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Cumberland Bridge Construction Update

Hwy. 63 Bridge Replacement: This week restoration work is underway, along with the repair of some soft spots under the first lift of blacktop. The second lift of blacktop (of three total lifts) should be installed late this week. Installation of fencing along the multi-use recreational lane will occur this week followed by guardrails installation early next week. The polymer overlay on the rec lane is scheduled for next Monday. Also, late this week and possibly spilling into early next week will be the staining of the faux rock on the bridge facade. Final arrangements for resumed Lake St. removal and dredging are being coordinated between the City, DOT, DNR and now Health Department. Exact timelines are still uncertain, but as of Tuesday morning, all parties are committed to and working towards a bridge opening by Friday October 2nd--one way or another. Not a 100% guarantee, but that is the plan!

Local Street Improvement Projects:

The Barron County Highway Department will return next week for some shouldering work where roads were pulverized and repaved, along with resurfacing of the cemetery driving lanes.

$6,200 Donation!



During the 16th annual Louie's Finer Meats Wurstfest a raffle fundraiser and more was held to raise funds for the Cumberland Fire District. This year $6,200 was raised and will be used to help update the departments extrication equipment. Thank you to all who helped make this possible. Pictured from left to right are firefighter Kyle Zimbrick, Cumberland Fire Chief and also Louie's employee Chad Olson, firefighters Andrew Beecroft, Devon Terry and William Muench also a Louie's employee and Louie and Bill Muench from Louie's Finer Meats.

Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Includes 63 Members; Four More Inductions on October 17

by Mark R. Fuller

It has been 13 years since the induction of 10 individuals began the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. Cumberland was one of the first area schools to begin recognizing some of their past athletes and athletic contributors, with Bloomer the most recent, inducting their first class of 10 the weekend of September 4 and 5.

After 140 years of Cumberland athletic programs, 67 individuals are a small percentage of the many people who have been part of Beaver sports. Those recognized have come totally from recommendations from community members and Mark Fuller encourages anyone thinking of a deserving individual to pass their names to him and his committee at mfull@csdmail.com.

Recognition comes in four areas, contributor, coach, athlete, and alumni. Although athletic nominations include many multi-sport athletes who get noticed quickly, the committee also recognizes the number of school opportunities has varied during different periods of history.

To date, seven coaches and four contributors have been recognized along with the majority of those honored who come largely from the athlete nominations.

The oldest Cumberland inductee will take his place on this distinguished list on October 17, when Jim Doar from the Class of 1899 receives his plaque. Few if any individuals in town knew of this young man, who played both Football and Baseball at Notre Dame and later coached a season with the Irish Football Team, while also playing a summer of Minor League baseball. This took place before his unfortunate death at the age of 24 due to an appendix attack.

"This has been one of the highlights of this process for me, finding stories about gentlemen like Mr. Doar, whom our residents might never have known without our Hall of Fame," added Committee member Mark Fuller.

Fuller further told of learning of the 2nd-round NFL Draft pick of Julius Alfonse and the tremendous accomplishments of some of the older inductees like Darrell Youngberg, Bob Margotto, Duane Matye, Cecil Christensen, Buzz Moen, Conway Thompson, and Clarence Alfonse as highlights for him. "Some people have stories that deserve to be told again and this is

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School Board Tackles September Agenda; Annual Meeting October 19

by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland School Board gathered in the District Office on Tuesday, September 15, for their first monthly meeting since the beginning of the new school year. Following the approval of the Consent Agenda, both Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose and School Board President Eric Stone discussed the large crowd at the ribbon cutting and thanked once more the community for their tremendous support of the project.

District Reports began with Athletic Director Lorne Majewski giving a brief rundown on the beginning of the school's athletic programs. He further discussed the upcoming HON Sportsmanship Summit that took place in town on Monday and the WIAA Area Meeting that took place last Wednesday.

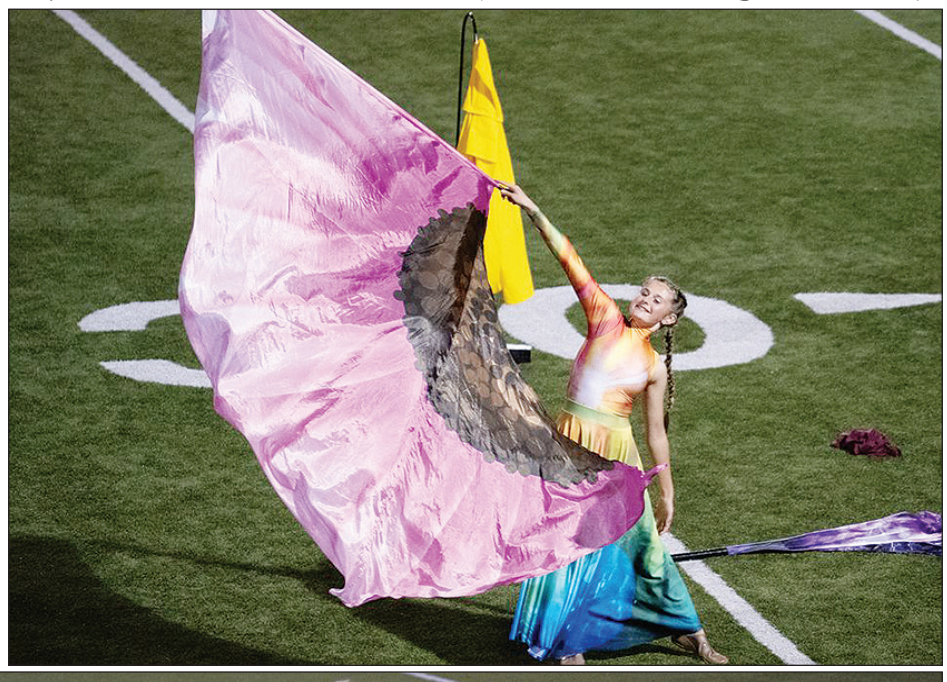
Next up was Director of Education, Ben Kisling, who discussed with the Board ongoing curriculum evaluations and the need for any necessary student intervention, saying the goal is to, "Use the data we collect to see what each student needs and effectively give them the help they require."

Finally, Tami Bowman, The Director of Special Education, gave an update on work being done on a new Elementary room called "The Lodge" complete with zones of regulation and used to provide an environment to develop new skills and promote well-being.

Next up were the Action Items which included the approval of the resignation of Emily Bristlin from Assistant Boy's Soccer Coach and the hiring of Nick Mc-

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Northern Lights Marching Classic!





Top photo is Color Guard member Scarlett Stuntz and bottom photo is the Cumberland High School Marching Band performing Saturday night at Endeavor Stadium. 10 marching bands made for a fun night of music in the Island City. Photos by Andi Dickson.



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The Library Column

Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

Special Events:

Matt Goldman, Thursday, October 1 at Noon

Author of The Prohibited, speakesies of the 1920s.

Piece Makers Quilt Turning, Thursday, October 1 at 5:30 PM

The Island City Piecemakers will showcase quilts they have made.

Medicare Updates, Wednesday, October 7 at 9:30 AM

Learn about the various health insurance updates scheduled for 2027.

Anton Treuer, Monday, October 12 at 5:30 PM

Join acclaimed Ojibwe author, historian, and educator Dr. Anton Treuer for an engaging evening of reading, storytelling and conversation.

Pumpkin Decorating - Saturday, October 17 from 10 AM until 12 PM

Children can pick up a free pumpkin at the Chamber of Commerce and bring it to the library to decorate.

Book Walk & Talk, Walkable City by Jeff Speck - Friday, October 23 at 9 AM

City Administrator, Randy Reeg will be present to answer questions about Cumberland.

Ukulele Concert & Sing Along - Thursday, October 29 at 6 PMFeaturing the Library Lake Strummers.

Every Month:

Homeschool Hub - Wednesday, October 7 at 1:30 PM

Crafternoon Club - Wednesday, October 14 at 1 PM

TSAPL Book Club - Thursday, October 15 at 4 PMColoring & Conversation - Tuesday, October 20 at 2 PM

Tech Mondays - Monday, October 26 at 10 AM, 11 AM & 12 PMUkulele Jam - Tuesday, October 27 at 5:30 PM

Hook & Needles Book Club - Wednesday, October 28 at 11 AM

Every Week:Baby & Me - Tuesdays at 9:30 AMStorytime - Thursdays at 9:30 AMMahjong - Mondays at 9:30 AM

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An evening with Anton Treuer

Join us in welcoming acclaimed Ojibwe author, historian, and educator Dr. Anton Treuer to the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library on Monday, October 12, at 5:30 PM.

Dr. Treuer will share stories and insights that offer a deeper understanding of Ojibwe culture, history, family, and the enduring importance of language. This program is open to community members of all ages and backgrounds.

The evening will conclude with a book signing.

Please register by calling 715-822-2767 or emailing cupl@cumberlandpl.org


Thank you for reading The Advocate


59th Annual ETC Cumberland Community Chorus Christmas Concert welcomes area singers

For nearly six decades, the ETC Cumberland Community Chorus Christmas Concert has brought local voices together to make music. Now in its 59th year, the concert returns with the theme "Light of the World."

All singers are invited to participate. No registration is required. Rehearsals will be held Mondays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Oct. 5 through Dec. 7 at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 743 22 1/2 Ave. in Cumberland. A dress rehearsal will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 12.

The season will culminate with performances at 2 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

For more information about participating, contact Lori Petzel at loripetzel@gmail.com.

Athletic Hall of Fame...

what the Hall of Fame is all about," Fuller added.

"We need to remember the two-sport accomplishments at D1 Tulane by Buzz Moen, the fact we have two Olympic Champions coming from our school in John and Ben Peterson, the 1,000 yard seasons by both Rich and Phil Capuzzi, and the contributions of coaches like Joe Hegenbarth, who we unfortunately lost last week," said Fuller.

Hegenbarth started the sport of wrestling in 1959 and his tenure as head coach set the stage for one of the most decorated programs in Northern Wisconsin.

Those interested in either attending this year's Banquet on October 17 or interested in nominating a potential inductee are asked to contact Fuller at 715-790-0109 or on his email. "Our goal is to continue retelling the outstanding stories of our past athletes. I thank our School Board and Administration for recognizing the importance of recognizing their contributions," he concluded.

All Singers Invited

Join the 59th Annual ETC Cumberland Community Chorus as we celebrate this year's theme

Light of the World

Come sing Christmas music with friends and neighbors. No registration required.

Rehearsals
Mondays, Oct. 5 - Dec. 7 | 6:30-8 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal
Dec. 12

Concerts
Dec. 13 at 2 and 4 p.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Questions? Email loripetzel@gmail.com

Almena Resident Publishes Book

Michael Fauske, of Almena, publishes I CAN'T PROMISE YOU TOMORROW, a story of life and love in this region of Wisconsin in the late 1800s. The story travels through Cameron, Barron, Poskin. Almena, and Turtle Lake. The adventure reaches out to St Paul when a Pinkerton detective is needed to solve the payroll robberies of the Knapp/Stout logging company with managing headquarters centered in Prairie Farm, then logging center of the world. During the investigation, the first woman Pinkerton agent is hired producing remarkable results. The Pinkertons also take part in solving a huge St Paul bank hoist and stop the assassination of a US President. Fauske has also written novels on the Apocalypse, a Revolutionary War precursor, a mid 1800s immigration tale, and a story of a carpenter from London trying to make it on the Virginia coast after being kidnapped. Search for Michael Fauske on Amazon.com. Books also available at Kings Way in Rice Lake.

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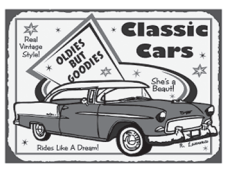
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FRIDAY, SEPT 25: •7:00 pm Varsity Football @ Bloomer
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26: : 12:00 pm Marching Band @ Irondale Show
MONDAY, SEPT 28: 4:00 pm MS Cross Country Home • 5:00 pm Girls MS Volleyball @ Shell Lake • 6:00 pm JV Football Home vs Bloomer
TUESDAY, SEPT 29: 4:30 pm Cross Country at Home • 5:00 pm Boys Soccer @ Washburn • 5:00 pm Girls MS Volleyball @ Glenwood City • 5:00 pm MS Football @ Cameron • 5:00 - 7:00 pm Volleyball Home vs Ashland
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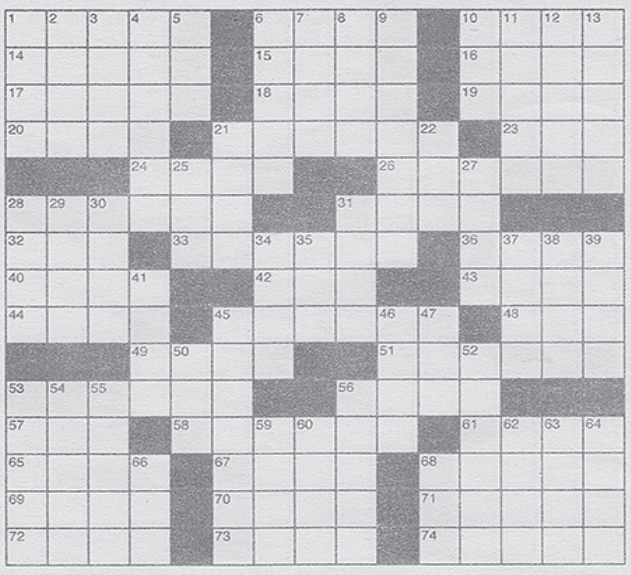
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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Cumberland lost another outstanding person when Joe Hegenbarth passed away last week. I didn't know Joe nearly to the extent of so many people, but every time I had a chance to talk with him, it was a great conversation. I know so many people who thought the world of Joe, he touched so many lives at Cumberland High School as a math teacher, but most certainly as the head wrestling coach for 25 years, a program he began in 1959 that was ultra successful, not only on the mat but helping to mentor so many young men. When reading his obituary about his wrestling accolades, the one that stood out to me is 15 wrestlers who went through the program are now head coaches, that speaks volumes. Rest in Peace Joe.

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This weekend marks the annual Barronett Fall Colorfest starting Friday night with a spaghetti dinner, meat raffles, hay rides and more. Saturday is a craft fair and farmers market, a scavenger hunt, softball tournament and the Dairyland Garden Tractor Pull at noon. Come on out and check it out.

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Quarterbacks are dropping like flies already this football season, Chicago, Washington, Minnesota, NY Giants and the Atlanta Falcons have all played without their #1 quarterbacks and some will be without them for weeks. I don't know what more can be done to protect players as some of these injuries are no contact injuries, just the nature of the game. The NFC North should be wide open all season long, your guess is as good as mine as to who wins it, should be fun. Meanwhile, the Brewers will take the best record in all of baseball into the playoffs in just a couple of weeks. Exciting times for sports fans in these parts for sure!

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Well I got a little bit of the crud. I'm usually pretty lucky when it comes to getting sick but not so much right now. I'm just glad its now and not when I head up north for some fishing in a few weeks. It is always amazing to me how some people are not sick more often, teachers are one for sure. Seems like a few kids are sick at school most of the year, there is always someone not feeling good and they are not the best at washing hands and so on, anyway hope this is it for me for a while.

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Gas prices just keep ticking upward, it really can pay to look around as often times prices are very greatly in the same town. I fueled up last week in Amery at $3.98 and just half mile down the road it was $4.49, saved me over $10 bucks. Pretty crazy! Have a great week!





Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Just catching up: Business shorts and follow-ups on past columns"

MADISON, Wis. – Writing a weekly column is always a snapshot in time. Things can and do happen to advance the story. Here are some business briefs and follow-ups to recent "Inside Wisconsin" columns:

Move over Area 51; Area 52 taking shape – You've heard about New Mexico's Area 51, home to Roswell's UFO Museum and Research Center and a must-see if you're convinced aliens made a crash landing on earth. Lake Michigan and its Wisconsin and Michigan shorelines will become "Area 52" if a plan backed by researchers and manufacturing leaders gains momentum.

Area 52 has nothing to do with aliens but everything to do with Wisconsin's application to become a "Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub." As I wrote in a Sept. 3 column, a mix of partners want the region to become a hub for research, testing, production and delivery of next-generation unmanned and autonomous technologies. Next up: A late September visit from leaders of the Indiana-based Naval Surface Warfare Center's Crane Division.

Sorry, no aliens ... just Hoosiers.

Health care price transparency comes into focus – An emerging election-year issue is health care price transparency, with some candidates urging state rules to require hospitals, pharmacies and other clinicians to disclose upfront costs. As I wrote in an Aug. 13 column, advocates see it as encouraging a free-market approach to controlling costs.

Wisconsin appears to be doing a better job of meeting existing federal rules than most states.

The nonprofit PatientRightsAdvocate.org recently issued its eighth Hospital Price Transparency Compliance Report, which assessed 2,000 hospitals across the country. Of the 58 Wisconsin fully reviewed for federal compliance, 28 got a clean transparency bill of health (61%) and 18 did not. The group examined records from about one-third of the state's hospitals.

Wisconsin's "compliant" ranking was within the nation's top quartile, although the Wisconsin Hospital Association called it flawed a mix of reasons. Still, it's worth noting no state hospital has been fined by federal regulators since the law took effect in 2021.

One thing is transparent in Wisconsin: The answer to what ails health care may not be another layer of rules.

Madison native's firm returns to Inc. 5000 list – Elizabeth Reisch Picarazzi didn't attend college thinking she would revolutionize the world of trash and recycling bins. In fact, she was a Russian language major at UW-Madison and only later earned a business degree at the University of Texas after working in Russia and Ukraine in the 1990s.

Today, she's the chief executive officer of CITIBIN, a New York-based company recently named to the Inc. 5000 list for the third straight year. The Inc. list highlights some of the nation's fastest-growing private companies.

CITIBIN was founded on the notion that bins of all types need not be ugly and impractical but can be designed to work in urban settings where space comes at a premium and functionality can co-exist with appearance. In addition to trash and recycling bins, CITBIN makes other "outdoor enclosures" such as package delivery bins, stroller and bicycle enclosures and planters.

Trek's 50th and John Burke – Trek Bicycle began production in 1976 and became an industry innovation leader when it introduced the first affordable carbon fiber bikes. It's still based in Waterloo and employs more than 5,000 people in about two-dozen countries. Today, however, if you come across chief executive officer and president John P. Burke, you're more likely to hear about books than bikes.

Burke reads 52 books a year and has written four, including "One Last Great Thing" about his relationship with his father, Trek co-founder Richard Burke, and "A Bold Plan for America" in which he outlines 14 non-partisan solutions for what ails America. One fact from that 2024 book: The national debt was $34 trillion when it was published; it's $40 trillion today, as Burke has noted in recent public appearances. Sobering.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
September 28, 2016

Last Saturday, the 2016 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet was held and honored the following members who will be inducted: John Walsh III, Cindy Nerbun Burgos, Joe Hegenbarth, Mike Mysicka, Arlene Matye, wife of Honoree Duane Matye and Phil Peichel.

20 Years Ago
September 27, 2006

Lindsey Neby of Cumberland, has been selected to play percussion in the 2006 National FFA Band. The 80-member band will perform at various events throughout the organization's national convention in October. Neby is a member of the Cumberland FFA Chapter. FFA Band members are nominated by their state associations and selected from hundreds of applicants.

On Monday evening, three houses were destroyed on County Highway H near Beaver Dam Lake. The properties were owned by Barron County after they recently obtained them through property tax deeds. Barron County Sheriff Deputies took a Cumberland resident into custody.

30 Years Ago
September 25, 1996

The Wisconsin Association of School Boards held its Annual Fall meeting for the Region last week at the Elk's Club in Rice Lake. Tim Heffernan, Cumberland School Board president was honored for earning a Level I, II, III, Board Development Award. He received a certificate and three individual pins in recognition of his accomplishment. These awards are given to school board members, who, as members of the WASB, have attended workshops, conferences, convention and other activities.

40 Years Ago
September 24, 1986

Cumberland residents will soon be playing a new game similar to Trivial Pursuit. The game called "Cumberland Trifles" will have questions about Cumberland people, places, history and business. Posters will be in several local businesses and will have question entry forms to submit and compete for the $100 cash prize. The game is a project fundraiser sponsored by the Cumberland Youth baseball program.

50 Years Ago
September 23, 1976

The Cumberland Fire Department was called to the Falcon Drill Co., Plant in Cumberland last Thursday at 6:30 am. A furnace there "popped", there was no damage other than soot.

Miss Sue Murray, was crowned Miss Cumberland for 1976-77. Named first runner up was Connie Ruppel, second runner-up was Peggy Ranallo and third runner-up was Shelley Duncan.

60 Years Ago
September 29, 1966

Schneider Drug in Cumberland will be celebrating the grand opening of their new store this week. The new store, which opened several months ago, is located in the old Post Office, one door north of its former location.

Mrs. Edward Shields, Cumberland, was selected as fourth national prize winner in the Pepsi-Cola $2,000.00 shopping spree promotion.

70 Years Ago
September 27, 1956

George Miller has purchased the Mobilgas Service Station formerly operated by Eugene Van Cauteren.

80 Years Ago
September 26, 1946

Jim Ranallo's '38 Chevrolet was stolen last Saturday night from the parking lot in back of the Company Store. It was found Monday parked on a street in north Cumberland. This would appear to be a repetition of the series of car thefts that took place last fall. Chief Heldstab urges car owners to use caution and not leave their keys in their car.



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09/15	61	44	0.30
09/16	67	45	0.00
09/17	71	45	0.52
09/18	67	54	0.00
09/19	60	54	0.23
09/20	60	51	0.02
09/21	65	44	0.00

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Jeffrey S. Blaser, 41, Milltown, operating commercial motor vehicle without a license, $705.00. Jaylen A. Richardson, 20, Chetek, OWI, $1,617.00. Timmy A. Robarge, 47, Rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, $217.10. Manuel Alvarado-Ramirez, 36, Almena, OWI, $1,012.50, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, $263.50 and operate without a valid license, $200.50. Troy A. Ashburn, 57, Jefferson, WI., speeding, $200.50. Clinton Booker, 66, Crystal, MN., speeding, $175.30. Nichole M. Capuzzi, 46, Cameron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Matthew H. Christensen, 61, Chetek, speeding, $200.50. Jessica M. Condon, 29, Cumberland, operating while suspended, $200.50. Anthony W. Cowley, 49, Barron, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Thomas K. Dahl, 21, Stillwater, MN., speeding, $200.50. Brayden C. Dodge, 17, Hudson, speeding, $175.30. Solis Domingo-Raymundo, 34, Chetek, operate without a license, $200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Done Right Paving LLC., Butte, MT., violate class A highway weight limits, $310.56. Jamion B. Frazier, 25, Altoona, OWI, $936.50. Patrik A. Freeman, 44, Minnetonka, MN., speeding, $175.30. Gage M. Galle, 20, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00 and operating while suspended, $200.50. Kiegan B. Glienke, 19, Webster, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Thomas J. Groh, 63, South Elgin, IL., speeding, $250.90. Sean C. Hanna, 36, Colgate, WI., speeding, $175.30. Michael A. Hanson, 54, Fargo, ND., operate without a valid license, $200.50. Sandra M. Heinz, 69, Saint Croix Falls, failure to yield right of way, $187.90. Alejandro Hernandez-Santiago, 38, White Bear Lake, MN., speeding, $175.30 and operate without a valid license, $200.50. Joshua G. Hollander, 39, Cameron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Matthew P. Hoyt, 22, Chippewa Falls, speeding, $276.10. Jacob T. Jennings, 37, Chetek, speeding, $175.30. William W. Johnson, 40, Arkansaw, WI., refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Guy D. Kvatek, 50, Stevens Point, illegal crossing of divided highway, $263.50. Richard A. Lindblad, 70, Chetek, speeding, $200.50. Derek L. Lindemann, 43, Chetek, fail/keep vehicle under control, $263.50, operating left of center, $213.10 and intattentive driving, $187.90. Annmaire F. Loiselle, 26, Dresser, speeding, $175.30. Guadalupe M. Lopez, 68, Richmond, IL., speeding, $250.90. Robert A. Lorenz, 50, Rice Lake, operating motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Jessica M. Maxwell, 44, Lake Geneva, speeding, $175.30. Antonio Montalvo-Xalamihua, 21, Sarona, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50 and operate without a valid license, $200.50. Wayne A. Netterlund, 76, Karlstad, MN., inattentive driving, $187.90. Bethany S. Neubauer, 45, Oconomowoc, speeding, $250.90. Andrian Oancea, 38, Buffalo Grove, IL., speeding, $200.50. Jason D. Oleson, 23, Rice Lake, fail/display vehicle license plates, $150.10. Drew R. Otto, 32, Minneapolis, MN., driving too fast for conditions, $213.10, failure to keep vehicle under control, $213.10, failure of operator to notify police of an accident, $389.50 and operate without a valid license, $200.50. James R. Rider, 59, Elmwood, speeding, $200.50. Orlando Sanchez Hernandez, 30, Cumberland, failure to stop at stop sign, $175.30. Joshua F. Steidel Medina, 30, Frederic, speeding, $250.90. Dalton W. Swett, 25, Osseo, operating while suspended, $200.50. Aaron J. Tilseth, 17, Clear Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Marissa A. Tomashek, 19, Shawano, speeding, $200.50. Unser Trucking LLC., Eau Galle, WI., raw forest product (6-axle) overweight violation, $459.24. Yer L. Vang, 59, Eau Claire, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Brandon L. Wass, 34, Mayville, speeding, $200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Richard A. Weber, 49, Chippewa Falls, speeding, $200.50. Amy J. Weller, 55, Maplewood, MN., speeding, $175.30. Adella C. Winter, 19, Sioux Falls, ND., speeding, $200.50. Lexi L. Zopfi, 20, Marshfield, speeding, $200.50 and operating while suspended, $200.50.

Complaints

Zachary R. Bauer, 47, of Apple Valley, MN., has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Dion W. Mauss, 39, of La Crescent, MN., has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Mark W. Smith, 62, of Cameron, has been charged with operate UTV without every occupant properly seated. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Nicholas W. Wenger, 25, of Almena, has been charged with operate ATV without valid safety certificate. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Chad E. Picknell, 45, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with operate UTV with passenger riding in improper way. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Ryan M. Kuhrt, 23, of Chetek, has been charged with ATV-operate/excess speed near person. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Shane M. Mcguire, 38, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Eric D. Winans, 40, of Prescott, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration and operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Anthony J. Kufner, 34, of Roberts, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV improperly on routes/trails/lands/roadway. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Robbie A. Zemke, 62, of Clayton, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Dorian T. Reynolds, 26, of Glen Flora, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court trial is scheduled for December 14, 2026.

Chloe A. Mullikin, 19, of Rice Lake, has been charged with obstructing an officer. Her court date was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Bobby F. Bohannon, 36, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for November 18, 2026.

Hunter J. Krause, 25, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate UTV with passenger riding in improper way. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

Courtney A. Erickson, 40, of New Auburn, has been charged with OWI and operate with restricted controlled substance. Her initial appearance is scheduled for October 14, 2026.

Jedda I. Simpson, 25, of Woodville, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for October 14, 2026.

Stephanie K. Harshman, 47, of Barronett, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her initial appearance is scheduled for October 14, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

Destiny K. Smith, 23, of Rice Lake, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. Her initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Oakland A. Barker, 20, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with theft-movable property, repeater, use of a dangerous weapon, party to a crime and resisting or obstructing an officer. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Davonta P. Cole, 24, of Eau Claire, has been charged with theft-movable property, use of a dangerous weapon and party to a crime. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Joseph K. Hubbell, 46, of Centuria, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Segundo V. Macas-Chuncho, 38, of Almena, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Samuel J. Stuart, 37, of Dallas, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Scott S. Mastaler, 59, of Dallas, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for October 30, 2026.

Cassandra L. Kuhl, 33, of Cameron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Bryce A. Henning, 22, of Eau Claire, has been charged with possess with intent-THC and carry concealed weapon. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Lori J. Damkaer, 68, of St. Croix Falls, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Naomi J. Geiger, 32, of Milltown, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Keaton J. Servis, 18, of Rice Lake, has been charged with theft-movable property and criminal damage to property. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Jason D. Strenke, 49, of Barron, has been charged with operate with restricted controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Candice A. Peterson, 48, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for September 25, 2026.

Eau Claire Man Arrested for Robbery in Cumberland

Oakland A. Barker, 20, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with misdemeanor theft, party to a crime, use of a dangerous weapon, and obstructing an officer.

Dovonta P. Cole, 24, of Eau Claire, has been charged with misdemeanor theft, party to a crime and use of a dangerous weapon.

Anthony A. Cooper, 21, of Cumberland, has been charged with attempt possession of a firearm by a felon, repeater and obstructing an officer.

An officer, with the City of Cumberland Police Department, reports on August 26, 2026, at approximately 1:15 pm, the Barron County Dispatch Center advised they received a 911 call from defendant Cooper, who stated he was robbed at gunpoint at the storage units near Washington Street and 1st Avenue in the City of Cumberland. Cooper identified the person he said robbed him as defendant Barker. Cooper provided a description of the vehicle Barker was driving.

The officer reports she responded and spoke with Cooper at his residence. Cooper stated he has known Barker since childhood. Cooper stated that he and Barker had discussed Cooper purchasing a phone from Barker. Cooper stated he observed a handgun on Barker's lap. Cooper stated that Barker pointed the gun at him and demanded the money Cooper had on him in the amount of $300. Cooper stated the $300 in cash he gave Barker was in $20 bills.

Cooper stated he did not consent to Barker robbing him. Cooper stated he did not receive a phone in return for the cash.

Cumberland Police Chief, reports on August 26, 2026, at approximately 2:33 pm, Barker called the Cumberland Police Department and spoke with the chief on the phone at approximately 2:55 pm.

The chief reports Barker stated he was in Cumberland to meet a friend, who he identified as "K." Barker stated "K" wanted to buy a cell phone from him so they met at the storage units in Cumberland. Barker stated "K" was going to buy the cell phone for $300.

Barker stated that, when he met "K" at the storage units, "K" did not have the money and asked if he could send Barker $40 on cash app, give him $40 in cash and for Barker to then hold the phone until Cooper got the rest of the money the following week. Barker stated he told "K" no, because it was Barker's only phone. Barker stated he agreed to send "K" $40 back on cash app and then left.

The chief reports she spoke with R.R, who stated he was driving by the storage units when he saw a male riding a bicycle. The male on the bicycle rode up to a dark-colored Sedan parked in the gravel area of the storage units. R.R. stated the male put his bicycle down and approached the driver's window of the dark-colored Sedan. R.R. stated it looked like the male who walked up to the vehicle handed the driver something that was light in color. R.R. couldn't tell what it was. R.R. did not observe anything else.

The officer reports on August 31, 2026, she spoke with Cooper at the Barron County Jail following his arrest on a Department of Corrections warrant. Cooper indicated he did send Barker $40 on cash app before Barker robbed him. Cooper stated he requested cash app money back from Barker, but Barker did not return the cash app money. Hence, the total amount of money that was exchanged from Cooper to Barker, according to their statements to the chief and officer was $340.

The officer reports she later obtained information from the Eau Claire Police Department that casted doubt on the entire story given by Cooper and Barker that Barker drove to Cumberland to sell Cooper a phone. The officer reports that Barker consented to a search warrant of his phone. Data extracted from Barker's phone included a conversation between Barker and the other defendant Cole, regarding Cooper being robbed.

The officer reports the message started on August 26, 2026 at 10:04 am.

The officer reports on September 2, 2026, at approximately 11:43 am, she spoke with a detective with the Eau Claire Police Department. The detective advised he interviewed a female, who was seated in the front passenger seat when Barker drover to Cumberland. The female stated that Barker woke her up that morning and said they were going to rob Cooper.

The detective stated that the female said they picked up defendant Cole on the way to Cumberland. Cole brought the gun and ammo. The female stated that Cole gave Barker the gun. The female stated Barker had the gun in his lap when Cooper walked to the vehicle. The female stated she was unsure if Barker pointed the gun at Cooper.

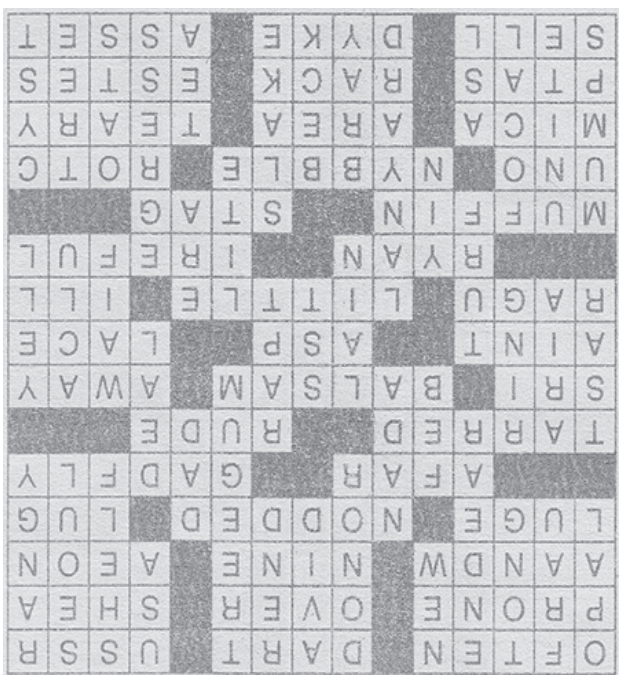
The female stated that Cole was given $140 for his role in the robbery. The female stated Cooper thought he was purchasing a gun from Barker.

The chief reports Barker was arrested later in Eau

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Sports

Volleyball Wins Two and Loses Four in Action Last Week; At Cameron Thursday Night

The Cumberland Volleyball Team was busy last week, taking an exciting victory over Spooner last Thursday night and then going one and four at the Osceola Tournament last Saturday. The team's record stands at 7 and 16 heading into this week's match-ups, which included a contest at Northwestern on Tuesday and then concludes with a trip to Cameron this Thursday at 7:00 pm.

"The girls showed a lot of determination and grit to come back from a two game to one defecit against the Rails. Each and every player stepped up at some point throughout the night and we played extremely well as a team," said Coach Erin Miller about the victory over Spooner.

After tying the match at 2 to 2, Cumberland dominated the final game by a 15-6 score. Hailey Paulson had a big night with 23 digs and 16 kills, Abby Schultz served four aces, Lauren McCreary had nine kills, Kaylee Jackson contributed 16 assists and 16 digs, and Natalie Anderson ended the evening with 15 digs and 2 assists.

Coach Miller also had high praise for Lily Murphy saying, "She had a great all-around match from the back row as our libero, receiving a large number of their serves and contributing 14 digs and three assists."

On Saturday, Cumberland headed to the Osceola Invitational where the Varsity and JV1 both went 1 and 4 on the day. The Varsity defeated Glenwood City, while losing to Baldwin-Woodville, Shell Lake, Prairie Farm/Clayton, and Unity. No statistics were available from the day.

Northwestern Football Shows Their Strength Against the Beavers; In Bloomer Friday

The Northwestern Tigers showed why they are the class of the HON by crushing the Beavers 66-0 in Conference action last Friday night. This came after they had defeated Hayward 68-0 a week earlier. The Beavers, 2 and 3, hope for better things this Friday when they travel to Bloomer to take on the 1 and 4 Blackhawks at 7:00 pm.

Northwestern is a load even when facing a healthy Beavers team. With several starters injured, Cumberland had to use a line-up of young and inexperienced players, who were not ready for the juggernaut out of the north, making it a tough night of football.

The Tigers scored by long runs and passes, by kick returns, and by short runs. Twice they scored on their first play following taking over possession. The Beavers were willing, played hard, but were just not able to compete against the HON's best squad.

The Beavers were held to 100 total yards in the contest, 73 through the air and 27 on the ground. Considering the constant pressure he was under, Sophomore quarterback Colton Gramberg played pretty well in his first start, completing two of six passes for 73 yards. His completions went to Max Odden for 33 yards and 40 yards to Bennett Majewski.

On the ground, the Beavers were held to 27 yards in 20 attempts. Sophomore Elijah Jain led the way with 15 yards in five attempts, while Freshman Griffin Weaver showed a lot of fortitude in picking up 11 yards in nine attempts.

Defensively, Sophomore Jake Gilbertson played well while gathering a team-leading nine tackles, while Max Odden had another strong game with eight.

Bloomer has struggled offensively, scoring only eight points a game in posting their 1 and 4 record. They have struggled running the ball and will look to do much of their damage through the air. Quarterback Connor Schemenauer has thrown an average of 23 passes a game for a total of 823 yards and four scores during the season.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 24
Soccer home vs Ashland 5:00
Volleyball @ Cameron 7:00

Friday, Sept. 25
Football @ Bloomer 7:00

Tuesday, Sept. 29
CC Home (Timberland Hills) 4:30
Soccer @ Washburn 5:00
Volleyball Home vs Ashland 7:00

Wednesday, Sept. 30
Regional Golf @ Hidden Greens 10:00

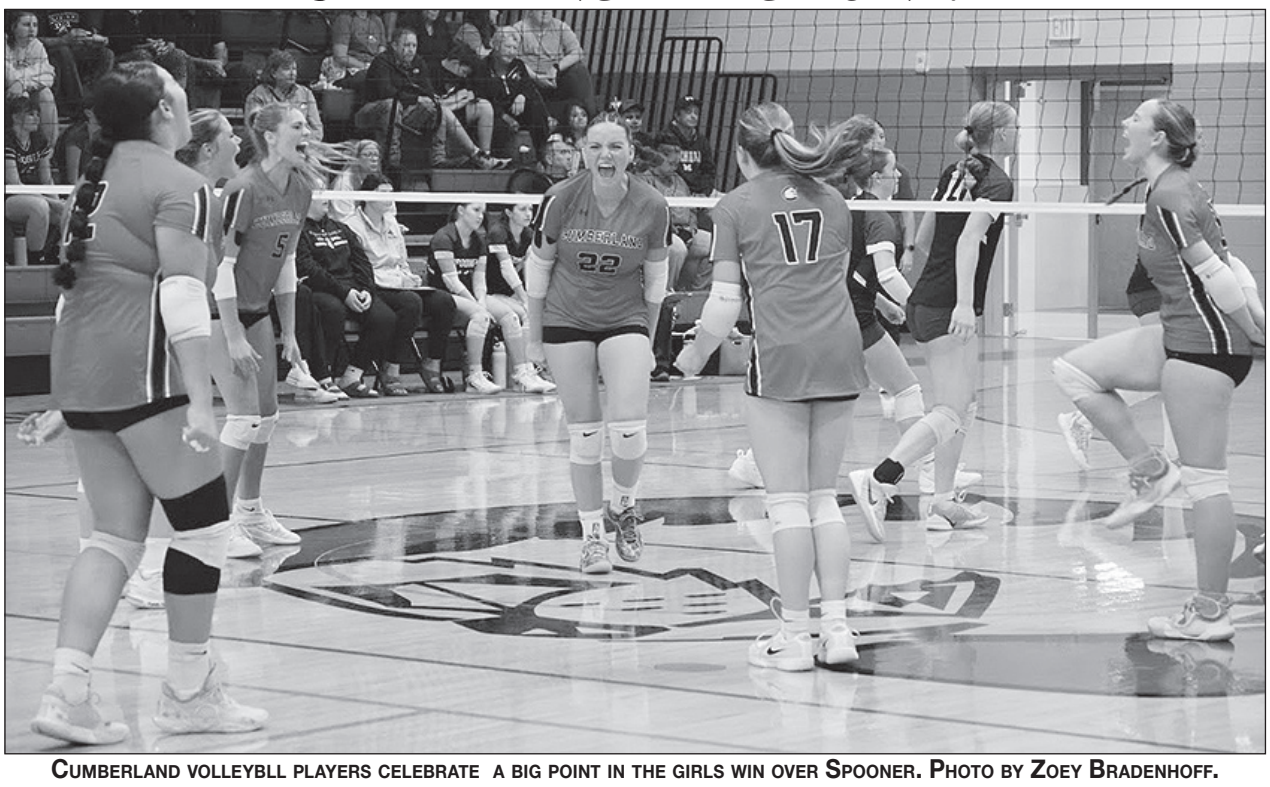
Thursday, Oct. 1
Soccer Home vs Unity 5:00
Volleyball @ Hayward 7:00

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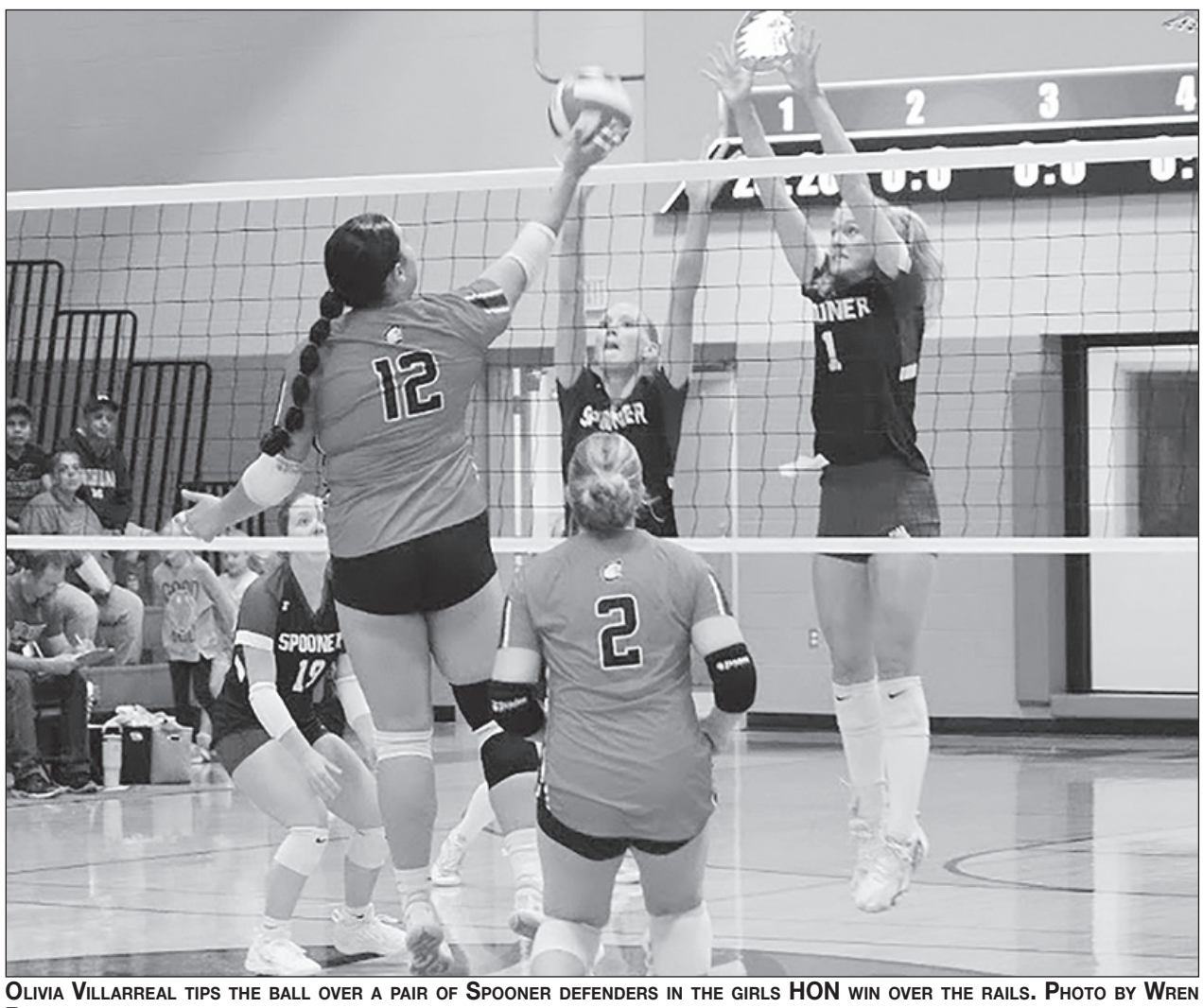


Aden Dickson arrowed this dandy 8 point buck near McKinley this past week. Congratulations Aden!

Celebrating A Big Point!



Cumberland volleybll players celebrate a big point in the girls win over Spooner. Photo by Zoey Bradenhoff.



Olivia Villarreal tips the ball over a pair of Spooner defenders in the girls HON win over the rails. Photo by Wren Ruppel.



Freshman running back Griffin Weaver drives forward for a short gain last Friday night vs Northwestern. The Tigers were tough on the Beavers cruising to a big win on the road. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Flater's Resort/Black Bear Hunt

Hello friends,

Where the Chippewa and Flambeau rivers meet in Rusk County is Flater's Resort and it has been there since 1938. It has been owned by the Flater family the entire time, first Harry and Mary Flater, then Harold, Tubby, and Joann Flater and currently Joe Flater who along with his partner Angie Mincoff run what I consider a beautiful place to hang your hat and also one of the best taverns that I have ever known of. An establishment where by the end of a visit, everyone truly talks to each other and shares a laugh and a story. I started hanging out with Joe Flater back in 2000 and let me tell you when I come home from a 3 or 4 day visit, I have to take a nap as soon as I pull in the driveway.

Wednesday, September 9th

High 75, low 48

My task for the next 4 days is to help Musky Joe Flater, a 2017 inductee into The Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame, as he has several bear hunters in camp and in one way or another they are all my friends or soon would be.

Joe Flater is not your typical guide, he rows/drifts down the Flambeau/ Chippewa rivers with no electronics in a 14-foot boat that has something like a 10 hsp motor on it for the slack water. Joe knows every musky in the river and simply put is a walking, talking barrel of hunting and fishing fun that also enjoys an occasional barley pop.

Today, I met "Big Jay" Kuchenski, who sets up large scale venues in downtown Milwaukee as far as the freight and set up in the building goes. Jay, as I would find out over the next few days really wants to see his first bear and hopefully make some meat and with respect, put its hide on his wall. In Big Jay's off time he is very active with the Lake Tichigan Musky Club and a very avid whitetail hunter. On tonight's hunt, Jay got a really nice video of a wolf going through the forest but did not see a bear.

Luke Iverson is an operating engineer with Local 139 out of Sun Prairie and would be sitting with his 19-year-old son Colton who would be on his first bear hunt. Colton is an apprentice electrician and loves to hunt and fish. These guys are from Waterford and also are very active in the Lake Tichigan Musky Club and are very skilled at harvesting big bucks as well.

Tonight we harvested our first bear, and it was Colton that got it. What would be a 250-pound dressed sow, put a huge smile on a lot of people's face and in my eyes Colton was the perfect candidate for the first bear for the gang. For the next few days Colton never lost his smile and was either sturgeon fishing from a boat or wading in the river casting for smallies.

Kudo's go out to Scott Stewart who lives in the area is a great friend to Joe and Angie and exceptional tracker, dragger and skinner. Scott, Colton and myself did the majority of the dragging and the part in a tag alder swamp was a challenge.

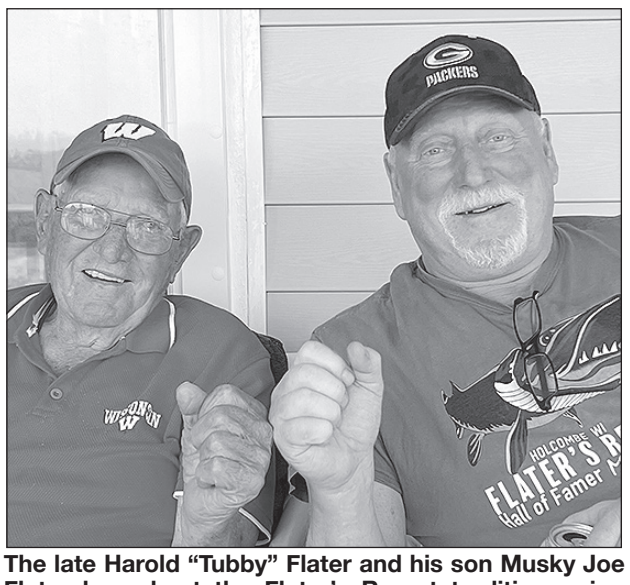
This story never would have happened had it not been for Harry and Mary Flater moving a logging company's office building back in 1938 to what would become Flater's Resort. Harold "Tubby" Flater was born in 1932 and would spend much of his childhood growing up in that building and learning from his parents how to run a resort. In 1953, Harry Flater was killed in a hunting accident while Tubby was being shipped to the Korean War. Tubby was sent home and took over the resort with his wife Joann. Tubby would become a legendary guide in the area and with Joann raised Jim, Joe and Jane Flater.

Joe Flater took over Flater's Resort and in the same building would raise three sons, Matt, Andy and Austin. Like their father, grandfather and great grandfather these boys, who are all my friends as well, would become go for it outdoorsmen and really fun people.

Tubby lost Joann back in 2017 and remained a huge part of the resort as he was an avid biker, utv explorer and most importantly a man that everyone loved to see in the tavern as he was fun and really enjoyed playing cribbage. On July 13th after what in any persons vision is a great run, Harold "Tubby" Flaters heart said it had, had enough and a great man was blessed with being able to spend the rest of eternity with his bride.

That my friends is what I call a great run for a lot of really good people!

Sunset



The late Harold "Tubby" Flater and his son Musky Joe Flater have kept the Flater's Resort tradition going since 1953 just like "Tubbys" parents did since 1938.



Luke Iverson and his son Colton with very happy smiles after Colton harvested his first black bear.

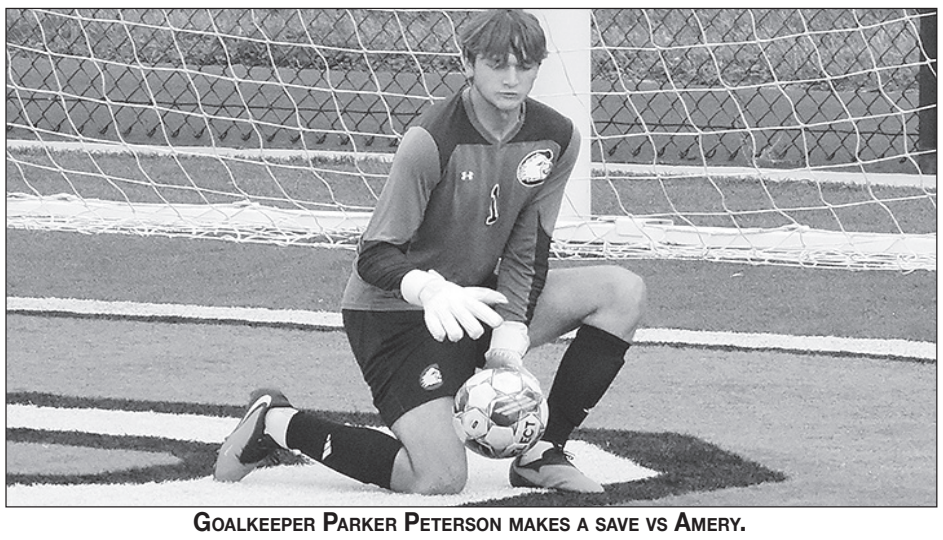
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MAKENZIE TAHTINEN LINES UP A PUTT LAST THURSDAY ON THE BEAVERS HOME COURSE.

Cumberland Soccer Falls to Two of Leagues Best Teams

Solid squads from Hayward and Amery were too much for the Cumberland Boy's Soccer Team last week as the Beavers dropped an 8-0 game to the Hurricanes and a 5-0 decision to Amery. The team looks for better outcomes this week, having played Barron on Tuesday and then taking on Ashland this Thursday in a 5:00 pm Parent and Youth Night contest in Endeavor Stadium.

"Hayward is a strong team with great technique and speed, while Amery is also a good solid squad," said Head Coach Brent Sellent. He did praise Mason Capra, Austin and Carson Hornstein, and Quentin Radden for their work on defense in the Amery contest.

Next Tuesday, September 29, Cumberland heads to Washburn for a contest against the Castleguards.

Young Cumberland Golfers Continue to Play Well; Conference Meet This Wednesday

The Cumberland Girl's Golf Team continues to improve and play well as the season quickly heads towards an end with the Conference Meet being held this Wednesday in Spooner and WIAA Regionals beginning on September 30.

Last week began with a cancellation to kick things off, followed by Cumberland heading to Superior on Tuesday, September 15 for a match against the Spartans and Barron. A strong Superior team easily outdistanced the field as Makenzie Tahtinen led Coach Jess Olson's squad with a 48. Freshman Lillian Herman had Cumberland's next best score with a 55.

Cumberland's JV also played and showed improvement as Coach Olson said is important, "With three seniors graduating this next spring." Jenna Schwarz shot a 60, Naomi Johnson a 61, and Wren Ruppel and Scarlet Stuntz adding 63s.

Last Thursday, Olson said the team, "Had a great day on the Course," as they defeated Grantsburg and Ladysmith in Cumberland. Freshman Zoey Bradenhoff shot a best of the season 46 to lead the Cumberland team in scoring, as Makenzie Tahtinen added a 48 and Lillian Herman a 53. Bradenhoff tied Ladysmith's top golfer, Lizzy Opelt, for Medalist honors in the meet.

Cumberland was busy the first three days of this week, having played in Ashland on Monday, Rice Lake on Tuesday, and then the Conference Meet on Wednesday. The top 12 golfers from the Conference Meet and regular season battles earn All-Conference recognition with Tahtinen in a battle for one of the spots.

Results of the 4th Annual Cumberland Golf Club Tournament

Cumberland Golf Club held its 4th annual Club Tournament on September 12th and 13h. The weather cooperated and a total of 48 players competed across five divisions. In the Men's Club Championship Andrew Buck, who finished runner-up last year, shot 72-74 for a 2 over par total of 146 to win. Results by division were as follows;

Men's Club Championship

1st Place: Andrew Buck

2nd Place: Ethan Sandman

3rd Place: Greg Freyholtz

Men's 1st Flight

1st Place Low Gross: Rob Lindfors

2nd Place Low Gross: Ron Ruppel

1st Place Low Net: Sam Schradle

2nd Place Low Net: Mike Hotchkiss

Women's Division

1st Place Low Gross: Molly Schnagl

2nd Place Low Gross: Bev Thomas

1st Place Low Net: Abby Geisler

2nd Place Low Net: Kitty Iverson

Senior Division 1st Flight

1st Place Low Gross: Bob Fidler

2nd Place Low Gross: John Nelson

1st Place Low Net: Woody Kuebelbeck

2nd Place Low Net: Dave Anderson

Senior Division 2nd Flight

1st Place Low Gross: Jim Maack

2nd Place Low Gross: Al Spatenka

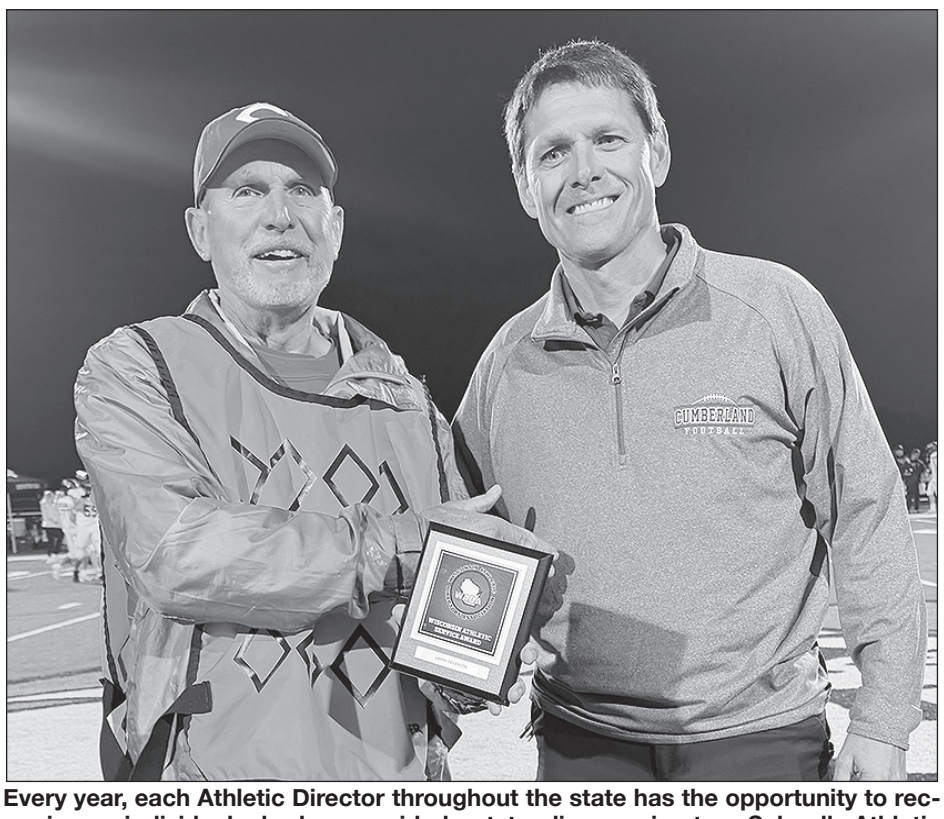
1st Place Low Net: Bob Wurm

2nd Place Low Net: Dale Underdahl

Thank you to all the participants along with the grounds crew, clubhouse staff and volunteers who helped make the event a success.

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CONGRATULTIONS LARRY!



Every year, each Athletic Director throughout the state has the opportunity to recognize an individual who has provided outstanding service to a School's Athletic Dept. Cumberland's recipient this year is Larry Severson. Larry has been the diligent caretaker of Islander Park for years, making sure that everything is set for HS and Youth BB and SB games, from mowing grass, to dragging and lining fields, to field crew for Sectional BB and SB games. His meticulous attention to detail gets us grand reviews from anybody that attends a game up there. He also is a main figure of our District Maintenance staff, helping to make sure all parts of our schools are ready for action, including the gyms and practice fields for our teams.

Cross Country Team Runs in Rice Lake and Osceola

The Cumberland Cross Country Team ran in two meets last week, the Rice Lake Invitational on Tuesday and the Osceola invite last Saturday morning.

In Rice Lake's very competitive Invite, twenty schools participated in the girl's competition with Cumberland's High School runners finishing 18th. The Cumberland boys, meanwhile, finished 21st out of 29 teams. Menomonie High School took first in both competitions.

Taking first out of 158 girl runners was Madelynn Schmidt of Chippewa Falls, who ran a 17:52. The top HON runner was Sophie Navarro of Northwestern, who finished 5th in 19:34.

Cumberland's top finisher was once again Sophomore Jovina Skinner, who finished 65th in 22:52. Violet Small was 106th in 25:25, followed by Freshman Riley Muench, who was 109th in 25:28.

For the boy runners, Medalist was Cole Gilles of Chippewa Falls, who ran a 16:07 to finish first out of 209 runners. Hayward's Beck Johnson led the HON runners, by finishing 10th with a 16:55.

Cumberland runners were led by Ben Dettinger, who was 55th in the field with a 18:26. Freshman Jack Odden finished in 90th place with a 19:18 and Tyler Genatempo 121st with a 20:28.

One hundred eighty-one Middle School boys also competed with 8th grade student Greyden Ostrum finishing in a solid 25th place with a run of in 12:10. Seventh grader Michael Odden added a 61st place in 13:31. The winner was Myles Schult of Rice Lake in 10:49.

Trinity Ricci of St. Croix Falls led 212 Middle School girl runners with a time of 11:26. Among the top Cumberland finishers was Adelyn Ordway, who finished 31st with a solid time of 13:30 and Elliot Meyer, who came in 48th in 13:55.

On Saturday, the team made the trip to Osceola, where the Cumberland Girl's Team finished eighth out of nine teams and the boys eighth out of 10.

Leading the Cumberland lady runners was Sophomore Jovina Skinner, who came in twenty-second with a 22:53. The Medalist was Erin Royer from East Ridge High School in Woodbury, Minnesota, who ran a 19:41. Freshman Riley Muench came in 48th with a 25:55, as she continues to improve.

In the boy's competition, Medalist was Kaleb Mroz of Somerset with a time of 16:09.

Freshman Jack Odden led Beavers runners with a time of 18:32, good for 22nd overall. Ben Dettinger added a 35th place finish by running a 19:00.

This past Tuesday, September 22, the team participated in the Barron Bears Invitational and then prepare for their home invite on Tuesday, September 29, at Timberland Hills at 4:00 pm.

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* John Schwanke
11

3rd Place
* Anthony DaBruzzi
10

OBITUARIES



Josephine "Jojo" A. Domino

Josephine "Jojo" Ann Domino, age 78, of Shell Lake, WI entered the presence of her King Jesus on Monday, September 21, 2026.

She was born and raised in Chicago, Jojo moved to southern Wisconsin in 1974. There, she raised her three children, became a Registered Nurse, and — most importantly — accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. In 1997, she moved to the Timberland area, where she lovingly cared for patients and made a lasting impression on many families throughout her nursing career.

Jojo loved sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. In retirement, alongside her friend Pastor John Sahlstrom she played piano at local skilled nursing facilities and nursing homes, using music and fellowship to share the Gospel. She openly shared that she was a sinner saved by grave and rejoiced in the mighty work Jesus had done in her life. Her family finds comfort and hope in knowing that she has now met her King Jesus face to face.

Jojo had a rare ability to make people feel at ease, Her wisdom, discernment, honest words and unforgettably humor brought comfort and laughter to those around her. She knew when someone needed the truth spoken plainly and when they needed a joke that would bring tears of laughter. Brave, courageous, fiercely loyal, creative, and fun. Jojo was a treasured wife, friend, sister, aunt, cousin, mother, daughter, and grandmother. Those who knew her were truly blessed.

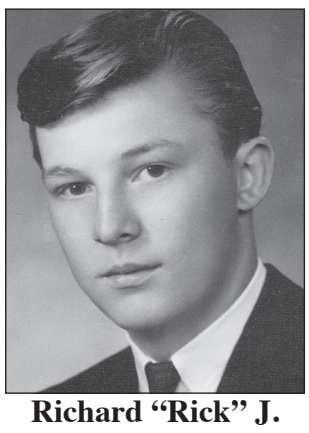
Her home was always a place of welcome, especially for unexpected visitors. She would have the coffee ready before they were even settled at the table. Jojo also had a deep love for dogs and fostered several over the years, finding great joy in providing a warm and safe home for abused and neglected dogs.

Jojo is survived by her beloved husband, Donald Kerwin; her cherished children, Tony Ginko, Denny Ginko and Chrissy (Jeno) Herman; proud grandmother to River, Ireland, Blu, Melody Rose and Lilli; loving sister of Annette, Virginia, Tony and Mary; and many beloved relatives and friends.

The family wishes to express heartfelt gratitude to the devoted friends who remained at Jojo's side and to the nurses and staff of Moments Hospice for their compassionate care during her final days.

A local service to celebrate Jojo's life will be held at a later date. Appleyard's Home for Funerals in Rice Lake, Wisconsin is assisting and serving the family with the arrangements.

Though she will be deeply missed, her love, laughter, faith, loyalty and fearless spirit will live on in all who were blessed to know her.



Richard "Rick" J. Look

Richard "Rick" James Look, age 74, of Almena, passed away on Friday, September 18 at Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Chetek after a battle with colon cancer.

He was born on January 2, 1952 in South Milwaukee to Ralph and Katherine (Hoffmann) Look. He was the first baby born in South Milwaukee in 1952 which was something he liked to talk about, "like he planned it".

In 1959, the family moved to Poskin Lake Resort. He graduated from Barron High School in 1970. He tried to join the Navy in 1970, but was disappointed when he couldn't pass the physical.

Rick married Barb Dibble on May 12, 1973. They had one son, Jamey. They were divorced in 1976.

He spent a year in Colorado Springs and two winters in Yuma, Arizonia. He was an excellent water skier. Straight 8 pool and cribbage were his favorite past times and riding his BMW was his #1 activity.

Rick is survived by his son, Jamey Look of Fountain City; grandson, Ethan; brother, Dan Look of Barron; special friend and companion, Cathy Buckwalter of Almena; as well as many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Katy.

A funeral service for Rick Look will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Almena. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 23 from 4:00 until 7:00 p.m. at Rausch and Steel Funeral Home in Barron and one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements are being handled by Rausch and Steel Funeral Home in Barron. Online condolences can be made at www.rauschandsteelfuneralhome.com.

SENIOR DINING

Thursday, September 24
Chicken Stir Fry, Brown Rice, Oriental Vegetables, Vegetable Egg Roll, Mandarin Oranges.

Friday, September 25
Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Steamed Broccoli, Breadstick, Frosted Chocolate Cake.

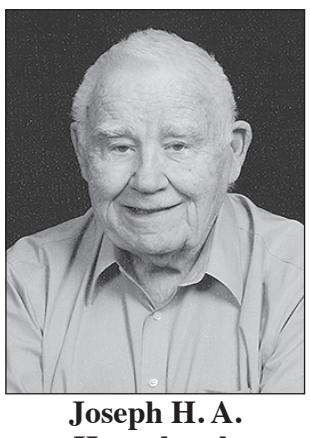
Monday, September 28
Tuna Noodle Salad w/ Peas on a Lettuce Leaf, Sliced Tomatoes, Assorted Bread, Rice Krispy Bar.

Tuesday, September 29
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Steamed Carrots, Assorted Bread, Brownie.

Wednesday, September 30
Taco-Stuffed Baked Potato w/ Beef, Tomatoes, Cheese, SC, Mexican Corn, Dinner Roll, Tapioca.

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





Joseph H. A. Hegenbarth

Joseph Herman Anthony Hegenbarth, 94, of Cumberland passed away peacefully on September 17, 2026, doing what he loved at Dove Healthcare in Rice Lake. He was born May 30, 1932, in Rice Lake, WI to Oswald and Agnes (Richter) Hegenbarth. Joe graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1951, Barron County Normal School in 1953, earned his Bachelor's Degree from UW River Falls in 1961, and Masters Degree from UW Superior 1970. He was married to the love of his life, Lucille Catlin, on June 6, 1964, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Almena, WI , who preceded him in death in 2012.

He was a proud Korean War veteran, and Cumberland School math teacher and wrestling coach from 1956-1994. Joe founded Cumberland's wrestling program in 1959 and served as head wrestling coach for 25 years, in which time seven conference and eight regional team championships and three individual state championships were won. 15 of those wrestlers are now Head Coaches, and Joe was inducted into the WI Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1994, and the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015. He coached football at the high school and middle school levels for many years and became a WIAA registered official in 1964. His devotion to his community, including 4-H involvement since 1942 (youth, adult leader, and judge) along with nurturing, educating and mentoring young people, culminated in Cumberland recognizing Joe as Citizen of the Year in 1994. Just this year, Joe was recognized by the American Legion for 70 years of continuous service. His life was an instruction in compassion, education, achievement and perseverance. "Do you grasp the concept?"

Joe made time for puzzles, knitting, crocheting, reading, fishing, helping others file their taxes and playing bridge and other card games. He was a fanatical supporter of Wisconsin sports, especially the Brewers; and a life-long Catholic and a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. His greatest accomplishments were at home as a loving husband, dad, grandpa and great grandpa.

He is survived by his daughters, Mary (Paul) Freitag of Cumberland, Ann (Jeff) Grahovac of Somerset, WI, Lucinda Radloff of Oshkosh, WI, Denise Allen of Somerset, WI, and Denelle Hegenbarth of Rice Lake; nine grandchildren: Mitch (Emily), Kayla (Jared), Alyssa (Jake), Ahna, Brianna (Collin), Jared, Gabe, Connor, and Jamie; six great grandchildren: Scarlett and Sylvie, Nolan, Bridger, Oliver, Callahan, and one more on the way; siblings: Oz Hegenbarth, Agnes Brueggen, Alice Bauer, and Bernie Hazlewood; aunt, Catherine Wahlstrom; cousin, Beatrice Wellsandt; sister-in-law, Joann Catlin; several nieces and nephews; and many friends and other loved ones.

Joe was preceded in death by his loving wife, Lucille; parents; sisters: Mary Koehler, Maggie Marsh, and infant sister Betty Ann.

A Funeral Mass was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026, at St Anthony Catholic Church, Cumberland, WI with Father Chris Kemp and Father Tom Thompson officiating. Burial will be in St Anthony Cemetery. Pallbearers are grandsons. Honorary pallbearers are Dick Nerbun and Jamie Olson. Military honors were accorded by Anderson-Thomson Post #98 American Legion, Cumberland.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Jacqueline "Jackie" A. (Vettori) Klinger

Jacqueline "Jackie" Agatha (Vettori) Klinger, 89, of Glenwood City, Wisconsin passed away on Wednesday, September 16th, 2026 at Glenhaven nursing home surrounded by family and friends.

She was born in Trimountain, Michigan to Attilio Vettori and Agatha (Bendry) Vettori; the 3rd of 4 daughters. Jackie attended High School in Cumberland, WI, graduating in 1956. She loved Cumberland for its beautiful waters, her stint on royalty, and her job at the drive-in on roller skates.

Jackie married William (Bill) James Klinger on December 27th, 1958 and eventually settled in Glenwood City, WI. They raised 6 children and as the years progressed they lovingly cared for their aging parents and in-laws. For 20 years she worked at Glenhaven and received many awards for perfect attendance. Jackie was an attentive friend, impressive bowler, incredible bingo player, generous hostess, and infamous personality easily found dancing or listening to karaoke at local celebrations.

Jackie will be remembered as a dedicated daughter, sister, wife, aunt, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend.

She is preceded in death by her parents Tiggy and Aggie, husband Bill, and sisters; Joe Ann Vettori, Gail Wold Quinn, Marian Riveland Spaulding, in-laws James (Jim) & Nethalie (Sis) (Logghe) Klinger, and brother-in-law, Ronald Klinger.

She is survived by her 6 children; JoAnn Hammer (Chuck), Patty Hanson (Donny), Roger Klinger (Karrie), Jeff Klinger (Jennifer), Carol Klinger (Todd) and Todd Klinger, 15 grandchildren; Kourtney, Kody (Breena), Trish (Jake), Christopher (Kay), Logan, Jasmine, Savanna, John, Mica, Kaitlyn (Dakota), Winter, Matiya, Katie, Zebadiah & Vettori, 6 great grandchildren; Paityn, Amelia, Stella, Rowen, Bella and Kailer. Many nieces, nephews and countless souls who called her Mom.

She will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 24 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Glenwood City, with a service to follow at 12:00 p.m. The burial will take place at St. John's Cemetery at 1:00 p.m. A celebration of life will be held at the Pump House in Downing, WI following the services. Music and food will be served.

Olson Funeral Home in Menomonie, WI is serving the family.

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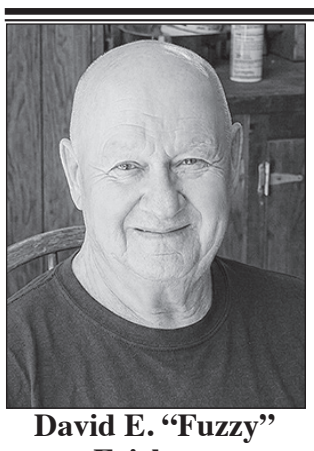
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David E. "Fuzzy" Erickson

David "Fuzzy" Emory Erickson, 79, of Cumberland, WI passed away August 29, 2026 at Cumberland Care and Rehab.

He was born November 2, 1946 in Cannon Falls, MN to Conroe and Ruth (Norstad) Erickson. He married Kathleen Schoenradt.

David was a volunteer firefighter for Brooklyn Park, MN, and worked for Mckesson until they moved to Shell Lake, WI, and purchased Long Lake Bait and Tackle in Sarona, WI.

David loved fishing, organizing and going on fishing trips with his family, hunting with his son and adored his grandchildren. There was never a time David did not have a smile on his face. He will be forever missed by all that had the privilege of meeting him. In the words of Papa "Shit! Right Right! I love you, good morning."

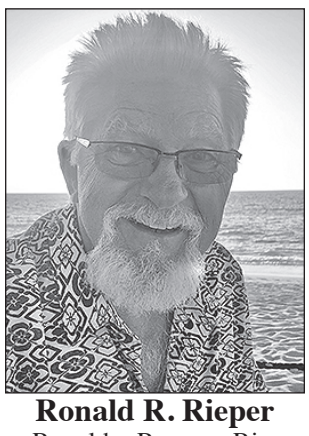
He is survived by his son, Brian (Jen) Erickson; daughter, Heidi Erickson; grandchildren: Isabella Erickson, Emma Erickson, Sophia Kintop, Kameron Kintop; siblings, LeRoy (Laurie) Erickson, Tom (Mary) Erickson, Kevin Erickson, Todd (Linda) Erickson.

David was preceded in death by his wife, Kathy Erickson, who passed away in 2021; and sister, Julie Ellen Clarice Erickson.

Funeral services will be held at Noon on Friday, October 2nd at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wanamingo, MN, with a one hour visitation prior. A private family burial at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Wanamingo MN, where he will be laid to rest by his parents and sister.

We would like to thank the wonderful staff at Cumberland Care and Rehab for their incredible patience and care. You are all amazing!

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Ronald R. Rieper

Ronald Royce Rieper (Ron) 78, passed from this life on September 1, 2026, peacefully with Marsha by his side. Ron was a respected family law attorney in Des Moines, Ia. for decades. He was a loving and fiercely loyal advocate for his family, friends and legal clients. Ron was born May 24,1948, in Cumberland, Wisconsin to Ernest J. Rieper and Nola J. (Strauch) Rieper. Ron grew up on the Collingwood dairy farm on County Trunk T along with 7 siblings: Joyce (Green) Christine (Hergert,) John, Paul, Kerry, Fred and Al Rieper. They all learned the importance of honesty, discipline and hard work. During childhood Ron went to the one room Collingwood School through 3rd grade, then Barron Schools and first attended the Collingwood Lutheran then later Sacred Heart Lutheran Church.

Ron is survived by Marsha Anderson, his life partner of over 30 years, Marsha's sister, Brandy Bishop and her life partner, Shawn Fletcher, as well as his niece and Goddaughter, Kennedy K. Oakley. These were Ron's beloved family members nurtured and guided by him. Ron also leaves three brothers, John, Kerry, and Al Rieper, as well as countless nieces and nephews who loved and respected him dearly! Ron was educated at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire, where he earned a degree in Sociology. After serving four years in the Air Force (1970-1974) in Charleston, South Carolina, Ron moved to Des Moines, Iowa to study law. He earned his Juris Prudence Degree from Drake Law School in Des Moine, Ia. In 1977. After a brief stint as a Juvenile Court Officer, Ron opened his own law practice, which he maintained from 1979 until 2018, when he partially retired. During the Covid 19 pandemic in 2021 Ron finally fully retired. He was an old-fashioned, intelligent lawyer with impeccable ethics and a true gentleman who respected his profession and colleagues, including the many judges, lawyers and staff he worked with over the years.

Ron leaves friends all over Iowa and Wisconsin, having enriched the lives of everyone he met. He loved traveling, Mexico and Costa Rica being favorites, also playing poker, listening to blues music and eating great BBQ. Ron loved his "peeps and his pets" and spent as much time as he could with them in his final days.

A meet and greet celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, Oct 3, 2026, from 2:00 – 6:00 at Jason Rieper's cabin, 361 25&1/4 Ave. outside Cumberland, Wi. Ron grew up near there, and in Barron. We, his family and friends, deserve a chance to say goodbye to him. We will play yard games, have a campfire and BBQ, drink beer (or BYO other drinks if wanted) and share about Ron. Attendees, please feel free to bring a written tale or remembrance about Ron to be shared aloud by you or read by us on your behalf.

Church Directory

"Hatred Has an Old Name, and the Church Must Call It What It Is"

by Pastor Matthew Earls

Senior Pastor/Northern Lakes Church

Some sins are new to every generation. Others are old enough that we should recognize them on sight. Antisemitism, the hatred of Jewish people simply for being Jewish, is one of the oldest, and it is rising again. Watchdog groups have reported record numbers of antisemitic incidents in recent years: vandalized synagogues, threats against Jewish schools, harassment on college campuses, and a flood of hateful conspiracy theories online.

It would be easy for us in northwest Wisconsin to treat this as someone else's problem. But hatred travels through our phones, our feeds, and sometimes our own conversations. The question for followers of Jesus is whether we will stay silent. I believe Scripture leaves us no option but to stand for truth.

First, every human being bears the image of God (Genesis 1:27). To hate a person for being Jewish is to despise someone God Himself formed and called good.

Second, Christians owe a particular debt to the Jewish people. In Romans 9, Paul reminds us that to Israel belong "the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises," and from them comes "the human ancestry of the Messiah." Jesus was born a Jewish child and taught in Jewish synagogues. In Romans 11, Paul warns Gentile believers, "You do not support the root, but the root supports you."

Third, we must be honest about history. Some who claimed Christ's name blamed Jews for the crucifixion, preached contempt, and stood by during pogroms and the Holocaust. We cannot change that history, but we can repent of it and refuse to repeat it.

That history matters today, because one of the most common charges fueling hostility toward Jews right now is that Israel is committing genocide in Gaza. I believe that charge does not hold up, and a word misused this way does real damage.

Consider the numbers. Before World War II, roughly 3.3 million Jews lived in Poland. By war's end, about 3 million had been murdered, around 90 percent of an entire people, hunted down house by house and shipped to death camps built for one purpose. That is what genocide looks like.

Gaza's Health Ministry, which is run by Hamas, reports about 73,800 deaths since October 2023, out of a pre-war population of roughly 2.2 million. That is about 3 to 4 percent, and the ministry's count does not separate Hamas fighters from civilians. Every one of those deaths is a human being and a real tragedy. But the difference between 90 percent and under 4 percent is not a matter of degree. It points to a difference in kind.

Genocide is defined by intent to destroy a people. The Nazis announced that intent and built machinery to carry it out. Israel's stated aim has been to defeat Hamas, the group that killed about 1,200 people on October 7, 2023, and took hundreds hostage. Hamas fights from among civilians, which makes urban war terribly costly. War in a crowded city is horrific, and Christians should grieve every innocent life lost. But war, even brutal war, is not the same thing as extermination.

When we stretch the word "genocide" to fit Gaza, two harms follow. We shrink the meaning of the Holocaust, and we hand antisemites a slogan that paints the Jewish state as the new Nazis. That accusation has already been used to justify attacks on Jewish people who live nowhere near the Middle East.

In my Wesleyan tradition, John Wesley taught that there is "no holiness but social holiness." Holiness of heart must become holiness of life. Here at home, that means refusing to laugh at the "joke" that isn't a joke, checking what we share online, teaching our children the truth about history, and showing up for Jewish neighbors when they are threatened.

The prophet Micah told us what God requires: to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Standing against antisemitism is simple obedience. Hatred has an old name, and by God's grace we will call it what it is. Remember that words have real meanings and we should not forget that truth, otherwise history is doomed to repeat itself.

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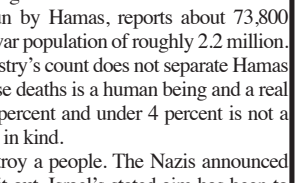
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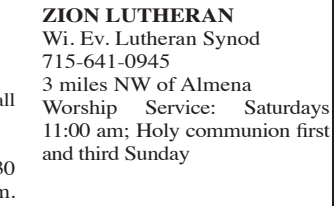
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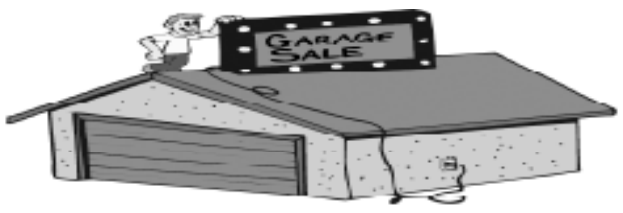
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Cumberland Board of Education Minutes
Tuesday, August 18, 2026
Regular Board Meeting
District Office Conference Room, 6:00 pm Open Session

Present: Board – Gideo, Hyatt, Skinner & Stone
Absent: Rieper
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 Skinner, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

2. a. Lorne Majewski, Athletic update
b. Benjamin Kisling, Curriculum update

3. a. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Gideo, to award the fuel bid to Synergy Cooperative. All voting aye, motion carried.

b.Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to award the snow removal bid to Erickson Excavating. All voting aye, motion carried.

4. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve the review of policy po9575, Indian Policies and Procedures. All voting aye, motion carried.

5. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Gideo, to approve the renewal of 3 year banking agreement with Cumberland Federal Bank. Skinner abstained, all voting aye, motion carried.

6. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve policies 0100, 0142.7, 0144.5, 1210, 1213, 1230.01, 1240, 2131.01, 2261.01, 2431, 3213, 4140, 4213, 5112, 5136, 5515, 5895, 6320, 7530.02, 7540.03, 7540.08, 7544, 8120, and 8462. All voting aye, motion carried.

7. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Maxwell Anderson's resignation as School Psychologist. All voting aye, motion carried.

8. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Samantha Lee's resignation as Special Education Aide. All voting aye, motion carried.

9. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Hyatt, to approve Tianna Olsen has School Psychologist. All voting aye, motion carried.

10. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to approve Siri Hyatt as Special Education Aide. Hyatt abstained, all voting aye, motion carried.

11. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Vicki Kuehn as Food Service. All voting aye, motion carried.

12. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Drew Griffith as High School Assistant Football Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.

13. Dr. Rose gave an update on the High School Construction project.

14. 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 Hyatt. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE COUNTY OF BARRON WISCONSIN ZONING COMMITTEE

BARRON COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER
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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that the Barron County Zoning Committee will consider a public hearing on **Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.**, in room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 East Monroe Ave, Barron Wisconsin, for the following matter:

COUNTY OF BARRON SHORELAND PROTECTION ZONING ORDINANCE

The Zoning Committee proposes to rescind the existing County of Barron Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Chapter17.41, Appendix A and 17.43 County Code, and to adopt a new County of Barron Code Chapter 16 entitled Barron County Shoreland Protection Ordinance, Chapter 16, and a portion of the code of ordinance of Barron County.

The proposed ordinance is required for county adoption by state law. The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health, and property in shoreland areas and will govern uses permitted in mapped shoreland. The proposed ordinance is available for viewing in the office of Barron County Land Service during normal business hours.

All persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to: ben.cole@co.barron.wi.us

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin this 23rd day of September, 2026.

Audrey Kusilek, Chair
Barron County Zoning Committee

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Request to rezone that plats 9-1 & 14-1 NE-SW ex S 1/2 thrf & NW-SE ex S 1/2 thrf , 40.085 acres located in Section 20, T33N, R14W, Town of Turtle Lake, from the Agricultural-1 to Agricultural-2 district.

Property owned by James J & Leslie J Bodsberg

Applicant: James J & Leslie J Bodsberg

The Zoning Committee reserves the right to view the property and convene in executive session prior to rendering a decision.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 23rd day of September, 2026.

Barron County Zoning Committee
Audrey Kusilek, Chair

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Robbery...

Claire County and taken into custody on local charges there. The sergeant, with the Augusta Police Department, informed Cumberland Police Chief that, in the vehicle Barker was driving, was $120 cash, in $20 bills that were stuffed in the drive's side door of the vehicle.

If convicted for misdemeanor theft, party to a crime, and use of a dangerous weapon, Barker may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For obstructing an officer, he may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both.

If imprisoned for misdemeanor theft, party to a crime and use of a dangerous weapon, Cole may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both.

If convicted for attempt possession of a firearm by a felon, Cooper may be fined not more than $12,500 or imprisoned for not more than five years or both. For obstructing an officer, he may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

This weekend is Barronett Color Fest and, thankfully, the leaves are finally starting to turn. The drive between our house and Spooner is getting pretty, and it will be beautiful by next weekend. The Color Fest starts off with the Friday evening spaghetti supper. There will be cake walks, hay rides, craft, flea and farmers' market, softball games, Dairyland Garden Tractor pull, kids' games, photo contest, baking contest, bean bag toss game, blind man lawn mower races (hmmm,) wine and cheese tasting, and, of course, the raffle drawings. And, of course, there will be lots and lots of friends and neighbors to visit with. The women of Barronett Lutheran will be selling pie and ice cream on Saturday, and our worship service will be held at the Community Center on Sunday morning at 9:00. We always sing the old familiar hymns at that morning's worship service – and we serve coffee and rolls after the service. I hope you take time from your busy schedule to come over and join us for all the fun.

Well, well, well – I talked to Owen Neitzel's mom, Morgan, and found out that there will be an article about Owen, and all the other Wisconsin Pedal Tractor pullers from our area, in the Cumberland Advocate this week. So, you can now read that Owen is the State Champion seven-year-old, and he will be moving up to Nationals. Great work, Owen – and all the rest of the champions. Good luck at Nationals.

Wrigley Marsh stopped by to visit for a while on Sunday afternoon. He, and Tru Lehmann, used to spend a lot of time with us when they were little, but they are so busy now that we don't see nearly enough of them. Tru was on her way to Eau Claire when I called to tell her Wrigley was here, so she couldn't come over, but we are going to have a bon fire/s'more making contest soon and will be sure that she, and the rest of the great-grands, will be able to come. Wrigley and I made his favorite chocolate cake that he took home and plans to hide from his dad, and we went up to the treehouse for a little while. You know, of course, that it is due to Wrigley that we have that treehouse. About eleven years ago he thought I was smart enough to build one – I knew I wasn't but didn't want to disappoint him – so I asked my very good friend, Bill Gill, to help. If you haven't ever seen the treehouse, you really should stop by and I'll give you a tour. Bill outdid himself. I love it and spend a lot of time up there.

On the way back to his house, Wrigley stopped at the farm to show me the shed that his dad is letting him claim as his own. That is quite a place!! He built shelves for some of his tools, and he has fantastic tool boxes lining the walls. The attic, or hay mow or whatever you call the upstairs of a shed, is almost completely finished, and he showed me what he is going to do to finish it. He took me for a ride in his mini jeep – pretty exciting stuff. And then, later that evening, I received a text from him telling me how great the cake was and asked if he could get the recipe. (I texted it to him right away – I'm always happy to get compliments on my baking.)

Duane's nephew, niece-in-law and great-nephew, Joe, Suzy and Wilder, came for a visit last Wednesday. Wilder will be six in April, and he is enthusiastic about everything. Suzy and I took him up to the treehouse and garden, and he loved it. I gave him an ice cream pail so that he could mix up a magic potion (sand, weeds and leaves) to keep evil spirits away from us. He played on the swing and in the sand box. Suzy and I were ready to get back to the house a long time before he was, but he finally gave in so that he could get back to tell his dad and uncle Duane all about his adventures.

Lynn, Kane and Pierce Thon and Lois Nickel's grandson, George, came down to the house on Saturday and made caramel apples. Lynn dipped them in caramel, and the boys decorated them with all kind of sprinkles and crushed candy and cookies. By the time they finished, the apples were definitely beautiful and delicious, but I think a little less healthy than they were when they were picked. They had lots of fun doing it, and I think they plan to do it again before Halloween.

I guess I had better go and get busy. I hope you have a fantastic week and that you can come on over to Barronett for the Color Fest.

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Fun Field Trip!



Cumberland 4-K students took a trip to the school forest last week. Mark Mauer taught them about " Mr Tree"and Cumberland Elementary Principal Dr. Heidi Miller read a story during snack time. The children then had a scavenger hunt in the woods. Thank you to the Cumberland Cross Country Team members for helping out with the little kiddos!

1941: Cumberland Moves Ahead Following the Rutabaga Festival

by Mark R. Fuller

The 1941 Rutabaga Festival took place on September 19 and 20 two weeks after some of the most destructive weather the area had ever seen. A huge windstorm and heavy rain hit bringing over nine inches of rain to the surrounding locality ending on September 4.

The storm flattened crops, blew down barns, and knocked down trees. The McKinley area was especially hard hit as W. F. Weaver lost his silo, machine shed, and a good share of his barn, which had been built two years after his previous structure was burned to the ground following a lightening strike. Gus Risberg and George Lansin were other McKinley residents with large losses. At Camp Dixon on Beaver Dam Lake, meanwhile, George Burt lost over a dozen trees.

Then on Sunday, September 14, another 3.84 inches fell bringing the total amount of rainfall to 13.5 inches in a 17-day period. Many of the area's potatoes lay rotting in the rain-drenched fields. Travel on Highway 48 west of Cumberland was closed as water was too deep to drive through in places. A bus carrying a Drum and Bugle corps from St. Paul to Shell Lake tipped over in a ditch on Highway G, as it hit the wet shoulder of the road.

Despite these circumstances, the Festival went forward just as a few more of our citizens were entering the U.S. Army. They included Cumberland residents Willard Nevidek and James Denham and Barronett's Louis Scoenhals. Things were escalating in Europe and the first day of the Festival was the same day a Nazi regulation announced that all Jews of the Reich would be required to wear the yellow Star of David badge.

The 10th annual Festival was declared a huge success. The receipts as of the first day produced the most patronage ever recorded on opening day. The entertainment drew praise from many. The weather saw sunshine and 80 degrees for the entirety of the two days and the football team entertained local fans with a 19-0 victory over Bloomer on Thursday night before things got started.

With the Festival over, it was now time to move on to other issues.

State Officials had announced there would be, "No State funds for the local road damage from the recent storms" so the work would have to be completed locally. The State also announced that there was such a shortage of teachers that some rural schools would be unable to open on schedule because of their inability to find them.

This was leading to a decree for the consolidation of 654 rural schools in the State, which State Superintendent of Schools John Callahan said would "Weed out the smaller and poorer school districts in Wisconsin before the end of the year."

In looking forward, Rutabaga Chairman A. J. Hilton said in in the Advocate, "The end of the Festival means, "It is time to lead an ordinary simple life after a hectic weekend."

Little did we know that Pearl Harbor was less than three months away!

School Board...

Millan to take her place. Further action included the hiring of David Olson as Assistant Girl's Golf Coach, Abbie Thill as Assistant Cross Country Coach, and Brandi Bahr as Middle School Special Education Aide.

Moving on to Discussion Items, Tami Bowman began by giving the Board a State required summary of the 2025-2026 Seclusion and Restraint Report, which indicated only one restraint in the Middle School took place during the entire school year. Bowman indicated training for such incidents had been given to the appropriate employees.

Dr. Rose then gave what he called, "My final report" on the High School Construction Project. Dr. Rose indicated that, "The budget is right on target" and that, "Students and Staff are very happy and excited for the school year." Final wiring is being completed in the shop and a few things were being "Tidied up" in the next couple weeks.

The evening's final reports came from the Administration Team as each building Principal covered the beginning of the school year in their building and Dr. Rose sharing with the Board a few final bits of information.

High School Principal Dan Hopkins said, "It was great to be under one roof again" while discussing the Band's first place showing in Baldwin-Woodville and a recent National speaker, who presented to the Middle School, High School students, and community residents.

Middle School Principal Isaac Lundquist informed the Board on base time changes to the schedule and the success of the bus and parent pickups at the end of the school day. He further shared ongoing activities in the classrooms and upcoming field trips.

Elementary Principal Heidi Miller also shared the Elementary School's drop off and pick up results and an exciting trip by the 4K to the School Forest. She then shared work and development of Professional Learning Communities within the District, to focus on learning, working collaboratively, and holding oneself accountable for results.

Dr. Rose finished up the meeting by telling the Board about a recent grant of $14,000 as part of a Partnership for the Trap Club, while giving the Board information of the Fall Regional Workshop for District 1 Board Members. Following his report, the meeting was adjourned with the Annual Meeting set for 7:00 pm on October 19 and the regular Board meeting to follow.



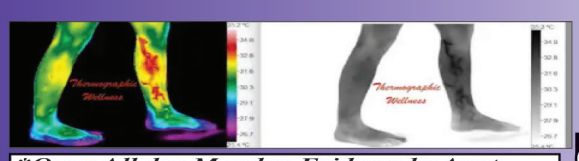
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Off To Nationals!



Four Cumberland kids competed in the Wisconsin State Pedal Pull and are advancing on to nationals in Mitchell, South Dakota later this month. Pictured are: Front, Owen Rohde, age 7, State Champion, back row left to right: Bentley Slayton, 11, 4th place, Ava Slayton, 11, 2nd place and Kari Rasmussen, 11, 4th place. Good Luck!

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Monster Truck Tour!



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