the love of

her life, Melvin Nyhus. Together, they made their home in Cumberland, Wisconsin, where they raised their three children, Rhonda, Lynn, and Jeff.

Janet worked for Hartzell Plastics for many years before becoming a homemaker. She also generously gave her time by volunteering as a driver for the county, helping others in her community.

Janet enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, and crocheting. She especially treasured her family and the time she was able to spend with those she loved.

Janet is survived by her daughter, Lynn (Greg) Rimarcik of Almena; son, Jeff Nyhus of Turtle Lake; granddaughters, Carrie (Michael) Wenzel, Anna, and Hope Rimarcik; great-granddaughters, Kaely, Emily, and Melanie; brother, Martin Diesterhaft; sisters, Barbara Smead, Evelyn Miller, and Bonny Diesterhaft; brothers-in-law, Gerhard and Ron Nyhus; and many beloved nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Anne Diesterhaft; her lov-

ing husband, Melvin Nyhus; daughter, Rhonda; granddaughter, KelliAnn; brothers, Paul and Robert; sister, Carol Bartels; and brothers-in-law, Edward, Richard, and Marvin Nyhus.

Janet was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by the many people whose lives she touched.

Memorial services will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Cumberland, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, September 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service at 11:00 a.m.



Church Directory



“Jesus, The Bread of Life.”

by Pastor Jared Andrea
Cumberland Baptist Church

In John 6:35, Jesus says: “I am the bread of life...” The mention of bread directs us back to the sign/miracle that Jesus performed earlier: Feeding 5000 with 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish. The crowd saw the miraculous meal and ate their fill of it. However, they do not see who Jesus truly is, nor their need for Him to give them life.

Jesus is far more than the crowd realizes. He is the I am (see Exodus 3:14); He is the Lord/Yahweh and He is the source of eternal life. He is the bread of life:

“ Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life... I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh” (Jn. 6:47-48, 51).

Jesus is God the Son sent into the world by the Father to give eternal life to sinners by giving His life/flesh. The crowd that Jesus fed had no stomach for this. They had no spiritual appetite for Jesus as Lord and Savior. They sought Him because He filled their stomachs; He satisfied their physical hunger for a time.

Many today seek a Jesus they can stomach. A Jesus committed to meeting our needs in this life without calling us to commit to Him. This is not the true Jesus. Once people get a taste of the true Jesus and see that following Him demands repentance of sins, faith in Him as the only Savior, and absolute allegiance to Him as Lord, the crowd seeking Him dwindles.

The truth is that all of us have an appetite for our sin more than for Jesus. If we believe in Jesus, it is because the Father has drawn us to Him and has granted us repentance (and faith) that leads to life.

“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:44).

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Tuesday, June 16, 2026
Regular Board Meeting
Middle School Commons
6:02 p.m. Open Session

Present: Board – Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone
Absent: Gideo
Administration - Rose, Ferguson, Green & Hopkins
President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Hyatt, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
3. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve the 2026-2027 Administration, Professional, and Associate Staff wage increase. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve the 2026-2027 Professional and Associate Staff Handbooks. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve the lunch price increase. All voting aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve Tricia Rouzer as High School Secretary. All voting aye, motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve employment of Casey Mathews as Special Education Teacher. All voting aye, motion carried.
8. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Joseph Rademacher's resignation as High School Assistant Wrestling Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
9. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Lariza Alanis as Middle School Volleyball Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
10. Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.
Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Skinner, seconded by Rieper. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Jennifer Hyatt,
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BARRON COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Input is being sought for the 2027 Barron County Department of Health and Human Services Budget.

The Barron County Department of Health and Human Services will hold a public meeting to receive comments from clients, providers, interested citizens and community agencies as to the adequacy and need for services in such areas as Services to Juveniles, Child Protective Services, Services to the Elderly, Public Health Services, Mental Health Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, and any other services being or needing to be provided in the community.

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Barron County Courthouse, 335 East Monroe Ave, Barron, Wisconsin.

Written comments may also be submitted, postmarked no later than September 18, 2026, addressed to:

Barron County Dept. of Health & Human Services
Attn: Karla Potts-Shufelt, Director
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Barron, WI 54812

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Executive Assistant
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CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Tuesday, July 21, 2026
Regular Board Meeting
Middle School Commons
6:00 p.m. Open Session

Present: Board – Gideo, Rieper, Skinner & Stone
Absent: Hyatt
Administration - Rose, Hopkins, Lundquist, & Miller
President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
2. a. Tami Bowman, Special Education update
b. Benjamin Kisling, Curriculum update
3. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Gideo, to approve the preliminary 2026 – 2027 budget. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Rieper, seconded by Skinner, to approve the 2026 – 2027 Wisconsin Model Academic Standards. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to approve the adult breakfast price increase for 2026 - 2027. All voting aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Gideo, to approve resolution of signees on building level activity account financials. All voting aye, motion carried.
7. Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.
Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Gideo, seconded by Rieper. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 64

In the Matter of the Estate of George G. Metzger, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 64.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/12/1940 and date of death 10/01/2018, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1940 Hines Lakeview Drive, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 23, 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

Robert L. Loberg
Loberg Law Office, LLP
529 N. Lucas Lane
PO Box 177
Ellsworth, WI 54011
715-273-5072
Bar#1017505

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 72

In the Matter of the Estate of Timothy Arthur Morgan, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 72.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

A petition for Formal Administration was filed. A DEMAND FOR FORMAL PROCEEDINGS WAS FILED REQUESTING ADMISSION OF DECEDENT'S WILL AND CONSTRUCTION OF DECEDENT'S WILL.

The court finds:

The decedent, with date of birth 04/26/1954 and date of death 08/01/2026 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 2259 7th Street, Cumberland, WI 54829.

The court orders:

The petition be heard at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin, Courtroom 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable James C. Babler on September 23, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 1, 2026. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI, Room 2700.

Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.

Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

Electronically signed by
Honorable Judge James C. Babler
August 19, 2026

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

Isaac Lundquist, Principal
Cumberland Middle School
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Cumberland, WI 54829
ilund@csmail.com

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Construction Update...

way Department will be returning after Rutabaga to wrap up their final work for us this year.

Hwy. 63 Resurfacing south of Cumberland towards Turtle Lake:

Work on this project is underway and still on schedule. Mill and overlay work

is currently scheduled to begin the week of August 31st and last about 6-8 weeks.

Brightspeed Fiber Installation: This major fiber installation project is set to commence on or about August 31st and will take several months to complete.

STAY ALIVE
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Miss Cumberland 80th Reunion!



An 80th Miss Cumberland Reunion was held at the 2026 Miss Cumberland Pageant. Pictured back Row Left to Right: Barbara Lynch, Sarah Lundquist, Pam Mysicka, Stephanie Brown, Mary Goldsmith Olson, Lindsay Norby, Mary Hopkins Best, Chloe Herrick, McKenzie Donica, Kristin Olson, Emma McNulty, Gabi Bowe-Hanson, Carol Rohl, Melissa Allen, Casey Morrison, and Samantha Rich. Front Row Left to Right: Alyssa Peterson, Jeanette Olsen, Heather McWilliams, Jill Knoke, Makenna Rademacher, Chris Hopkins-Hile, Addyson Rodewald, Sophie Williams, Ailah Eggert, Tracy Metz, Chloe Donica, Kim Hopkins, Megan Muench, Albryanna Benson, and Lindsay Bangsberg.

A Decade of Miss Cumberland History 1950 - 1960 By Deb Goldsmith

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Open up the Advocate and see the bananas advertised, 4 pounds for .25 cents, two 5 1/2 ounce cans of shrimp for .25 cents, or even T-bond steak for .15 cents a pound. You would never find it to-

day, but you did find it in 1934 as you read through the Advocate to find out about the upcoming carnival to celebrate the harvest the American Legion Post would be sponsoring

its 3rd annual carnival, and would be adding a new high-light that year - a carnival queen. The queen committee was Zeane Douglas, W.W. Elenson, and H.H. Hines.

and a list of rules were publicized. A few of the rules were as follows:

1. Any lady over 15 years of age.
2. Each contestant must sell at least 50 buttons to qualify.
3. People could enter nominations - each one worth 5000 votes.
4. Contestants would sell tickets for the activities, each ticket worth 100 votes and 1000 extra bonus votes for each book of tickets sold.
5. Contestants having the most votes would win. The lucky young girl to win this honor and as an added bonus won \$25.00 as first place contestant was the lovely Ellen Hergert.

There was no queen pageant again until 1948 and this year the contest was run a little differently. The business organizations in town sponsored the girls that year, the judges were gotten from out of the city, and the 16 candidates were judged on "poise, attractiveness, and personality." There was even a doll - buggy parade that year, with first place going to Genevieve Marino, wearing an aqua and white dress with a parasol to match. Again, you would see the Company Store advertising pure silk scarves for \$2.19, and you could even read about the wedding of Corinne Fossum and John Miller. The St. Paul Winter Carnival Royalty rode in the parade that year, and it was estimated that 8,000 persons gathered to watch as Delores Flottum was crowned "Queen of the Festival."

"Hudson Automobile Sales zooming Coast-to-Coast" would be a common ad seen in any newspaper in 1949, but in the City of Cumberland, the preparations were underway for its 17th annual Rutabaga Festival. With these preparations came a Proclamation made by the mayor of the city, A.J. Hilton. *"Whereas, the people of the City of Cumberland have enjoyed a prosperous year, and have seen evidences of the future growth and success of their hometown, and whereas, own friends who live on the farms on the country side that surrounds us have to a great extent made this prosperity and progress possible, I, the Mayor of Cumberland, do hereby declare that Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of this week be set aside as a time for enjoyment and amusement together, and do proclaim these days, just for fun, Rutabaga Festival Days."* There were nine queen contestants that year, the winner being attendant to the previous queen Delores Flottum, and a student at Superior State that year, sponsored by the Style Shoppe, Miss Jarmila Brecka.

There were many activi-

ties going on in the city that our next queen would remember upon looking back on her reign in 1950. The first sand belts were produced at 3M, 2,000 people stood to watch the new night lighting system at the athletic field dedication ceremonies, the police department got a patrol car for official use, and Elmer Beran was named head coach at the high school. The American Legion and the Civic Club were once again coordinators of the festival, as Cumberland's first blond was crowned Miss Rutabaga, Marie Mogsstad.

In 1951, the Korean Conflict was well underway and many young men from the area were enlisting or being drafted into the services. One advantage to these service men upon returning home was that they were eligible for home loans. The Kilbourn-Wickre Agency had this home listed for a qualified GI: "One bedroom home on lake in city. Beautiful yard and large garage. Two large porches, attractive kitchen, full bath, a beaut for as little as \$260 down." When looking back on her experience, those weeks surrounding the festival, the 1951 queen remembers the movie "Rio Grande" starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara at the theater. The Civic Club President was still John Hines, A.J. Hilton was still Mayor, and the M.C. of her pageant was Clellan Card, WCCO Radio Personality. There were 17 candidates running that year. The lucky young girl to receive the honor was Miss Donna Risberg, sponsored by the Advocate.

There were some changes in the header of local organizations the year of the '52 festival. John Hines was the new mayor of the city, Lloyd Wickre was the new Civic Club President, Art Erickson was Commander of the American Legion Post, and Bob Harkness was head of the Kiwanis Club. The plans were drawn and construction began on the new Cumberland Telephone Company at the time of the 18th annual Rutabaga Festival. The 1952 Miss Rutabaga, sponsored by Georges Taxi, remembers it being very cold that year. She was described in the Advocate as follows: "Her hair is black, her skin fair...and she is on the petite side, being just a shade over 5'feet tall. She admits to 108 pounds, which is not very difficult to admit to." And so is described Miss Rutabaga 1952-Mary Jane DeDomines.

Just a week before the festivities began in 1953, Mr. and Mrs. John Talbot announced the birth of their daughter Joan Denise, weighing 8 pounds, 11 ounces. You could also see the growth of the city itself that year, as on the south end of town the sewage treatment plant was under construction, and on the north end of town, the new DeGideo Motel was being built. School had begun, and the senior class would be putting on a play with the cast being Karen Scribner, Glen Just, Grace Markgren, Marlys Hepner, Betty Lou DeGideo, Jean Goldsmith, Raymond Clark, George Hermann, Bud Erickson, Mary D'Amico, Melven Moen, Alice Tyvoll and Curtis Olson. The Tower House sponsored the winning Miss Rutabaga that year, and for anyone who may not have been able to see the pageant and was waiting to see the picture of the lucky winners in the Advocate, they had to wait another week as the picture got delayed in the mail. When the pic-

ture was printed it was a beautiful picture of Miss Rutabaga, 1953, Rose Zappa.

As with many things over the years, food prices were starting to go up. Pork roast and pork chops were up to .49 cents a pound. Some prices on the other hand stayed pretty reasonable as Doug Thompson was fined only \$10.00 for a stop sign violation on Tuesday, August 31, 1954. In September, the first of many chiropractic conventions was held at the Toftness Chiropractic Clinic. This years queen, a sister to the 1950 winner Marie, being sponsored by the City Cafe, was Sonja Mogstad.

The 1955 Miss Cumberland, sponsored by Stokeley-Van Camp, remembers buying 3 pounds of ground beef for \$1.00 and 5 cans of tuna for \$1.00. Looking back at an old St. Paul paper, she saw and ad for a new three bedroom rambler at a cost of \$11,650 with payments of \$60 a month on a GI Mortgage, and a 1955 Ford Station Wagon for \$2,476 with all equipment. On the local level, John K. Hoyer would be succeeding Fred Moser as school principal with total school enrollment being 789 that fall. Construction was started on the new hospital with the first shovelful of dirt being turned over by Mayor John Hines. All these activities were taking place at the 1955 Miss Cumberland Rutabaga Festival as our new queen Karen Larson accepted the crown.

As with all previous festivals, there were prizes, exhibits, rides, games and many activities for all ages, but this year it would all be held at a little different location. Instead of blocking Highway 63 on 2nd Avenue, (Main Street), the carnival would be moved to the block south of Elm Street, on Second Ave. This would be the first Rutabaga Festival for George Momchilovich as new Mayor of Cumberland, and in the Advocate, you would find an ad for a back-to-school perm at Ritchie Beauty Shoppe for \$5.00. There were 20 candidates running for Miss Rutabaga that year, the winner being 17 years old, sponsored by the Style Shoppe, Miss Pat Yri.

As Miss Yri's reign was coming to an end, and preparations were being made for the 25th Rutabaga Festival, in May, Herb Robinson was named the new City Clerk Treasurer, and in July Al Skinner succeeded himself for his 4th term as head of the local Legion Post. The festival would once again be held south of Elm Street on 2nd Ave, and as every year, you could read all about the festival in the Advocate. In the society section of that same Advocate, you would read that Bert Skinner celebrated his 6th birthday with a party on Wednesday afternoon. The queen for the Silver anniversary of the Cumberland Rutabaga Festival was Karen Bents.

T-bone steak had gone from .15 cents a pound in 1934 to .65 cents a pound now in 1958, ground had just been broken for the new high school, St. Mary's Church had a new priest-Sr. Phillip Krembs, and Ralph Chiodo, 24 of Cumberland and Lou Ann Rake, 21 of Rice Lake, had applied for a marriage license. These items set the stage of the very wet 26th annual Rutabaga Festival. The pageant that year was held in the old high school gym due

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2026 Barron County Livestock Project Award Winners Named

The 2026 Barron County Junior Livestock Project concluded at the annual Livestock Awards program held on July 23 at the Barron Area Community Center. This program included recognition of prize winners from the July 18 sale, and recognition of carcass or meat quality based on meat carcass ultrasound evaluation. Animals from the sale were processed by the Almena Meat Company, The Butcher Shop (Rice Lake), Bob’s Processing, Lotts of Meats (Bloomer), and Farm Country Butchery (Conrath).

The 2026 event generated \$312,979 in gross sales from 95 lots, comprising 30 beef steers, 40 hogs, 25 lambs, and 5 Quality Cow cheese box entries. Average prices reached \$4.84/lb for beef, \$7.83/lb for hogs, and \$8.61/lb for lambs. Notable high bids included \$6.60/lb for Drew Mathews’ steer (Northwest Builders), \$17.00/lb for Chloe Mateski’s hog (Mid-West Injection and Fabrication), and \$20.00/lb for Raina Cook’s lamb (Prairie Grain of Cameron).

To ensure the highest standards for meat quality, all beef, hog, and lamb entries underwent rigorous carcass merit evaluation to be eligible for the sale. This assessment utilized advanced ultrasound technology, featuring equipment and software developed by Rice Lake Weighing and certified by UniFide CST Scale Systems of Chippewa Falls. Dr. Arquimides Reyes, Assistant Professor of Beef Production and Meat Science at UW-River Falls, led the data collection and evaluation process. He was supported by agriculture instructors Peter Kolpack, Kristin Hanson, and Arlaina Meyer, Livestock Coordinator Emily Drafall, project superintendent Kori Richter, and numerous committee volunteers. Additionally, Dr. Gary Onan, a retired UW-River Falls animal science professor, hosted an educational seminar detailing the ultrasound process and its significance to the industry prior to the July 23rd award ceremony.

Ultrasound data gathered at the final animal weigh-ins were used to determine carcass value by analyzing rib-eye or loin area, back-fat thickness, and marbling. These measurements, combined with estimated carcass weights, were applied to industry-standard formulas to calculate yield and quality grades, and overall carcass values.

The 2026 Champion Carcass exhibitors, buyers, and plaque sponsors were:

Beef – Colton Hollander, Northern Lights 4-H; buyer was Todd’s Redi-Mix,

Plaque sponsor was Louie’s Finer Meats; rosette ribbon sponsored by Poskin Lake Resort.

Swine –Charlotte Willger, Doyle Juniors Northern Lights 4-H. The buyer was Don Johnson Motors. The plaque sponsor was Synergy Cooperative; the rosette ribbon was sponsored by Poskin Lake Resort.

Lamb –Eli Duncan, Country Siders 4-H Club. The buyer was Stransky Farms, Owatonna MN.

The plaque sponsor was Synergy Cooperative; the rosette ribbon was sponsored by Ludwigson Angus.

Plaques for buyers of the carcass champions were sponsored by the Junior Livestock Show & Sale Committee.

The rankings for the live show, rate-of-gain, and carcass evaluation

were combined to determine the Overall or Performance Champions, recognizing the total performance for each species in the Junior Livestock Projects. The overall champion animals were:

Beef- Drew Mathews, Doyle Juniors 4-H. His steer was purchased by Northwest Builders. The award plaque was sponsored by Almena Meat Company.

Swine- Maura Ewings,Prairie Hustlers4-H. The hog was purchased by M2 Construction. The student award plaque was sponsored by Synergy Cooperative.

Lambs-Chet Hargrave, Columbia Livewires 4-H. The lamb was purchased by Kasper’s Excavating LLC of Cumberland. The student award plaque was sponsored by The ButcherShop.

Rosette ribbons were sponsored by Mark & Tanya Riebe, and plaques for buyers of the carcass champions were sponsored by the Junior Livestock Show & Sale Committee.

Live Show Champions and buyers were recognized at the fair, and members were presented with their plaques at the Livestock Awards program on July 23rd. All live show champion plaques were sponsored by Poskin Feed Store and buyer plaques were sponsored by the Junior Livestock Show & Sale Committee. Rosette ribbons and banners for Grand & Reserve Champion in each species were presented at the live shows, and award sponsors are listed below. Live champion exhibitors and their buyers were:

Beef –Trinity Young ,Columbia Livewires 4-H, exhibited the champion steer; it was purchased by Poskin Lake Resort. Banners for the grand champion and reserve champion were sponsored by Knutson Family Farm, Ridgeland. The rosette sponsor was Ludwigson Angus.

Swine- Daniel Wirth, Country Siders 4-H, showed the champion hog and it was purchased by Wirth Excavating or Ridgeland. The banner for the grand and reserve champions were sponsored by Steve & Debra Sirek, and the rosette ribbon was sponsored by Stokes Family Farm, Barron.

Lamb – Emma Organ, Section 10 4-H exhibited the live champion lamb. The buyer of the lamb was J&A Northwest Construction of Barronett. The banner sponsor for grand and reserve champion animals was the Anderson Family in Honor of Emma Anderson. The rosette ribbon was sponsored by Stokes Family Farm, Barron.

Reserve champion plaques were sponsored by the Dale Lake Memorial- Sandra Lake & Family. Exhibitors receiving reserve champion honors are as follows:

Beef- Meah Putzke, North Star 4-H; buyer- Poskin Lake Resort; rosette ribbon sponsor-

Ludwigson Agnus, banner sponsor - Knutson Family Farm- Long Acres Angus

Swine-Paityn Holten, Country Siders 4-H; Buyer- Dairy State Bank , rosette ribbon sponsor- Stokes Family Farm, banner sponsor- Steve & Debra Sirek.

Lamb- Chet Hargrave, Columbia Livewires 4-H; buyer-Kasper’s Excavating & Landscaping;

rosette ribbon sponsor- Stokes Family Farm, banner sponsor- Honor of Emma Anderson-

Anderson Family.

Rate-of-Gain plaques were awarded to projects with the highest average daily weight gain. To encourage efficient production, standards were set at 2.0 lbs./day for beef (221 days) and 0.45 lbs./day for lambs (84 days). Hogs were excluded due to a lack of initial weigh-ins.

Winners were recognized at the July 23rd awards program.:

Beef – Danika Drost, North-

ern Lights 4-H., Doyle Juniors 4-H, Her 1600-pound steer gained 4.683 lbs. /day, and was sold to Synergy Cooperative.

Lamb-Shyanne Hammann, Section 10 4-H earned the top rate of gain for lambs. Her161 pound lamb gained 1.060 pounds per day and was sold to CCF Bank, Barron.

Award sponsors for Rate of Gain champions were as follows:

Blain’s Farm& Fleet- student award plaque; banners- Rural Mutual Insurance- Tyler Holten Agency- Ridgeland, and buyer award plaques were sponsored by the Junior Livestock Show & Sale Committee.

Bred and Owned Champions are awards for individuals whose market animals were selected from their own herd or flock. The winners, their buyers, and trophy sponsors were as follows: Beef - Meah Putzke, North Star 4-H. Award sponsors were: plaque- Klatt Farms; rosette- Sun Valley Ranch- Diana & Associates LLC. The buyer of the animal was Poskin Lake Resort.

Swine- Callie Stokes, Barron FFA. Award sponsors were plaque- A&T Industries; rosette- Sun Valley Ranch- Diana & Associates LLC. The buyer of the animal was Schullo’s Valley Vu Farms & Trucking.

Lamb- Skylar Schuebel, Columbia Livewires 4-H. Award sponsors were: plaque- Tony & Aimee Pintens -In Memory of Ed Dittbrenner; rosette- Sun Valley Ranch- Diana & Associates LLC. The buyer of the animal was Hargrave Farms.

Breeding stock awards for the beef and sheep shows were also recognized at the awards program.

Beef: Breeding stock champions were as follows: Grand Champion Female: Meah Putzke, North Star 4-H. Reserve Grand Champion Female was shown by Mackenzie Knutson, Prairie Farm FFA. Award sponsors were: plaque- Devine Cattle Company; rosette- Sun Valley Ranch, Dianna & Associates, LLC.

Sheep: The Grand Champion Ewe was shown by Colin Duncan, Country Siders 4-H. Reserve Grand Champion Ewe was shown by Alexis Schuebel Columbia Livewires. Award sponsors were: plaque- Lake Country Dairy-Grand Champion, Blain’s Farm & Fleet- Reserve Champion; rosette- Mark & Tanya Riebe

The Grand Champion Ram was shown by Skylar Schuebel, Columbia Livewires 4-H; Reserve Grand Champion Ram was shown by Brody Hammann, Poskin Jets 4-H.

Award sponsors were The Butcher Shop, Grand Champion Ram plaque, Lake Country Dairy - Reserve Champion Ram plaque; rosette- Mark & Tanya Riebe

Showmanship Awards: Showmanship classes

evaluate exhibitor skill, animal handling, and livestock industry knowledge. Showmanship champion banners were sponsored by The Butcher Shop (Champion) and Wayne & Robin Hanson (Rosette Sponsor). Additional plaque sponsors are listed below.

The 2026 Showmanship

Winners were as follow

Beef showmanship champion rosette ribbons were sponsored by the Wayne & Robin Hanson family. Additional trophy sponsors are listed below.

Senior - AJ Harelstead, New Auburn FFA; Trophy Sponsor: Rice Lake Diesel Services, LLC.

Intermediate- Madelyn Kruger, Prairie Farm Pals 4-H; Trophy sponsor: Edward D. Jones Investments-Geoff Bohn

Junior- Cassidy Nelson, North Star 4-H ; Trophy sponsor: Blain’s Farm & Fleet.

Reserve Champion plaques were sponsored by the Dale Lake Memorial- Sandra Lake

& Family. Rosette ribbons were sponsored by Gary Knutson and Steve Devine. Reserve champion beef showmanship award winners were:

Senior- Trinity Young, Columbia Livewires 4-H

Intermediate- Collin Drost, Northern Lights 4-H

Junior- Levi Thalacker, Country Siders 4-H

Swine showmanship champion rosette ribbons were sponsored by Rural Mutual Insurance- Tyler Holten Agency; Additional award sponsors are listed below.

Senior- Shawn Holten, Country Siders 4-H, Trophy sponsored by Barron Electric Cooperative

Intermediate- Emma Stang, Marquette Pacemakers, 4-H; Trophy sponsored by JJS Auto Body Clinic

Junior – Briella Millerman, Country Siders, Trophy sponsor: Steve Hanson Memorial-

Turtle Lake FFA Alumni. Reserve Showmanship champion awards were sponsored by the Dale Lake Memorial- Sandra Lake & Family, Elizabeth Madison, FG Products, Gary Knutson, and Steve Devine. Reserve champion swine showmanship award winners were

Senior: Caleb Germanson, Northern Lights 4-H

Intermediate: Holly Hargrave,Columbia Livewires 4-H

Junior: Wagner Willger, Doyle Juniors

Sheep Showmanship champion banners were sponsored by The Butcher Shop, and rosette ribbons sponsored by the Wayne & Robin Hanson family. Additional awards sponsors are listed below.

Senior- AJ Harelstad, New Auburn FFA. Trophy sponsors are the Rice Lake FFA - Amy

Wahlstrom Memorial and Rice Lake Diesel Services LLC.;

Intermediate- T a n i Riebe, Section 10 4-H ; Trophy sponsor: James Ellison Memorial-Carsten & Sally Ellison;

Junior- Kari Rasmussen, Section 10 4-H; Trophy sponsor: Farm & Fleet of Rice Lake.

Reserve Champion plaques were sponsored by the Dale Lake Memorial- Sandra Lake & Family. Rosette ribbons were sponsored by the Wayne & Robin Hanson Family.

Reserve champion sheep showmanship award winners were: Senior: Trinity Young, Columbia Livewires

Intermediate: Skylar Schuebel,Columbia Livewires

Junior: Jovie Rose, Country Siders

Herdsmanship:

Herdsmanship awards

recognize exhibitors for the quality of their animal care, display neatness, and educational value. Categories were divided by herd or flock size, with winners to be displayed on banners in their respective barns.

Beef –Award sponsors: T.M. Title Services and Adam & Deanna Mathews

Large Herd- Country Siders 4-H; Medium Herd-

Doyle Juniors 4-H; Small

Herd Prairie Farm Pals 4-H

Swine- Award Sponsors: Mike & Heather Madison Family & Sterling Bank

Large Herd-Doyle Juniors - 4-H; Medium

Herd- Northern Lights 4-H; Small Herd- Poskin Jets 4-H

Sheep -Award Sponsors: Arnevik Family and Adam & Deanna Mathews

Large Flock-Section 10 4-H; Medium Flock- New

Auburn FFA ; Small Flock-

Country Kids 4-H

The Lamb Lead Award, recognizes sheep exhibitors based on sheep showmanship, knowledge and presentation in the show ring while wearing garments made from wool. The champion of the Lamb Lead class was Rori Zimmerman, Marquette Pacemakers 4-H club. The plaque sponsors are Steve & Mary Matthys.

The Marty Larson Memorial Award is presented each year to a member who has been a dedicated exhibitor and has shown loyalty to the project but has never exhibited a champion animal or earned champion showmanship honors. This award is sponsored by the Craig Larson Family of Rice Lake, and the 2026 recipient is Dayne Stoeberl of the Vermillion Cruisers 4-H club

The Miss Q Award recognizes dairy exhibitors for the quality milk production within their dairy cattle. The top quality winners for 1st, 2nd., 3rd, and 4th lactation cows were eligible to sell a box of cheese at the sale. Cheese boxes were donated by Lake Country Dairy and Burnett Dairy Cooperative This year’s Overall Milk Quality Champion was awarded to Dayne Stoeberl of the Vermillion Cruisers 4-H Club. Grazin’Acres Dairy was the sponsor of the award.

We appreciate the dedication shown by the exhibitors, buyers, and sponsors for the Barron County Livestock Project and look forward to another successful year in 2027! The new project year will get underway at the first Livestock Project Committee meeting at Barron High School with the fall committee meeting taking place on September 30th at 6pm. Please contact the Barron County UW-Extension office at 715-788-6240 for more details.



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1 Distress call
4 Young pigeon
9 Ticket
14 Pressure unit
15 Weight measurement
16 Cain's eldest son
17 Wing
18 Renowned
19 Artery
20 Frolic
22 Stirred up
24 Pacific Standard Time
25 Expression of surprise
27 Choose
29 European river
32 O.T. Prophet
35 Moray
36 Senior
38 Birthmark
40 Potato
42 Strange
44 Lady

DOWN

45 Rods
47 Cluttered
49 Peanut
50 Washington city
52 Lifts
54 Boxer Muhammad
55 Explosive
56 Viper
59 NE French region
63 Send by post
67 Mont ____
69 Louis' partner
71 Farm credit administration (abbr.)
72 Long, skinny boat
73 A vacation (2 wds.)
74 Official canine registry (abbr.)
75 Expend
76 Blunder
77 Grain

DOWN

37 Bard's before
39 Primed
41 Factor of ten
43 Arcane
46 Comforted
48 Yang's partner
51 Cubic centimeter
53 Short-term memory
56 The alphabet
57 Smack
58 Window ____
60 Replace a striker
61 Singing voice
62 Oxcart
64 Far away
65 Yucky
66 Tie shoes
68 Not (prefix)
70 Kilometers per hour

Library Scavenger Hunt!



Three winners were drawn to receive the T. Rex Dinosaurs that were hiding around town during the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library's annual Summer Scavenger Hunt. Children searched each week, and out of 217 total entries the three winners were: Top photo Lilia Depatto, middle photo Ben Campbell (left) and bottom photo Poppy Zappa (left).

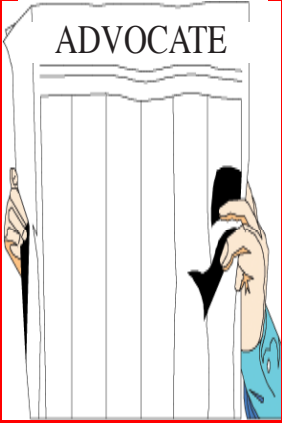
History of Miss Cumberland...

to the bad weather, but the spirits of the crowd remained good as they watched the crown placed on the head of Nancy Irwin.

The city was just recovering from its very first Krazy Days in June of 1959, when it was time once again, to get the plans for the next Rutabaga Festival underway. There was so much discussion that year, whether to even have the festival due to the high costs. Many people thought the money could go to a much better cause, but after much though, it was decided the festival did benefit the people and the businesses so the plans and preparations would go on, but there would be no grand parade on Sunday that year. The new high school opened that fall and the total school enrollment was up to 1294 and Al Skinner was in his first term as mayor. On a more worldly basis, our 1959 queen remembers that Eisenhower was President of the United States and Ben Hur won the 1959 Academy Award for Best Picture. Sponsored by Max and Mary Beck of the City Bakery, Mary Goldsmith was crowned Miss Rutabaga Festival Queen.

T-bone steaks are now up to .85 cents a pound, as our 1960 Miss Rutabaga reminisces about her year of reign over the City of Cumberland. The Cumber-

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BDLMD Completes Obstruction Project!



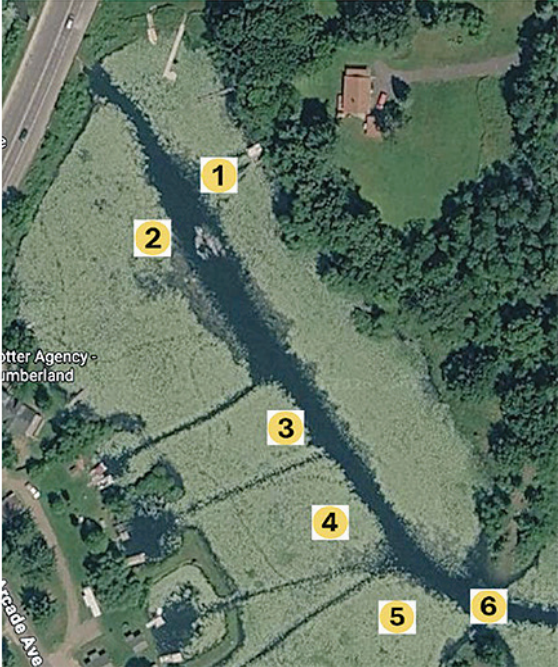
Trestle Obstructions (July 8, 2026)

Beaver Dam Lake Management District — hazard survey, railroad trestle crossing to 63 bridge.

Spot	Lat. Long	Note	Status	Depth to Obstruction (in)	Piling Height (in)	Sounding / Water Depth (in)
1	45.5433, -92.0172		Above water	Above	n/a	42
2	45.5431, -92.0175		Deadhead log	—	n/a	—
3	45.5425, -92.0169	Orange	Submerged	12	45	57
4	45.5422, -92.0167		Above water	Above	n/a	57
5	45.5419, -92.0164	Blue	Submerged	24	33	57
6-North	45.5419, -92.0158		Submerged	46	19	65
6-South	45.5419, -92.0158		Submerged	36	31	67

Legend

Above water: piling protrudes above the surface at normal water level.
Submerged: fully underwater. Depth to Obstruction is the shallowest point of water above the obstruction.
Deadhead: semi-submerged log, hazardous because it's often invisible at the surface.
Piling Height: vertical extent of the obstruction off the lake bottom (= Water Depth – Depth to Obstruction).



The BDLMD completed a project on the East side of Beaver Dam Lake. On Thursday, August 20, a dive team with a hydraulic chainsaw removed piling obstructions between hwy 63 bridge and old trestle area in anticipation of increased boat traffic with the new bridge. Eighteen targets were removed for improved navigation.

Don't make this your last 'Baga Fest!

Call for a **SAFE RIDE!**

Safe Ride is sponsored with the help of the
City of Cumberland
Cumberland Police Department

Cost: \$10 within Cumberland area

Additional charge outside 10 mile radius

Rides available Thursday Friday, Saturday & Sunday!

Thursday • 7 pm to 1 AM

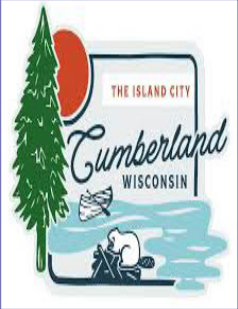
Friday • 6 pm to 2:30 AM

Saturday • 11 AM - 3 Pm & 6 PM to 2:30 AM

Sunday • 9 am to 12 Noon & 4 pm to Midnight

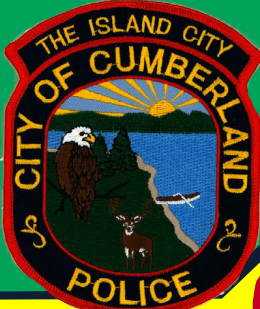
Call Ahead for Reservations:

715-822-2300



Don't Drink & Drive!

Use Safe Ride!



Thanks for keeping our roads safe!

ETC's Rutabaga
Production
Walter Cronkite is
Dead
August 19th - 22nd
6:00 pm

DON'T MISS THE 94th RUTABAGA FEST Cumberland, WI

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4 FESTIVAL DAYS AND NIGHTS! AUGUST 27 - 30!

Friday, August 14th

6 p.m. Registration for
Cumberland Youth Hockey
Association Tractor Pull.
Pull Begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday, August 15th

6p.m. Registration for
Cumberland Youth Hockey
Association Truck Pull.
Pull Begins at 7 p.m.

Sunday, August 23rd

32nd Annual Rutabaga
Golf Scramble
Call 715-822-4333 for
information. Reservations start
August 1st.

6:00 PM. Miss Cumberland Pag-
eant at Cumberland Middle School

TUESDAY, August 25th

5 p.m. BAGA OLYMPICS
Grades K-6 - Endeavor Field

WEDNESDAY, August 26th

4:30-5:45 p.m. Corn Feed
Dinner, Worship Band
Boys From Boyceville
First Lutheran Church
(across from Burger King).
715-822-4416

THURSDAY, August 27th

12:00 p.m. Food Stands open
4:00 p.m. Stipes Shows on the
Midway
8:30 p.m. Live Entertainment
Main Stage An Evening with

JUNK FM



FRIDAY, August 28th

8 AM Pickleball Tourney @
Islander Park/call 715-822-3378
10 AM Volleyball Tournament @
the beach. Register 612-434-2352
12-4p.m. ARMBAND DAY on
the Midway
4 pm - 7pm Don Johnson Car Show
4:30-8p.m. New Age Entertainment
"DJ Jeff"

5:00 pm Bean Bag Tournament in
Beer Garden
8:30 pm Live Entertainment
MAIN STAGE
COUNTRY ROADS
FT. KAT PERKINS

SATURDAY, August 29th

6:30 am: Registration for Run/Walk
at Cumberland Middle/ High School
Run/Walk @ 8 am.
7:00-7:45 a.m. BAGA YOGA on
Endeavor Field, Pam Baker, Inst.
8am: 46th ANNUAL Run/Walk
Aero Club Pancake Breakfast to fol-
low after the Run/Walk.

46th Annual Arts & Craft Fair 8-4
9:00-12:00: Live music with
Bare Minimum in the beer
garden.

10:00-1:00pm. Young Eagles will be
giving free airplane rides at Cum-
berland Airport for ages 8-17

10:15am. Rutabaga Run Awards
Entertainment Garden
12 Noon: FFA Baga Pedal Tractor
contest - Entry fee \$2.00/person sign
up 10:30-12; ages 4-13
on Sorenson St. W. of Lamperts
Phone (715) 822-2871 for info.

12-4pm ARMBAND DAY on the
Midway
12 Noon-4 Live Entertainment
Main Stage

RETRO SOULAND THE WESTSIDE HORNS



4:00 PM Hot Pepper Eating
Contest in Beverage Garden
5pm Live Entertainment
HOME AGAIN

8:30 pm. Live Entertainment
MAIN STAGE
ARCH ALLIES

SUNDAY, August 30th

7:30-11:00 am: Fly-In, Drive-In,
Walk-In All You Can Eat Break-
fast at Cumberland Municipal
Airport By Island City Aero Club
1:00pm

RUTABAGA FESTIVAL GRAND PARADE

(pre-registration a must)!

2:30 pm Live Entertainment
Main Stage:

GB LEIGHTON

5:30 pm Live Entertainment
Main Stage:

UNCOMMON DENOMINATOR

