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## Tense moments in armed standoff in Turtle Lake

The Barron County Sheriff's Department reports that on Friday, April 10th, at 10:40 p.m., the Barron County Sheriff's Department received a call to conduct a welfare check on a male subject at 1481 2 3/4 Street, Turtle Lake.

When a deputy arrived at the residence, he heard several gun shots coming from the residence. The Barron/Rusk Emergency Response Team was called to the scene as well as officers from the Turtle Lake,

Cumberland and Barron Police Departments. During this time approximately 12 more shots were heard outside the residence.

The Barron/Rusk Emergency Response Team attempted to make contact by phone with the male, who was the only subject in the house, but all attempts were unsuccessful. Both the Rusk and Barron Armored vehicles approached the house and attempted to make contact again with the subject inside.

After a several attempts,

a male subject came to the front door of the residence with a handgun in his hand. After a few minutes of negotiations, the male subject put the gun down and exited the residence and was taken into custody without further incident.

Taken into custody was Thomas Levasseur, 55 of Woodville. After medical evaluation, he will be transported to the Barron County Jail where he will be held on charges of Armed while Intoxicated.

## Something You Should Know About... Sugar Wood and the Addy Skylar's Fudge Fundraiser by Hope Lee Vicich

You gotta love our community! Even when we can't gather together, we still come together to support a great cause. There have been many examples in the past few weeks and months - community efforts in the wake of the tornados, helping the migrant workers who arrived before the

business, Sugar Wood.

For those who don't know Chana, let me introduce you. Chana, her husband Jon and daughter's Ava and Sophia, moved to Cumberland in 2013.

Chana called it a "leap of faith," when they came here after Jon lost his job in the

was the recipes she learned from her grandma that are the basis of the home business she created to get her family through those initial tough times. That's how Sugar Wood was born.

Started as a hobby of baking for friends in the Cities, the cornerstone of Sugar Wood is Chana's (or

## Something to make you smile!



Dominic Capra, age 14, from Cumberland wanted to do something special to celebrate Easter. He went to Cumberland Care and Rehab and stood outside and waved through the windows to cheer the residents and say thank you to the nursing staff.



Left: Addy Holmes helping with the baking. Above: Addy Skylar's Strawberry Chocolate Fudge

plant could open, Ruby's Pantry and the Food Pantry offering drive up service, the Island City Piecemakers and their masks, and all the other accommodations to the current health crisis made by area businesses in order to serve the community.

Amongst all of these laudable efforts, one that stands out to me is a fundraising event championed

Twin Cities. They had no plans - no jobs, no place to live, but Chana wanted to go "home," and to Chana, that meant Cumberland.

Her childhood days were spent on her grandparents farm, watching Grandpa Ricci harvest his crops and milk the dairy cows, and her favorite memory of the hours she spent in the kitchen with grandma Donna. It

Grandma Donna's salted caramel, which is offered either in pieces or layered on her mouth watering shortbread. Christmas of 2013 saw Chana and her family short on cash so Chana decided to create a Christmas cookie box filled with Grandma Donna's famous cookie recipes, fudge and caramel, which she

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## Quarantine Stops Spread of COVID

Another case of COVID-19 has been confirmed in Barron County. This is Barron County's sixth positive test. The new case had been in close contact with a person who tested positive. The individual was contacted by Public Health to let them know they had been exposed. Since then, they have remained home and stayed away from other members of the household. All members of the home are currently in quarantine.

"This person did everything right and because of it, we don't expect any further

spread from them," said Laura Sauve, Health Officer for Barron County. "Staying home and away from others as soon as you start to feel sick is so important right now."

As of Tuesday, April 14th, Barron County has four recovered and two positive cases of COVID-19, who are still isolating at home. There have been 439 negative tests. The four recovered cases have been released from isolation. They no longer pose a risk for spreading the illness.

Physical distancing is the only defense against this vi-

rus. It is important that residents continue to stay home as much as possible. If you must go out stay at least six feet apart from other people and wash your hands often. If you are in a place where it is difficult to keep six feet apart from others, consider wearing a cloth face covering.

If you have questions about COVID-19, call 2-1-1 or text COVID-19 to 211-211. For up-to-date information, please follow Barron County Public Health's Facebook page or check the DHS website for updates.

## Safe distancing practiced at April City Council meeting

The City Council met on Wednesday, April 8th (due to election). In order to comply with safe distancing recommendations, the meeting was moved to the common area at City Hall with all chairs six feet apart. Alderperson Carol Wallin was absent (excused) due to health concerns.

The council moved through the business items

quickly. During consideration to approve the Transient Merchants and Second Hand Article license applications on file, it was noted that one license was turned down. When Councilman Al Bock asked for an explanation, Police Chief Rieper explained that "No Food Trucks will be allowed in town as long as the Safe at Home order exists. We

don't want to risk anything being transmitted between counties and we need to be supporting our local businesses that are here year-round right now." So far, only the one business has applied for a permit for a food truck.

Also approved was the Class B Beer and Liquor license for Dustin R. Anderson. Cont'd on page 9

## Piecemakers are now 'Maskmakers'!



Some members of the Island City Piecemakers have sewn and are still sewing face masks for Cumberland and area Healthcare Facilities, including Marshfield and Amery. Also, some local businesses, City Hall, City Utilities Office, Food Pantry and Fire Fighters. As of 4/9/20 they have given approximately 600+ masks with plans to do more. The Island City Piecemakers is an ecumenical group who meet at First United Methodist Church on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. They donate approximately 100+ quilts annually to local charities, organizations, benefits and individuals in need. If you are interested in learning more or may want to join us. Phone: 715-822-3431.

**2020 Spring Election Results\***  
Contested Races Only

**Democratic Presidential Primary**  
Joe Biden - 65 Delegates added

**Wisconsin Supreme Court Judge**  
Daniel Kelly (incumbent) **692,815**  
X Jill Karkofsky **856,236**

**Barron County Supervisor Dist. 27**  
Bill Effertz (incumbent) **38**  
X Dan Hopkins **76**

**Cumberland Alderperson Dist. 3**  
Greg Chafer **51**  
X James Butch O'Dell **73**

**Cumberland Municipal Judge**  
Kathryn Ault (incumbent) **387**  
X Danielle Neurer (write-in) **88**

**Amendment - Marcy's Law**  
Yes **X** No **\_\_\_**

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The food pantry will be open every Friday 1-3 PM at 1270 1st Avenue. Until conditions improve we will be distributing pre-made boxes by drive-thru. It is not necessary to arrive early. Please arrive throughout distribution times as you normally would.

We have a good supply of food and we expect deliveries to continue. Until conditions improve, however, we cannot accept food donations from the public. Cash contributions are always appreciated and can be mailed to the Pantry at: P.O. Box 741 in Cumberland.

Changes to Pantry operations can be reviewed in this paper, on our Facebook page @cumberlandareafoodpantry or by calling our emergency numbers 715-822-2004 & 715-822-3767.

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 Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

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**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

### GRAB & GO MEALS

11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
 High School Main Entrance

Our Grab & Go meals are for families for children 18 years and younger, no restrictions.

You do not need to sign up, just drive thru and pick up lunch for the current day and breakfast for the next day.

We are encouraging all families to participate.

Please call the district office if you have any pick up or transportation concerns 715-822-5124.

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**Light A Legacy Banquet Cancelled**  
 In light of all that has transpired with the Coronavirus (COVID-19), it has been decided to cancel Light A Legacy 2020. Above all, this decision is being made with our community's collective health and safety in mind. For those of you who have already sent in your table sponsorship, donation, and/or RSVP, we are gracious. We humbly ask you to contact Melissa Weaver at 715-822-5124, extension 1 should you want those funds returned.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Ashley Knutson at 715-558-1938, Casey Morrison at 715-491-1831 or Barry Rose at 715-822-5124. We can assure you that when things calm down, the Cumberland Educational Foundation board members will unite to make next year's event a memorable one.

### Community Ed Offerings

In conjunction with the District's school closings, all Community Ed programs scheduled before April 6th are cancelled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Likewise, the Cumberland Fitness Center is closed until further notice. Memberships will be extended to cover the lost time. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403, sbrid@csmail.com

### Eye Facts from Jacobson Advanced Eye Care

#### Coronavirus Eye Safety Info

Our gratitude and concern go out to all the medical personnel, EMS workers, police and firefighters who are on the front line of the Coronavirus.

We encourage everyone to abide by the stay-at-home directives as well as remembering to wash your hands and keep your hands from your face.

Our office is closed but Dr. Jennifer is available for emergencies by calling her cell number at 715-671-5248.

Dr. Jennifer does encourage that you limit your contact lens wear as the virus can attach to the contact lens. Glasses can provide a protective shield from the airborne virus.

Do not rub your eyes. If you feel an urge to itch or rub your eyes, use a tissue.

If you see someone with pink eye, do not panic -- it doesn't mean that person is infected with coronavirus. Health officials do, however, believe that viral pink eye develops in about 1% - 3% of people with coronavirus. The virus can spread by touching discharge from an infected eye.

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# The Island City; A City of Bridges

By Mark Fuller and Evelyn Olson

Being named the "Island City" indicates an obvious need to cross the water. It was an early necessity due to our geographic setting, which includes some 50 lakes in our 10-mile radius.

The following article, which first ran in the *Advocate* on October 30 of 1969, gives a history of our early bridges and much more. Written by Evelyn Olson, one can close their eyes and get a feel of what Cumberland was like many years ago.

## "Island City Also City of Bridges"

by Evelyn Olson

Mayor Al Skinner and the Public Works Committee are conferring with the State Highway Department in Madison in regards to replacing the North Cumberland bridge for two reasons.

The underpass is not high enough for modern day boats. But more important, due to underground settling, there has been a sinking problem at the approach on Highway 63.

Because of the extensive land fill leading up to them, bridges are barely noticeable now except when they give trouble.

In olden days, it was different. This "Island City" might well have been called the "City of Bridges." Five high wooden structures linked Cumberland to the main land in all directions except Southwest, where its main artery Highway 63 runs now. According to one oldtimer, that area was a swampy ground, which could be crossed by wagon teams. Another historian says, "A very small bridge called "Nimlos" crossed a tiny creek in that end of town."

The other five were impressive affairs seen from a distance.

North Cumberland bridge of wooden planks with iron railings was high enough to

clear the long booms towed under it to W. L. Hunters sawmill. The smoke stack of the towing tug named Ralph (For Hunters son) was hinged so the stack could be lowered to clear the bridge and railroad trestle. At one-time, there were three sawmills on Beaver Dam Lake, all doing a thriving business.

Floyd Miller, whose parents Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, owned an ice house located in the present Tourist Park area, also has many memories. He says he can remember how the planks

sister trod on there way to Church, across the bridge were a few buildings, but mostly open land and pasture.

Each summer day Floyd took 13 cows to pasture along Jeffrey Boulevard where he now lives. He was paid a dollar a head per month. Another dollar went to the pasture owner. Floyd said, "Anyone having two cows was considered rich."

Across Jeffrey Boulevard the sawmills pastured their extra horses. Sheep were pastured farther west about where the King place

were abandoned, the cemetery spread northward.

At that time Cumberland's first depot was situated in Southtown about where the disposal plant is presently located.

A third bridge, Bonett Bridge, crossed Hay Creek, south of the depot. It was named after a prominent farmer, John Bonett, Sr.

Bonett Sr. owned over 100 acres in the cemetery area east to the Kirby farm. He also owned one of Cumberland's first stores, hauling his goods from Menomonie.



The *Ralph* tugboat was used by the W.L. Hunter lumber company on Beaver Dam Lake to tow log rafts to the Hunter Mill in the 1880s and early 1890s. W.L. Hunter is at right with his foot up on the bow, and Ralph Hunter is to the left of him with the dog. The two young boys at bottom are unidentified. The boat was later sold and shipped to Washburn, Wisconsin. (Courtesy of Thomas St. Angelo Library.)

rumbled as Joe Hodge raced his horse across the bridge. This horse could run a mile in three minutes.

"We kids," Floyd recalls, "Used to jump from the bridge to ride a boom of logs passing underneath, only to be chased off by the lumberjacks."

Oldtimers will remember that the bridge, the longest of the five, was built where the small cement pumphouse bridge is now. The old road angled northeast up to what is now Babcock Avenue and Main Street came into town on Second Avenue.

Mrs. Floyd Miller remembers a boardwalk near the bridge that she and her

stands. That property was known as Huser's Grove. Ada Connor remembers enjoying Sunday School picnics there arriving by boat.

Another city historian, Ben Connor, reminds us that the present cement bridge at the pumping station was built about 1928. The high pilings of the old structure made good standing room for young swimmers and fishermen.

"Before cars," said Connor "nearly everybody had inboard launches to get around. The banks of Beaver Dam Lake were lined with wooden frame boat-houses."

Aside from the boats, the bridges were the citizens only outlet to places beyond the island.

Leading east out of town toward Rice Lake, was the cemetery bridge to what is now Highway 48. It led to a creamery located near the present town hall. The creamery was managed by S. B. Cook and Vic Nedvidek, now deceased.

Bob Heeg's father owned a carpenter shop and he worked there. He remembers that the cemetery bridge was rebuilt three times. It burned during the sawmill fire that demolished Beaver Dam Mill in 1898.

South of the road lay the fairgrounds with the old cemetery just beyond. The graves of Cumberland pioneers, who platted the city, are found there in the old part. Once the fairgrounds

Just west of Bonett Bridge lies Collingwood Lake. To the west of this lake a small wooden bridge led south to Comstock.

Most of Cumberland's retail business was conducted in the south end. Donatelle's Store started in 1888. Rye's Furnace Shop was then the Pioneer Butcher Shop.

According to Martin Wick, a small grocery store was built across from the original depot. Hines Mercantile was an impressive establishment there.

Still farther west there was a long wooden bridge where the cement Grove Street bridge crosses Beaver Dam now.

Cecil Christensen, who lived near the railroad tracks, remembers skating from one part of the lake to the other under the old bridge. The wooden railings were heavily carved with "Who loved who names."

These bridges were the important links that made the original Cumberland expand into the modern city it is today."



**ETC PRESENTS**

Dear friends,

During these difficult times, Cumberland ETC has had to cancel many scheduled events, and like everyone else, we're not sure how long it will be before we can open again. When we do open, we can promise you one thing - we're going to put on one heck of a show, and you're all invited!

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Work on a craft project	Read a book	*Explore Transparent Language	Order curbside delivery from a local restaurant	*Check out a movie on Overdrive
Plant a seed	Try out a new recipe	Call a friend	"Like" the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce Facebook page	Read a digital book
Exercise for 1/2 hour	Write a handwritten note to a friend/family	"Like" the Cumberland library Facebook page	Take a virtual field trip	Read a book that has been made into a movie
Listen to an audiobook	Read a classic book	Go for a walk	Play a board game	Work from home

\*Check out our website at [cumberlandpl.org](http://cumberlandpl.org) for links to Flipster, the Libby app, Ancestry.com, Transparent Language, Overdrive, and more!

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# Despite COVID fears, voter turnout gives liberal candidate the Supreme Court win

After a week's delay, the unofficial poll numbers for the April 7th Presidential Primary and Non Partisan Spring Election were released on Monday night. The delay was due to a judges order altering the Executive Order issued attempting to alter the election rules to allow for safer voting practices and longer time to return mail-in (absentee) ballots. Though most of the Executive Order was struck down, the judges did allow additional time for mail-in ballots to be counted - as long as they were postmarked by April 7th. When released, the results gave liberal challenger Jill Karkofsky the contested seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court. Karkofsky received 55.3 percent of

the vote over conservative incumbent Justice Daniel Kelly in the statewide elections. Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden was the clear winner over his only challenger Bernie Sanders. Sanders withdrew his candidacy the day following the elections but not before he garnered another 19 delegates to the upcoming Democratic Convention, now scheduled for August 17-20 in Milwaukee. Biden's victory gave him an additional 65 delegates to the convention, bringing his total to 1,293. With a total of 3,979 delegates available, 1,991 are needed to win nomination. All other candidates having withdrawn, Biden's nomination is assured. However, the former candidates control

a collective 1,108 delegates with Sanders block of 937 being the most significant. This will assure his supporters have a voice at the convention. In local elections, despite a last minute write-in bid by challenger Danielle Neurer, Kathryn Ault retained her seat as the Municipal Judge for Cumberland. In the other contested race in Cumberland, James "Butch" O'Dell won his bid over Greg Chafer for the Ward 3 seat being vacated by Carol Wallin. The contest for Barron County Supervisor for District 27 saw incumbent Bill Effertz lose to opponent Dan Hopkins. The complete results for all races can be found at [www.barroncountymi.gov](http://www.barroncountymi.gov).



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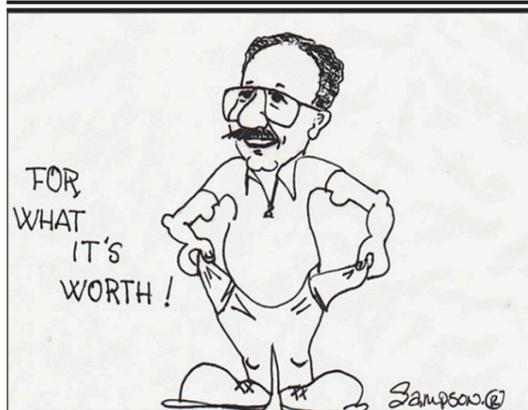
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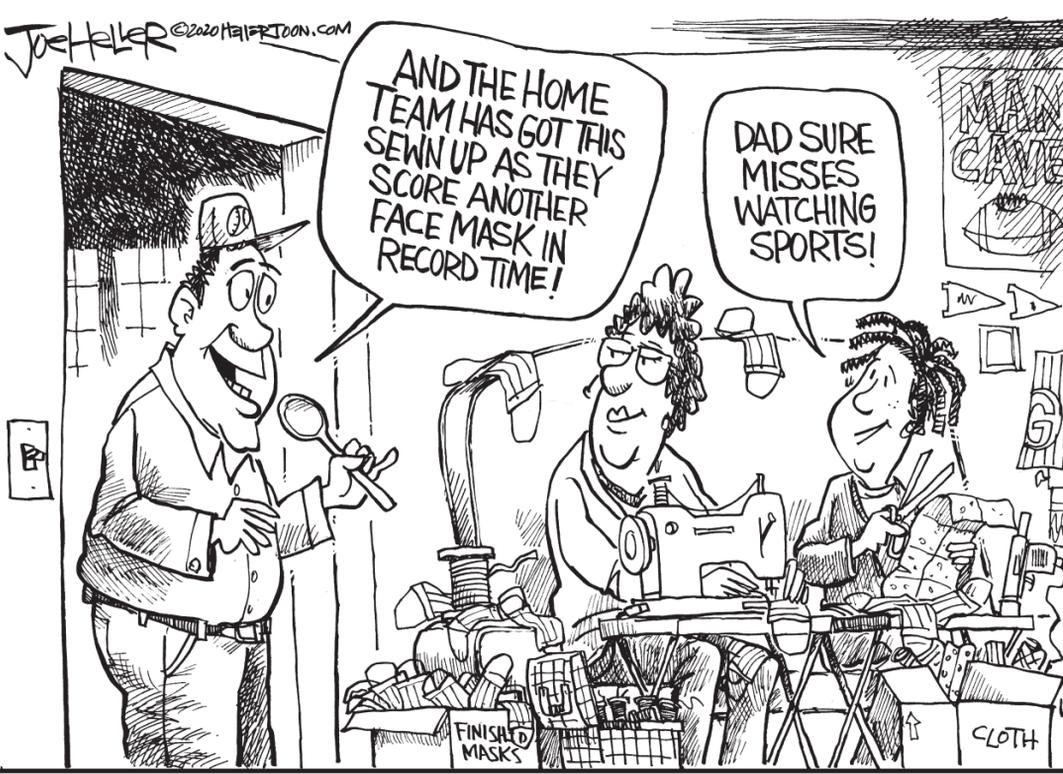
By Craig Bucher

We are all healthy, but this living by staying home is boring. I am sure it is even tougher for those families populated by young folks. There will have to be some creative mothers and fathers. Meanwhile, we have been passing some of the time watching some “oldies but goodies” movies. We started by watching the British smash hit comedy “The Vicar of Dibley” featuring British comedy star Dawn French. It is some of the funniest television imaginable. French stars as the small village of Dibley’s first female vicar. She leads a talented cast through all of the trials one could possibly encounter in a small town. We have also watched Clint Eastwood in “In The Line of Fire, Dame Judi Dench in “Mrs. Henderson Present’s,” “My Cousin Vinny,” “The Bonfire of the Vanities,” “Argo,” “Charlie Wilson’s War” and the baseball story, “Trouble With the Curve.” I enjoyed all of the movies. I especially like the performances of Tom Hanks, Melanie Griffith, and Bruce Willis in “Bonfire of the Vanities.” We have several more movies on DVD. Some are old favorites such as “Fried Green Tomatoes” while we have several titles that we have never watched. I suspect we will have plenty of time to watch them as I suspect the “stay home” edict will be with us for a quite some time.

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It was a quiet and really different Easter for us. I can’t remember a year when we didn’t go to church. Easter Sunday, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus is the most holy day in the Christian calendar. It is a day when church pews are filled to capacity. It is a day of family get-togethers. All of these traditional things went away as the virus has a tight grip on the world. We watched our Easter service on the computer. It was wonderful, but not the same. I hope 2021 will see us back in church on Easter Sunday.

SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!



## Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

### “How Epic’s digital health tools are helping fight COVID-19”

MADISON, Wis. – Until a few months ago, some health-care professionals were just as likely to view the use of electronic health records as a burden as an asset. Today, with the COVID-19 crisis nearing a disturbing crescendo in many U.S. states, those attitudes may be changing.

Experience thus far in the coronavirus outbreak suggests that digital health records and related online tools, such as telemedicine, are helping hospitals and health systems cope with the surge in requests for virtual diagnoses, analyzing trends in COVID-19 testing and managing cases requiring critical care.

Wisconsin-based Epic, a pioneer in the development of electronic medical records, provides such records for more than half of all Americans through 491 health systems. Its evolving story is a leading example of how health information technologies are making a difference in the lives of millions.

Because Epic is based in Verona, just outside Madison, its legacy customers include many of Wisconsin’s health systems. Perhaps because those health systems were early adopters or developed their own EMRs, such as the

Marshfield Clinic, Wisconsin runs anywhere from a few percentage points to 10 percentage points ahead of national averages for EMR adoption by patients, office physicians and hospitals.

How is that concentration helping patients and providers in Wisconsin? Dr. Sam Butler, a physician and self-described “EMR evangelist” at Epic, describes the presence of integrated clinical, assess and revenue systems as the “central nervous system” of a health organization. That nervous system triggers a quicker response than what otherwise would occur.

One such rapid response is telemedicine, which was a remote curiosity for most patients – and even some practitioners – until COVID-19 hit. Today, millions of consultations are taking place virtually, many of them on Epic platforms that were underused in the past.

In a matter of roughly a month, Epic has helped 200 of its customers set up or expand such platforms, training medical professionals along the way. Reports from health-care systems such as University of California-San Diego Health, Providence St. Joseph Health, the Chil-

dren’s Hospital of Philadelphia and New York University’s Langone Medical Center show that more than half of primary care are being done virtually. That compares to single-digit percentages a few weeks ago.

Reported one Pennsylvania physician: “Through telehealth, we’re seeing patients in their homes, meeting their families, seeing the art on their walls, learning about the things they care about most... I thought telehealth would remove the human aspect, but it actually enhanced it.”

Telemedicine is also a part of Epic’s volunteer effort at the recast Javits Center in New York City, which has been turned into a 1,000-bed hospital, and Chicago’s McCormick Place Convention Center.

The story is much the same in Wisconsin, where Epic’s MyChart tool is being used for the digital adaptation of the bygone days when doctors went on “house calls.”

“Care providers are transitioning many of their visits from in-person meetings to video visits, resulting in a 3,000% increase in video visits, on average, from February to March,” said

Dave Fuhrmann, a senior vice president for research and development at Epic. “Patients are also doing more self-management from home, such as tracking their symptoms and entering their temperatures, which is shared with their care provider.”

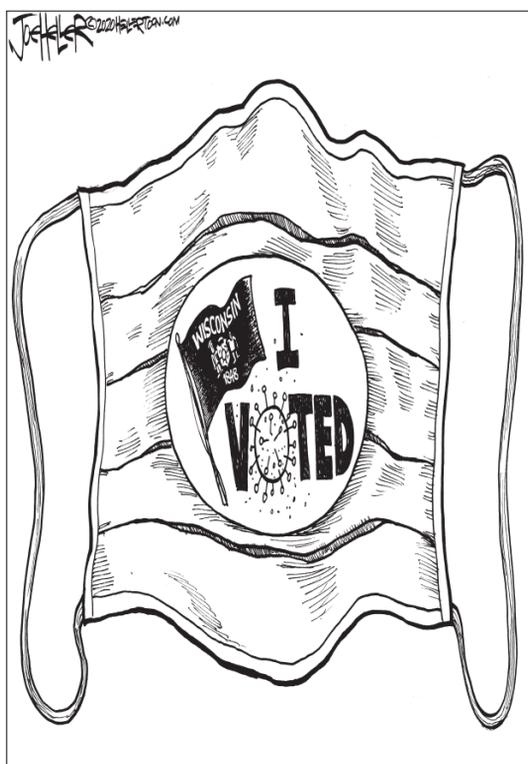
Electronic medical record systems can’t process COVID-19 tests, of course, but they can help spot directions.

“An organization or state can zoom out to see trends in testing, including where testing is ramping up or turnaround time for tests that could be improved,” said

Seth Hain, also a senior vice president for R&D at Epic. He added that EMRs also help to measure how effectively resources such as beds and ventilators are being used across Wisconsin.

There are limits, of course, on who can access virtual medicine and when – sometimes tied to the “digital divide” or economic hardship. For many people, however, electronic health tools may be a way to fight back against COVID-19.

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## A Look Back

10 Years Ago  
April 21, 2010

Every year, the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce accepts nominations and chooses one person upon whom to bestow the title of “Citizen of the Year.” This year’s honoree, a life-long resident of Cumberland, has dedicated most of his personal and professional life to advancing Cumberland into the community it is today. Charles Christensen was honored for his many years of commitment to the community. Congratulations Charles!

Dean Bergstrom, Cumberland Utilities Certified Waterworks Operator, was recently at a Rural Water Symposium. Cumberland’s drinking water was judged third best in the state on appearance, smell and taste.

20 Years Ago  
April 19, 2000

The quality of meat produced by Louie’s Finer Meats, of Cumberland, was recognized at the 61st annual convention of the Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors. They received the following product awards: Reserve Grand Champion; Summer Sausage, Pork Jerky, Honey Ham, Ring Liver, and Precooked Jalapeno & Cheddar Bratwurst. Champion awards were: Mexican Fiesta, and Head Cheese.

On April 12th, The Barron County Sheriff’s Department received notification from the neighboring Polk County Sheriff’s Department of a barn fire at the Dan Schullo residence. The fire was huge, hot and deadly. A

barn was destroyed, along with some cattle. But no one else was hurt.

30 Years Ago  
April 18, 1990

Tom Flottum was the most recent recipient of the CMH/ECU Very Special Person Caring Award, which is given to an outstanding employee in recognition of the contributions to the facility and the community.

A house in the Town of Stanfold burned to the ground on Sunday evening of April 15th. According to the District Attorney’s Office, arson is suspected and an investigation is underway.

40 Years Ago  
April 16, 1980

Richard Nerbun of Cumberland has been appointed the new Director of Pharmacy and Materials Management at Cumberland Memorial Hospital.

Jim Dimick, a former high school football and baseball coach at Cumberland, has been named guest speaker for the CHS Athletic Banquet.

50 Years Ago  
April 16, 1970

Cumberland rural firemen were called to the Bell Northern Station, just west of Cumberland. A faulty space heater was the cause, and no damage was reported.

Sharon DeGidio, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis DeGidio, was capped at ceremonies at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. She is taking her nurses training at Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis.

60 Years Ago  
April 21, 1960

Gerd R. Bents, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore C. Bents, of Comstock, has been selected by his Company Commander to act as the Recruit Chief Petty Officer of his company during recruit training at the U.S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Illinois.

Allan Hunt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hunt, is the Cumberland High School Rennebohm Scholarship candidate. The Rennebohm awards five \$400 scholarships, and are given to outstanding state high school graduates entering the University of Wisconsin.

70 Years Ago  
April 20, 1950

A door was loosened and the lock was broken when the heating equipment at the new Municipal Building blew out sometime Sunday night. According to Carl Carlson, construction superintendent, he had checked the boiler room twice on Sunday and reported everything was in order on both occasions. Workers coming in Monday morning found the boiler room door blown open and the lock blown loose from a blast which must have occurred in the boiler room late Sunday night.

90 Years Ago  
April 17, 1930

A number of mechanics are busy in the construction of the new bean room and the warehouse addition at the local Stokely Brothers & Company Cannery. The foundations are already com-

pleted and work is progressing on the walls.

Willard Okerson and Henry Briggs will represent Cumberland in the oratorical contest sponsored by the Namekagon League. Helen Hedback and Betty Dunham, also of Cumberland will give declamatory presentations.

100 Years Ago  
April 15, 1920

Lucille Haugen of Cumberland has the highest grades in the Senior class this year, making her valedictorian, with an average of 93.

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## WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Snow
4/7	53	39	0.31	0.0
4/8	64	33	0.04	0.0
4/9	52	29	0.00	0.0
4/10	36	26	0.02	0.0
4/11	44	26	0.00	0.0
4/12	57	29	trace	trace
4/13	30	21	0.14	1.5

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# Court News

## Barron County Circuit Court

### Traffic Court

Alysha J. Bolin, 28, Barron, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Mark L. Brunette, 53, Rice Lake, fail to stop at a stop sign, \$175.30. Steven G. Davis, 35, Rice Lake, disorderly conduct, \$263.50. Justin R. Depoister, 37, Rice Lake, speeding, \$200.50. Fredrick W. Dunn, 51, Minneapolis, MN., operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$200.50. Hunter A. Dushinske, 31, Barron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Dominik J. Gatten, 21, Prairie Farm, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Jarod A. Glovka, 22, Luck, speeding, \$250.90. Timothy J. Guthrie, 38, Cumberland, speeding, \$225.70. Kaitlyn J. Henck, 27, Turtle Lake, speeding, \$225.70. Tyler D. Hensel, 18, Chetek, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Christopher M. Johanson, 39, Almena, disorderly conduct, \$200.50. Dalton C. Johnson, 18, Chippewa Falls, failure to keep vehicle under control, \$213.10, underage tobacco, \$213.50, underage drinking, \$263.50, operating while suspended, \$200.50, failure to stop at a stop sign, \$175.30, speeding, \$276.10, and operating left of center, \$213.10. Christian T. Johnson, 29, Woodbury, MN., operate a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$200.50, and non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Kelly L. Korthof, 51, Barron, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Aaron R. Long, 20, Haugen, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Shari L. Melrose, 39, Chetek, possession of marijuana, \$263.50. Kendra D. Mosay-Buck, 22, Minneapolis, MN., possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$200.50. Nancy J. Nordquist, 61, Amery, possess intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$200.50. Chad S. Nyhus, 47, Menomonie, speeding, \$200.50. Jennifer L. Oestreich, 20, St. Croix Falls, speeding, \$225.70. Shayla K. Paxton, 24, Cameron, speeding, \$200.50. Roshelle L. Pearson, 44, Independence, speeding, \$358.00, and operating while suspended, \$200.50. Renee A. Plasky, 30, Winter, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, \$200.50, and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Cody A. Schulz, 19, Cameron, possession of marijuana, \$200.50, and possession of drug paraphernalia, \$200.50. Jay Benjamin S. Slagoski, 26, Chetek, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Jeffrey A. Walton, 39, Rice Lake, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Terra M. Zimbrick, 31, Chetek, operating while suspended, \$200.50.

### Complaints

Cody A. Schulz, 19, of Cameron has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date was scheduled for April 8, 2020.

Christopher M. Johanson, 39, of Almena, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date was scheduled for April 8, 2020.

Kayla D. Bass, 30, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

### Criminal Complaints

Amber L. Thomas, 22, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of cocaine. Her initial court appearance is scheduled for June 17, 2020.

Laura R. Stone, 29, of Ellsworth, has been charged with disorderly conduct, and battery. Her status hearing is

scheduled for May 8, 2020.

Joseph B. Brown, 53, of Dallas, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse, and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 10, 2020.

Matthew B. Ruhl, 19, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 10, 2020.

Jason R. Lammers, 40, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating a firearm while intoxicated, disorderly conduct, and use of a dangerous weapon. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Jessica L. Brown, 41, of Dallas, has been charged with disorderly conduct, and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 10, 2020.

Jeremy M. Wittrock, 35, of Cameron, has been charged with knowingly violating a domestic abuse order. His initial appearance is scheduled for June 3, 2020.

Brittany A. Turgeson, 36, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her initial appearance is scheduled for June 10, 2020.

Loren C. Purinton, 52, of Cameron, has been charged with take and drive a vehicle without consent, theft-movable property, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 22, 2020.

Charles G. Enersen, 52, of Rice Lake, has been charged with theft-movable property, criminal trespass to dwelling, and disorderly conduct. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 5, 2020.

Tashena N. Dozois, 35, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with possess w/intent-THC, party to a crime, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her initial appearance is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Steven J. Miller, 41, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with possess w/intent-THC, party to a crime, and possession of drug paraphernalia. His initial appearance is scheduled for April 15, 2020.

Kevin J. Blomberg, 26, of Rice Lake, has been charged with uttering a forgery, and not to commit any new crimes in violation of bond in Barron County. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for June 17, 2020.

Steven G. Davis Jr., 35, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent, criminal damage to property, domestic abuse, misdemeanor battery, disorderly conduct, use of a dangerous weapon, and committing a new crime in violation of bond conditions in Barron County.

Officer Zachmann, with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on April 1, 2020, at approximately 7:06 p.m., he was on routine patrol when Barron County Dispatch advised that a female subject was on the phone with dispatch after calling 911, stating that the defendant, Davis, was slashing her vehicle tires and yelling at her. Dispatch provided a location that the female subject and Davis were behind a restaurant in Rice Lake. Officer Zachmann reports he is familiar with the female's vehicle as Davis was recently been arrested, and one of the charges was criminal damage to the female's vehicle on March 14.

Officer Zachmann reports that he, Sergeant Zimmerman, and Officer Belich responded to the area behind the restaurant. Officer Zachmann did not locate the female's vehicle. Officer Zachmann observed the female on the phone with dispatch. Officer Zachmann reports he asked the female where Davis and her vehicle were at and she pointed towards a storage unit. The female stated she left the vehicle because Davis was

going crazy.

The female stated she has a storage unit that she and Davis were going to because Davis wanted to get some of his tools to bring to the pawn shop. The female told Davis the pawn shop closed at 5:00 p.m., and that he would not be able to pawn the items off until the next day. Davis became upset with her when she told him the pawn shop would be closed.

The female stated Davis slammed the door of the storage unit shut. He then got into the passenger seat of the female's vehicle and started to argue with her. The female was seated in the driver's seat. The female stated Davis, who remained upset, got in and out of the vehicle multiple times all while yelling at her. Davis got back into the vehicle and pulled out a pocket knife. The female stated she started to drive forward and Davis slammed the vehicle in park causing the transmission to grind loudly and come to a stop rapidly.

The female stated Davis threw the knife on the floor of the vehicle. Davis continued to argue and yell at her. Davis then struck the female in the ear with his hand as they were sitting in the vehicle. The female stated she was unsure if Davis used an open hand or closed fist when he hit her because she ducked and closed her eyes knowing the hit was coming. Officer Zachmann reports he observed the female's ear to be bright red in color.

The female stated Davis grabbed his pocket knife from the floor of the vehicle and opened it up. She remained seated in the driver's seat at this time. She stated Davis held the knife upright in his hand with a tight grip around the handle and the blade showing and stared at her. Davis then jumped out of the vehicle and started slashing both passenger side tires as he continued to yell. As Davis was slashing her tires, she got out of the vehicle and went to a gas station where she called 911.

Officer Zachmann reports he was unable to see the van from where he was standing with the female at the gas station. Officer Zachmann checked near the storage units where the female stated the vehicle was. Officer Zachmann did not locate the vehicle. Officer Zachmann then heard dispatch advise they received a call of a vehicle description, that matched the female's driving down the road, with flat tires, and it arrived at a trailer court.

Sergeant Zimmerman reports that he and Officer Belich responded to the trailer court after dispatch advised the vehicle was there with flat tires. While traveling there, Sergeant Zimmerman reports he came across tire debris in the roadway. Sergeant Zimmerman located the vehicle parked in front of a lot, with the hood up. Both passenger side tires were destroyed from traveling on the roadway.

Officer Zachmann reports he later drove to the trailer court. While traveling down the street, Officer Zachmann observed large pieces of tire laying on the roadway. Officer Zachmann used google maps to determine the distance from the storage unit and the trailer court. He reports the vehicle traveled approximately 2.5 miles on the roadway with flat tires.

Sergeant Zimmerman reports an unidentified male in the trailer court informed him the male who had been in the vehicle had got onto a bike and was last seen riding out of the trailer court. Sergeant Zimmerman traveled out of the trailer park and located a bike in the ditch. Sergeant Hulback arrived with his K-9. The K-9 searched the area, but was unsuccessful in locating Davis.

Sergeant Tomesh with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on April 2, at approximately 2:30 p.m., Barron County Dispatch advised they received a call that Davis was at the

same trailer court. Sergeant Tomesh responded and observed a male subject sitting inside the vehicle, who he recognized as Davis. Sergeant Tomesh reports he placed Davis under arrest. When he did so, Sergeant Tomesh reports he could smell an odor of intoxicants coming from Davis.

Davis admitted to slashing the two tires the previous night. He further admitted he was with the female at her storage unit, and that he slashed the two passenger side tires on the vehicle and that he drove the vehicle from the storage unit to the trailer court on flat tires.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than six years or both. For criminal damage to property and domestic abuse, he may be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than nine months or both. For misdemeanor battery, he may be fined not more than \$10,000, or imprisoned not more than nine months or both. For disorderly conduct, and use of a dangerous weapon, he may be fined not more than \$1,000, or imprisoned not more than 90 days or both. For committing a new crime in violation of bond conditions in Barron County, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than nine months or both. Davis's preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 14, 2020.

## Cumberland Police Department Call Log

Wednesday, Apr. 8

A male subject advised that his sister is doing tattoo's out of her home. She gave her 14 year old sister a tattoo without the permission of the mother. Officer advised the complainant states that the female is using dirty needles and has no license to do this. Complainant also states the tattooing is happening all over the county for money.

## WisDOT moving forward with construction projects statewide

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) announced that the construction of 371 roadway infrastructure projects throughout the state are currently scheduled to proceed this season. With close collaboration with contractors to maintain safe and productive work environments, work is already underway on more than 65 projects.

"Our well-being and our economy depend on a safe highway system, and this work will be vital to our recovery efforts now and in the future," WisDOT Secretary-designee Craig Thompson said. "My gratitude goes out to our employees and all our contractors for the hard work they are performing with diligence and care."

WisDOT is working with staff, contractors and laborers to follow the latest guidance from public health officials to prevent the spread of COVID-19. These measures include increased sanitation requirements in work zones, social distancing, and teleconference or electronic meeting requirements. The decreased traffic in Wisconsin allows more flexibility for some projects. Lane restrictions cause less impact

## Something you should know about...

which she poured over a crisp vanilla shortbread cookie. Somehow, the caramel shortbread fell into the hands of a buyer from Louie's Finer Meats. Soon her Sugar Wood sea salt topped caramel shortbread was sold there. Next they were picked up at Island Wine's, Peter & Annie's, and the Cumberland Hospital Gift Shop. Before she knew it, they were selling their products in stores across the country: California, Minnesota, and Iowa!

Chana's line of products continues to expand, with seasonal specialties and new creations being added all the time. "The profound gratitude we feel for Cumberland is immeasurable," Chana told me. So when she saw the opportunity to help out a special member of our community, she jumped on it.

Daughter Ava is best friends with Addy Holmes. Addy, a seven year old from Cumberland, was recently diagnosed with a very rare form of Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Ava wanted to do something to help her friend. Here is how Chana tells the story: "I remember when she came home from school, she so earnestly asked me if we could do "something nice" for Addy who was sick.

My initial reaction was to find a local fundraiser to give to or donate to their go-fund-me. I thought maybe Ava could make a homemade card or send Addy a toy - I was pondering as a "parent"- not as a "business owner." But something in my heart told me to wait, and think more deeply about it. Something in my heart told me to put my "Sugar Wood owner" hat on and try to think of a way we could utilize our business resources to do something more.

And that's when it happened.

Ava and I were brushing our teeth when I looked at her and said, "Hey! What if we made a special treat for Addy, named it after her and sold it?"

Ava plopped her toothbrush down, turned to me with a sparkle in her eyes and exclaimed, "YES! That's IT! But she has to tell us what kind of treat she likes first be-

cause we can't make something she wouldn't eat. And she should get the money from it too Mom."

And so "Addy Skylar's Strawberry Chocolate Fudge" was born, made from Addy's favorite flavors. We ran a big ad in *The Advocate* and Chana got the word out on Facebook and her website [sugarwoodshop.com](http://sugarwoodshop.com) about the special pre-order only event and it took off like wildfire!

The Spot Bar donated 50 lbs. of chocolate chips to the project. Volunteers from the community came to Chana's home/kitchen and helped make, package stamp and mail the hundreds of orders that came flooding in.

When the fundraiser ended, the amazing total of \$5,234.00 was reached.

Chana said that the whole experience has been "priceless to me. My daughter has been given a real life example of what it means to be in a community, what caring and loving people can do when we shine our lights together, and she is being taught that ANYTHING is possible."

She went on to express her unending thanks to all the community members who volunteered. "No sales goal I will ever meet, no major retailer I will ever get into, no dollar amount I could ever profit from will EVER compare to this fundraiser and the power it held for my soul. I consider it my life's greatest work so far. And I could not have done it without the volunteers."

Even though the fudge is gone, your opportunity to help Addy's cause has not. If you would still like to help Addy and her family in their fight against cancer, you may drop off or mail a donation to Addy's Fundraising Account, c/o Cumberland Federal Bank, 1390 Second Ave., PO Box 338, Cumberland, WI 54829.

Thank you Chana and Ava. Blessings and best wishes to Addy. Your example HAS proven to the Cumberland community that, if we work together "ANYTHING is possible."

*Be Well. Be Safe. Be Kind.*

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# An Outdoorsman's Journal by Mark Walters

## The Art of Survival

Hello friends,

In mid February after having watched what was happening in China with the Coronavirus/COVID-19 for a good month I just about wrote a column on what I would do to get prepared for a what I assumed would be a major change in our day to day lives. A couple of important people in my life advised against it and so I did not. This week I am writing about the self sufficient way of life that I have lived for the last 30-years.

In January I started telling my daughter Selina who is a freshmen at UWSP that I felt the virus was going to cause some major problems all over the world.

The day before what was supposed to be spring break Selina packed up most of her belongings in her dorm and moved home. UWSP, like just about every school in the world had cancelled in person classes. Whether a person understands this or not, this is a really big deal for college students.

Selina has wanted to learn how to use a chainsaw for quite some time and next fall is hoping to take a chainsaw certification course. Because Selina is home I fast tracked her classes and am down to one more day of wood cutting and everything for next winter will be cut and stacked, just not split.

I felt that there may be shortages of food or at least possibly. A month ago I built a three level trellis in my house and planted green beans, sugar snap peas, summer squash, cantaloupe, zucchini, broccoli and potatoes. In no way do I feel that these vegetables will feed us for a season but they will mean fresh vegetables from mid May to late June.

I rigged up a light over the top of the trellis and my guess is that I will grow veggies from November until June each year. I have my garden setup right

in the kitchen, next to a sliding glass door which lets me watch each plant and offers the most sunlight in the house.

I have had laying hens and a rooster for 20-years. The rooster that I currently have is five years old and is as pretty and kind as I have ever seen for a rooster. My chickens are free roaming and the rooster comes to either a window or sliding glass door every morning and looks inside until he finds me.

When he does find me first he gives me the look, if that does not work he starts crowing until I give him a treat which is always oyster crackers or bread. Here is what is really neat about this guy, especially since most roosters are kind of mean. This old boy would starve to death if I did not give him treats alone. Every time that I have done this which is hundreds, if there is a hen with him, he takes the treat and gives it to the hen.

A lot of people are going through financial hardships and could find themselves short on provisions. I have lived this way of life which basically is a self employed, outdoor adventures writer, and in a lot of ways a survivalist since I was in my mid 20s.

I am not complaining just stating fact, my income is low but because I do not spend more than I make and more importantly I create so much of my food, heat, and entertainment I do very well for being what could be called "low income!"

None of us knows what the future holds but all of us can think, plan and work so that when adversity strikes we can mentally, physically and financially be as prepared as possible to deal with it.

Support your local businesses, they need you more than ever!

Sunset



Selina Walters in the early stages of learning how to run a chainsaw.



Mark Walters rooster is a true gentleman.

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## 1998 Cumberland Beavers!



Cumberland left hander Jay Gagner embraces his dad Tim after an epic win at Barron in the Regional Championship game.



Cumberland players and coaches were all smiles after claiming the Sectional Championship in Hayward with a win over Nekoosa.

## The 1998 Cumberland Baseball Team; The Road to Appleton

by Mark R. Fuller

When looking back at some of the very best of Cumberland High School Baseball Teams, the 1998 team would certainly be among those in any conversation.

The team would eventually be comprised of 13-letter winners, five seniors, five juniors, two sophomores and a talented freshman, Nate Froehlich. They would be led by a strong pitching staff, which included Senior Justin Jobe, Sophomore Jay Gagner, and Froehlich. They would combine to go 19 and 5 on the mound during the year, with Junior Matt Jobe adding a final pitching victory, in what would become a 20 and 5 overall record.

The team started the season with two victories, before dropping a 12-2 de-

cision to Barron in game three. Barron would become a thorn in the Beavers side throughout the regular season defeating the Beavers again later that spring on their way to the eventual Conference Championship.

The Beavers would finish the regular season with a 14-4 record, while putting Gagner, Jobe, and outfielder Aaron Bryant on the First Team All-Conference squad. They headed into the WIAA Tournaments with a team that was solid in all phases of the game, including an outstanding defense, but needing to open up things against a good Chetek team, who had split regular season games with the Beavers, and Barron the top seed in the Regional.

Gagner got the nod against the Bulldogs and did

not disappoint. He would go the distance, allowing only three hits and not walking a single hitter. Led by a Justin Jobe home run and three hits by Bryant, Cumberland would next play Hayward, a team they had rallied to defeat 6-5 only 10-days earlier.

The Beavers had little trouble against the Hurricanes in their next contest, winning 25-8. The team would now head to Barron for the Regional Championship game.

Barron came into the game with a 19-1 record. A large Cumberland crowd would pack the stands for a game that would match the two All-Conference pitchers, Barron Senior Matt Wirth and Gagner. Little did anyone know when the game started, what a classic battle it would become.

It would take 10-innings to decide the contest. Barron, behind two Wirth homeruns, grabbed an early lead only to see the Beavers rally. The game was tied up 5-5 after six innings.

Gagner would respond by retiring the Bears next 12 straight hitters including six by strikeouts. This gave the Beavers a chance to pull off the upset when they came to bat in the bottom of the tenth inning as they had won the coin flip to start the game.

After a couple Wirth walks, Aaron Bryant then ended the epic contest with a single to left field. A jubilant group of players cel-

ebrated the victory sending the Beavers to the Sectional Tournament in Hayward.

In the victory, Gagner would strikeout 13 hitters and not allow a single walk. Battery mate, catcher Greg Jacobs, had led the Beavers with four hits in the game.

In Hayward, the following Tuesday, Cumberland opened up against always tough Prescott. Gagner would get the nod again and shutout the Cardinals 8-0 on a two-hitter. This meant Cumberland's improbable run of success would leave them only a victory over Nekoosa from a berth at the State Tournament.

Cumberland responded with their outstanding freshman Nate Froehlich on the mound in the Championship game. He would not only take the 8-3 victory, but hit a dramatic three-run home run in the fourth inning. The pitching win was his third of the year and his career. Cumberland was headed to State.

In game one in Appleton, Cumberland faced Jefferson and their outstanding pitcher Brady Endl, who would go on to an excellent college career and two seasons in the Atlanta Braves organization.

On this day, however, he would be bested by Gagner by a 6-1 score. Gagner's pitching victory was the 10th of his Sophomore campaign as he once again dominated his opponent.

The State Championship game was scheduled

for Thursday afternoon but rescheduled to 9:00 am Friday morning due to rain. Unfortunately, a number of Cumberland fans had to return home and were unable to attend the contest.

Cumberland would face Hortonville, the winner of 49 straight games and the 1997 State Champion in the game. A School of 900, they would have an enrollment that included almost 600 more kids than the Beavers 339. Ironically, Cumberland was 20 kids from being a Division 3 team instead of Division 2.

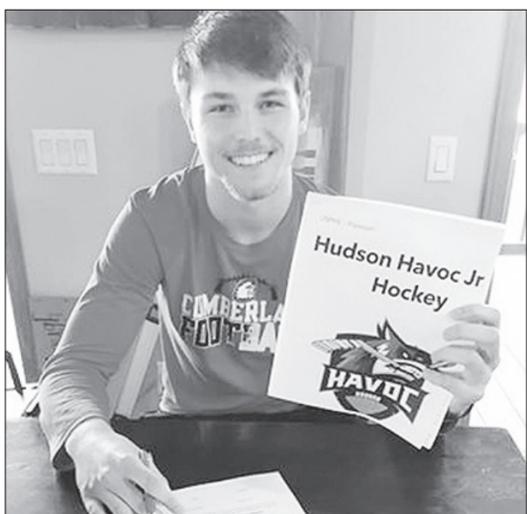
The game was a great battle, but the Beavers would lose 2-1. The Freshman Froehlich would pitch an outstanding game but Cumberland became the 50th consecutive victim of the Polar Bears. Cumberland would go home with the Silver Ball.

There were many stars on the Beavers. They included Justin Jobe, who led the Beavers with a .449 batting average and Gagner, who went 10 and 1 with a

1.74 ERA. They were both named Second Team All-State, while Aaron Bryant was named to the Third Team. Gagner would eventually conclude his tremendous career as a Beaver by being named the State's "Player of the Year," two years later. Of course there were Nate Froehlich, his brother Mike, Bryant and many others who had played a part in the success.

The Coaching staff of Joe Waite, John Ruud, Jamie Olson and Bucky Bergman helped the team improve throughout the year, while Ruud helped bring to the team terms like "Pea Rod," "Buzz the Tower," and "Put a helmet on those worms." Unfortunately, Coach Paul Bucher, who had been with the team for the three previous years, had to leave that season due to work commitments.

There have been many excellent baseball teams in the history of Cumberland High School. Certainly the Beavers of 1998 have secured a place among them.



Carter Bickle has signed to play Jr. A Hockey for the Hudson Havoc next season. Congratulations and good luck Carter!

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4/17 Fri	1:57	8:08	2:19	8:31	06:16	07:51	4:31a	2:37p	9:28a	9:50p
4/18 Sat	2:37	8:48	2:58	9:09	06:15	07:52	4:57a	3:35p	10:12a	10:33p
4/19 Sun	3:14	9:25	3:35	9:46	06:13	07:54	5:20a	4:37p	10:54a	11:14p
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# Correspondents

## Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I hope you had a very happy Easter. Things are so different this year with the “safe at home” thing going on, but we can all try to make the best of this sad situation. The sun still comes up every morning, the birds are still singing and the flowers in our south flowerbed are blooming beautifully. We can get through this, it will just take a little time and a lot of patience.

I walked up to the treehouse this past week and was surprised to hear the little peeper frogs singing at the top of their lungs. They were unbelievably loud. I didn't think they would be out this early.

The treehouse survived the winter very well. I always worry about rodents getting in and chewing things up, but there wasn't a thing disturbed. It was a little too chilly to be comfortable in the house, but I sat on the swing and thought about all the work I should be doing in the garden.

Miriah Lehmann and Jeremy Olson were enjoying a beautiful evening in front of a bonfire at their home in rural Shell Lake. Miriah said it was one of the warm evenings, everything was so peaceful and quiet, and they were very happy to be able to be outside enjoying it all. Suddenly Miriah noticed the peepers singing, and she said, “The frogs are intense tonight. Jeremy answered, “I think they're outside.” Miriah didn't have a clue what he was talking about, of course they were outside, then he said, “They're not in tents.” What can I say, he is hilarious.

We received the nicest Easter card from Sue Meier. The cover was stamped with three flowers, and she had written a note inside. I told Duane that I thought it was handmade, and, when

we looked on the back, we found that Sue had made it. It made our day.

Do you remember last week that I told you about my tradition of making a lamb cake every Easter, and how the kids always tease me about it? Well, Suzy was talking to Alyse Friday morning and she was very sad about not being able to spend Easter together. She told Alyse that the thing she was going to miss most this year was the bunny cake that grandma (that's me) always makes. Alyse started laughing at her and said, “Mom! It's a lamb cake.” They thought that was pretty funny – Suzy was going to miss it so much and she didn't even remember what it was.

Kandice Thon celebrated her birthday on Thursday, April 9th, at home. She said she had a wonderful day with Garrett, Kane and Pierce and got lovely gifts. I told her that we would celebrate with her as soon as we were allowed to be out in public again.

The day before her birthday Kandice sent me a picture of Garrett and Kane flying a kite. She knew that one of my favorite things to do in the spring is to fly kites. About three minutes later she posted an update on the kite flying – it was currently stuck in the top of an old oak tree. It was fun while it lasted.

I have one more poem from Shirley Stellrecht that I would like to share with you today. It is titled “Sister.”

*A sister is a gift from God  
One He himself selected  
Tied by a bond of love so strong*

*It can't be disconnected.  
A sister can be reached  
by phone*

*Even sometimes by a letter  
To be reached for with a*

*hug and smile  
Is always much, much better.*

*A sister's one who knows the score  
Even before you've expressed your fears*

*She's read it in your puzzled look  
Or in your silent tears.*

*A sister won't intentionally  
Try to wreck your hopes and dreams*

*She'll try her best to understand  
No matter how far out it seems.*

*A sister is a unique gift  
One that the Lord has picked with care*

*So special and so irreplaceable  
She must be wrapped in prayer.*

That's all I have from Barronett this week. Hang in there. This will be something to look back on and say, “We made it!”

**Senior Dining**

**Weekday Breakfast, dining at 5, & the Sunday Community Breakfasts suspended until further notice. Grab and Go only until further notice.**

**Thurs, Apr. 16**  
Cashew Chicken Salad & lettuce on a croissant, vegetable medley soup, peach crisp.

**Fri, Apr. 17**  
Cowboy Beef 'n' beans, steamed cauliflower, sourdough bread, lemon bar.

**Mon, Apr. 20**  
Classic Beef & veggie tator tot hotdish, potato bread, cherry crisp.

**Tues, Apr. 21**  
Baked Cod w/ lemon dill sauce, baked potato, carrot raisin salad, peppercorn dill bread, sugar cookie.

**Wed, Apr. 22**  
Ham & Swiss sandwich on marble rye bread w/ a pickle spear, broccoli cheddar soup, angel food cake w/ fruit.

*“All meals include milk, coffee, and butter. Persons who dine at the Senior Center and those who receive Meals on Wheels are reminded they can use their QUEST card (food share) for their meal donation. For more information call Joanne at 715-537-6225.”*

## Northwoods Notebook: Noticing things when the world goes quiet

By Larry Werner

I've never been that good at quiet. I'm an extrovert, Type-A, and my daughter says an undiagnosed ADHD. So the past month of staying home, quarantining, social-distancing, has been hard.

I have my moments of quiet. I rise by 5:30 or so and enjoy reading the newspaper, with classical music playing in the background. But after breakfast, I'm usually off to meet with someone or to the coffee shop for conversation with other old men.

I like going to movies, out to eat, to concerts and plays. Those are things, like the coffee chats, that have been taken from me by the pandemic. But with the orders to stay away from others has come a new awareness of the nature around me in this place blessed with so much nature.

I've lived on Beaver Dam Lake for almost six years, but I've never paid much attention to the retreat of ice in spring. This year, from my living room or on my daily walks, I'd make a visual measurement of how much more water, how much less ice, there was. And before the ice was out, and the lake open, my attention was grabbed by things on the ice.

When we returned from Florida in mid-March, there were a few fishing shacks still out there. Then, only one, and, finally, a single fisherman sitting on a bucket with his line dangling through a hole in the thinning ice. As

the open water expanded from the shore inward, I wondered how that solitary angler got to where he sat on that bucket and, of course, wondered whether he was safe.

I never paid that much attention to such things before. But in the quiet of quarantine you notice things. I've seen muskrats swimming in the lake before, their little heads above the surface, their streamlined bodies cutting a wake as they made their way to shore. But I had never noticed them on the surface of the frozen lake.

One day, as we rested on the rocks near the boat launch at the end of Hines Lakeview Drive, we saw two holes in the ice. On the edge of one hole was a muskrat. I clapped my hands, and it dived into the hole, emerging seconds later from the other hole. It was a little game we played, the muskrat and I, who were aware of each other in the solitude of an early spring afternoon.

And there are the eagles. I've seen them before, of course, but haven't just stood and watched them soar over the lake before returning to their treetop homes. And as the ice had been almost entirely replaced by water, I noticed an eagle sitting on the edge of the ice, apparently waiting patiently for a fish destined to become a meal.

I've heard the birds before, but not like I do now when walking. I notice other people now I haven't before – the

folks who live along my route, or other walkers. The senses, it seems, have been sharpened in these quieter times.

Mary Metzger, a friend and poet, sent me something she wrote about the solitude of this time, of the things she notices now at her lakeside home, or when she walks with friends after receiving a text that the old folks are taking their socially-distanced stroll.

She's given me permission to share it with you:

*The Plague of the 21st Century*

Mary G. Metzger

The Joy of Solitude  
Became the Horror of Solitude

When the Crisis came;  
When we had to stay Home

To protect ourselves from The Virus,

The invisible sub-microscopic Crown,  
The Plague of the 21st Century.

We had to renew ourselves  
With a Phone call, or a Poem, or a Purr,

Or a spring day as I absorb the Lake,

Or listen to the flight of warbling Cranes,

Or scope the Bufflehead on a little open Water,

Or wait for a Text that invites

A stroll with silvered Buddies

Each six feet of “Social Distance” apart.

Larry Werner's email is [lhwner47@gmail.com](mailto:lhwner47@gmail.com).

## ADRC offers “Grab-N-Go” lunches for seniors

Providing food security and safety in our communities during the COVID-19 pandemic is essential. Barron County's Senior Dining Program, with guidance from Barron County Public Health, continues to provide home-cooked, hot meals at most of our dining sites as a “grab and go” option for seniors.

“Grab and Go” Lunch Offered for Seniors:

- Served Monday-Friday at most locations, pick up time provided when you reserve your meal.
- Registered diners can order lunch from any location below by calling at least 24 hours ahead. A registration form is required for all new diners and should be completed the first time you participate in the program. The form can be filled out at the location or you can print out a form online at [www.adrcconnections.org](http://www.adrcconnections.org) and turn it in when you arrive. We welcome all new diners!

- The Rice Lake Senior

Center offers drive-thru pick up; at all other locations you need to pick up your meal inside or curb-side. Please practice social distancing.

- Our monthly meal menu is posted at [www.adrcconnections.org](http://www.adrcconnections.org), on our Facebook Page, or can be found in the Barron County Review Newspaper.

### Reservations and Cost

- Reservations are required. To make a reservation for a meal, call the dining site you plan to attend at least 24 hours in advance.
- Meal cost depends on age
  - For those 60 and older, suggested donation: \$4.00 (Any amount in cash or check will be gratefully accepted. Quest card or Food Share can be used for a meal donation)
  - Those under 60: \$9.00 full cost

### Pick Up Locations

- Cumberland Senior Center, 715-822-8794, 1255 Webb Street (call anytime, can leave voicemail)
- Barron Senior Citizen

Center, 715-537-5726, 12 North Third Street (call between 9A and 1P)

- Chetek Center, 715-925-2600, 711 First Street (call anytime, can leave voicemail)

- Rice Lake Senior Center, 715-234-7227 or 715-234-7224, 12 W Humbird (call anytime, can leave voicemail)

- Turtle Lake Dining, 715-986-2034, 301 Becker Street Apartments (only serving Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, call between 11A and 1P)

Home delivered meals are still being offered throughout the county for homebound seniors. The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Barron, Rusk and Washburn Counties remains committed to continuing to provide essential services during this crisis. Contact us for questions or for more information at 715-537-6225 or contact us through our web site at [www.adrcconnections.org](http://www.adrcconnections.org).

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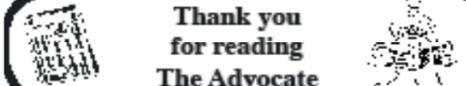
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# OBITUARIES



**Michael K. Nolan**

Michael Kent Nolan, 70, of Barronett, passed away at home surrounded by his family on April 7, 2020, after a courageous 11-month battle with pancreatic cancer. He was born February 24, 1950, to William Nolan and Lucille (Sperling) Nolan in Waukesha. He married Sally Reiter on August 19, 1972 in Chippewa Falls. They were married for 48 years.

Mike loved Cumberland so much that he lived there three times. After graduating from UW-EC in 1973, he was hired by 3M Cumberland as an Industrial Engineer. His career with 3M took him and his family to Alexandria, MN, London, Ontario, Canada, and Hudson, while working at 3M Headquarters in St. Paul, MN. He returned to Cumberland in 1991 and then again in 2008 when he retired to build his

"Dream Polished."

Mike loved his family and friends and showed that love by fixing anything that needed fixing or building anything that needed building for them. He enjoyed the camaraderie of deer camp and fishing trips, but most of all, he loved starting and completing his never-ending list of projects for family and friends.

Mike is survived by his loving wife, Sally; three children Bill (Ania) Nolan of Hudson, Vicki (Jason) Nash of Forest Lake, MN and Jessica (Mike) LeBoeuf of Hugo, MN; seven grandchildren, Lila, Collette and Edie Nash, Katya and Jonny Nolan and Camille and Margot LeBoeuf; siblings Ted Nolan, Milwaukee; Debbie Fox, Brodhead; Paul Nolan, Forest Lake, MN, Lynne Overlander of Welch, MN, and Doug Baker of Germantown; special nieces and nephews, Madi and Joe Nolan; Jenny Atkinson and Matt Reiter, Heather Riddick and many other nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his stepmother Lily Nolan, sister Gwen Faes, brother Rich Baker and precious granddaughter Angelina Hope Nolan.

Mike's life was filled with

optimism, integrity and fun. He was strong and courageous to the end.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date due to the Covid-19 pandemic.



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## Life On The Family Farm Under An Open Heaven

By: Tom Heck



### No, This Is Good For Me

In our culture today, so many people complain about hard work. By the way they talk about it, you would think it's something that should be avoided if at all possible. But wise people know better. It always makes me think back to an incident that happened years ago on our farm here.

The only way we had to heat our house here years ago was with firewood. So in the wintertime I would cut a lot of it. I was very blessed to have an older man who was retired who would come and help us quite reg-

ularly. He always enjoyed coming out to the farm and helping us. Lots of times he would come out once a week; so in the winter time when he was here we would usually head to the woods to make firewood. He was a great blessing to us and he greatly enjoyed helping us.

He was here one day in early March and before he left, he asked me a question. "Would it be alright if I brought my nephew, Dave, along next time I come? He's a foreman on a bridge building crew and he's been laid off all winter. He would like to come help us." I replied, "Sure, I'm not one to turn down good help."

The next week came, and they showed up at our farm. We hit it off well right away. Dave was a big strong guy that looked like he had chosen the right career. Since I had two strong men to help me that day, I had decided to harvest a great big, old,

twisted-up oak tree that leaned out over one of our fields.

They were ready and eager to go at it. We got the tree cut down and brushed it out and then started cutting it up into hunks of firewood. We loaded the smaller hunks onto our trailer, and the bigger ones we started to split with a mall and wedges. I didn't own a wood splitter back then so that was the way we had to do it. Bob did most of the chainsaw work, while Dave and I did the splitting and loading of it.

The sun was getting low in the sky by the time we were down to the last two big hunks of wood to split and load. Dave was all done in; he hadn't worked this hard in a long time. He was so worn-out, that he got down on his knees to split the last two hunks. I was really worn-out too, but I felt bad seeing Dave

*Life on the family Farm*  
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# Church Directory

## "Not even COVID can prevent your resurrection"

by Pastor Shane Anderson  
Augustana Lutheran Church

When you come to a cemetery to pay your respects to a loved one, what is it that you expect to see? I think most of us would expect to see a well manicured lawn. Tombstones that are taken care of, and possibly even some flowers left behind.

One thing we don't expect to see, are the graves of our loved ones desecrated or vandalized. Headstones knocked over, or heaven forbid, the grave being robbed or someone removing the body of our loved one.

But this is exactly what happened to one woman, on the 5th of April, 33 A.D. Her trip to the cemetery that Sunday morning, and her discovery of an empty tomb, would become the single most important event in all of human history.

That woman's name was Mary, who hailed from the small coastal town of Magdala, on the sea of Galilee and has since become known the world over as Mary Magdalene.

It this Mary, that the Bible tells us, was the first to discover that the body of Jesus was missing. In order to prevent prevent his disciples from stealing the body of Jesus and claiming that he came back from the dead, The Sanhedrin along with Pontius Pilate placed both Roman and temple guards in front of the tomb. Pontius Pilate also placed a wax seal, an official Roman seal on the opening of the tomb, to make sure no one would desecrate the body. Breaking a Roman Seal was punishable by crucifixion. The body of Jesus was as secure as it possibly could be.

Which is why, It was even more of a shock, that on the morning of April 5th, Mary would find the tomb to be empty. That is when Mary discovered the truth about what happened to the body of Jesus, when she would encountered the Risen Christ, alive and well. Jesus had physically, bodily been resurrected from the dead...just as he predicted.

And that is why, for the last, almost 2,000 years, we have gathered together every Sunday morning as the Church, to celebrate in our divine worship, the greatest event in all of human history....The resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Every Sunday, is a celebration, a little "mini-Easter" if you will.

This Easter, even though we are not able to gather together to celebrate this fact, Easter still comes whether we are at home or at church. Just like no amount of temple or Roman Guards, nor Roman wax seals, or heavy stones rolled in front of his grave, could keep Jesus entombed; there is no amount of deadly virus or government stay-at-home orders that will prevent your resurrection as well. For we know, as it says in our Small Catechism, "On the Last Day, he will raise me and all the dead, and give me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true...and this is most certainly, Good News.

<p><b>AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)</b> 1025 Second Avenue Phone: 715-822-2890 Pastor Shane Anderson Worship Service: 9 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion at all services.</p>	<p><b>GOSPEL MENNONITE</b> Almena, WI. Sunday: Sunday School, all ages 10 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Evening services: 7:45 p.m.</p>	<p><b>SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> Soo Ave., Almena, WI. Father Tommy Thompson Weekend Mass: Sun., 8:30 am <b>ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 320 Pine St., Turtle Lake, WI. Father Tommy Thompson Phone: 715-822-2948 Masses: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>SHELL LAKE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH</b> Shell Lake, WI. Virgil Amundson, Pastor Sunday: Sunday School: 9 a.m.; Family Worship: 10 a.m.; K. F. C. 10 a.m.; U-Turn Student Ministries: Sunday evening 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>BARRONETT LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)</b> 776 Prospect Ave., Phone: 715-822-5511, cell: 715-671-3197 Minister: Todd Ahneman Sunday: Worship 9 a.m.; Holy Communion 1st &amp; 3rd Sundays.</p>	<p><b>HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH</b> Clayton, WI. Father Christopher Wojcik, Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.; Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. ANTHONY ABBOT CATHOLIC PARISH</b> 900 St. Anthony Street Father Tommy Thompson Phone: 715-822-2948 Weekend Masses: Sat. 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:30a.m.</p>	<p><b>SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Missouri Synod (LCMS) 483 7th Avenue, Clayton Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Gregory Becker (SMP). Divine Service: Saturday: 4 pm; Holy Communion: 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month</p>
<p><b>CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH, LCMS, Pipe Lake</b> See us on Facebook Polk County Hwy's. "G" and "T" christlutheranpipelake.com Steve Miller, Pastor Phone: 715-822-3096 Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. All Year; Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:00 am. Sept. -May.</p>	<p><b>HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 1390 1st Ave., Cumberland Pastor Paul Green Phone: 715-822-3586 Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 am hopecommunitychurch.life</p>	<p><b>ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 502 Second St., Shell Lake Father Edwin Anderson Phone: 715-635-3105 Saturday Mass; 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>STANFOLD LUTHERAN</b> Hwy 48, 9 mi. E. of Cumberland Pastor John Bergson Phone: 262-354-4537 Assistant Pastor Gerald Hibbard Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m. &amp; 10:30a.m.; Coffee time &amp; bible Study</p>
<p><b>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS</b> 644 South 6th St., Barron Bishop Kenneth Konesky Chapel: (715) 537-3679 Home: (715) 719-0283 Sunday Sacrament Meeting: 10-11 a.m.; 11:10-Noon: Priesthood, Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School.</p>	<p><b>LAKE PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH</b> Shell Lake, WI. John Sahlstrom, Pastor Phone: 715-468-2734 Prayer: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m.</p>	<p><b>ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> Missouri Synod (LCMS) Almena, WI. Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Gregory Becker. Sunday: Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Divine Service: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion 1st &amp; 3rd Sunday of each month.</p>	<p><b>TIMBERLAND RINGEBU FREE LUTHERAN</b> 12 miles north on "H" Wayne Romsos Pastor Phone 715-468-4403 Sunday School, all ages 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of each month.</p>
<p><b>CUMBERLAND BAPTIST</b> Gary Dom, Pastor 1225 Hwy. 48 Phone: 715-822-3520 Bible Study: 8:30 a.m.; Prayer Time: 9:45 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday: The Bridge for all ages 5:30 p.m. www.cumberlandbaptistchurch.com</p>	<p><b>NORTHERN LAKES COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 825 8th Ave., Cumberland Dennis Wright, Pastor Phone: 715-822-5502 Services: NEW Saturday 6:30 p.m. service starting September 7, and Sunday 10:00 a.m. service; Contemporary Worship w/ nursery for 0-3 yrs. Children's Church: Sunday 10:00 a.m.; ages 4 through 4th grade. AWANA &amp; IMPACT runs Wednesdays, September 18 through May 2020; meal served 4:45 to 5:15 pm for all; programs start 5:30 - 7:00 for AWANA and IMPACT Middle School; 5:30 - 7:30 for IMPACT High School.</p>	<p><b>ST. PAUL LUTHERAN</b> Missouri Synod 1 mile East on Hwy. 48 John Miels, Pastor Phone: 715-822-8690 Sunday morning traditional worship: 9:00 a.m.; Wed. evening contemporary worship: 7:30 p.m..</p>	<p><b>TRINITY LUTHERAN</b> 10 mi. W on Hwy. 48, McKinley Pastor Diane House Phone: 715-822-3001 Sunday Worship service: 9 a.m., Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sunday of each month.</p>
<p><b>FIRST LUTHERAN (ELCA)</b> Elm and Eighth Avenue Timothy Schmidt, Pastor Phone: 715-822-4416 Worship Services: Sunday 8 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. Communion 1st and 3rd weeks of the month.</p>	<p><b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Rev. Mike Brubaker Phone: 715-822-4293 Worship Service &amp; Sunday School 9:00 a.m., Worshiping, witnessing, sharing community, Cry room available. Sunday Fellowship following each service. Holy Communion 1st Sunday each month.</p>	<p><b>SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH</b> Rice Lake, WI. Hwy. SS 1/2 mi. S. of Cedar Mall Pastor: John Redlich Phone: 715-434-7798 Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 pm.</p>	<p><b>UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST</b> Blue Hills Fellowship 230 W. Messenger St. Rice Lake April Nielsen, Lay Leader Adult discussion forum: 9:15 a.m.; Worship services 10:30 a.m.; Coffee hour: 11:30 a.m.</p>

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<p><b>PEACE</b> 110 Prospect Ave. • PO Box 117 Almena, WI 54805 715-357-3286 or 715-357-3716 nordquisttruck@chibardun.net</p>	<p><b>NORDQUIST TRUCKING</b> LONNIE FOREHAND, OWNER 110 Prospect Ave. • PO Box 117 Almena, WI 54805 715-357-3286 or 715-357-3716 nordquisttruck@chibardun.net</p>	<p><b>MIDWEST MOTOR GROUP</b> Quality Cars &amp; Trucks 715-419-1772 or 715-803-4889 Kevin Monson Matt Torgerson Corner of CTH P &amp; US HWY 8 • Almena</p>	<p><b>WISCO RV &amp; MARINE</b> Sales • Service • Storage 2236 Hwy. 63 Cumberland, WI 715-822-8714 www.wiscomarine.com</p>	<p><b>ASPEN ACUPUNCTURE</b> Stacy Rischette, L.A.C., MT Chinese Master www.aspenacupuncture.com mail@aspenacupuncture.com 715-822-4418 1268 2nd Ave. • Cumberland</p>	

# Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary cancels Annual Prairie Fling Festival

In the interest of community safety and in support of Governor Evers Safer at Home order, Prairie Fling Festival has been cancelled this year. The event was scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary in Saron. This would have been the 7th Prairie Fling Festival, which encourages families to visit Hunt Hill and connect with people, nature and community. A very special thanks to our 2020 sponsors who have donated their sponsorships this year: Indianhead Credit Union, Jacobson Advanced Eye Care, JNS Farms, Royal Credit Union, Shell Lake State Bank, Katherine Stewart, and Stresau Laboratory.

## Red Barn Theatre explores options for Summer season

Due to COVID-19 the Directors of the Red Barn Theatre are evaluating potential changes in the 2020 season. Hoping to present a full season, the board will meet regularly, allowing month by month decisions as to opening status.

Those who have already

quests that people continue to practice safe social distancing and that anything packed in, be packed out. Currently the Governor has closed a number of state parks due to safety concerns, litter and vandalism. Hunt Hill will remain open as long as visitors help to care for our facilities and trails. A donation box and trail maps are located on the information kiosk by the farmhouse office.

Hunt Hill also offers Hunt Hill at Home, a Facebook live series, weekdays at 1pm. Program Director, Sage Dunham, leads these family-friendly nature programs which cover topics like: frogs, bluebirds, nature journaling and more. The videos and more information about Hunt Hill can also be found at [www.hunthill.org](http://www.hunthill.org).

purchased gift certificates for season tickets can be assured that if the season is cancelled the tickets could be held over for the next season, or refunded. If any patron wishes to donate the cost of their season tickets to offset expenses, the Barn would be grateful.

## Burnett Dairy Cooperative donates cheese to schools, food pantries

Cooperative's dairy farmers and employees commit to maintaining dairy production capacity amid COVID-19 pandemic response to help meet urgent need for free meals

Burnett Dairy Cooperative, a full-service cooperative that produces cheese, is stepping up to support its community in their greatest moment of need.

Burnett Dairy Cooperative and its member farmers are keeping to business as usual and donating cheese to food pantries, schools and nonprofit organizations supplying free meals. The cheese is being given to organizations based nearby the Cooperative's Grantsburg headquarters, including in the Greater Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area.

"The Burnett Dairy Cooperative and our member farmers recognized an opportunity to make a difference during an extremely challenging time for our country and the dairy industry," said Dan Dowling, CEO and president for the Burnett Dairy Cooperative. "Farmers have always been the backbone of the national food supply, so we felt a responsibility to marshal our resources—and a little ingenuity—to fight hunger in our communities by donating as much cheese as we can."

As part of the effort, Chell Trucking (of Siren, Wisc.) is donating time and refrigerated truck space to help safely distribute the cheese to partners. For more information about Burnett Dairy Cooperative, visit [BurnettDairy.com](http://BurnettDairy.com) or join the community on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

## April City Council...

son for the Corner Bar and Restaurant. The Council then voted to approve Resolution 20-04A to Ratify the Emergency Proclamation approved by the Chief Executive Officer Pertaining to the COVID-19 Pandemic and Declaration of Emergency.

After the completion of his probationary period, the council approved the hiring of Dylan Feiertag as a full-time Police Officer effective April 15, 2020.

Next to be approved was the bid for the Arcade Avenue and Water Street Reconstruction from Haas Sons, Inc in the amount of \$1,888,434.97. The project replaces collapsed storm drains and sewers, as well as rebuilds the roadway.

The council also awarded the bid for Sanitary Sewer Cleaning and Televising to Northern Pipe, Inc. in

the amount of \$74,320.20. Motion Carried. This had to come before the Council since it is being funded by USDA loan/grant and CDBG grants funds that are approved by Council.

The contract with Custom Service Information LLC (CSI) for the development of the State required Police Policy and Procedure Manual at cost not to exceed \$2,400, with the League of Municipalities Mutual Insurance reimbursing the municipality \$1,000 and an annual cost for updates of \$500 also received council approval.

Lastly, the council voted on the Fair Housing Proclamation recognizing April as Fair Housing Month.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next month's meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 p.m.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

## VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 10 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

**You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.**

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

**Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail**

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: May 7, 2020.**

**Note:** Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

### Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

**The days to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office are listed by municipality below:**

City of Cumberland Julie Kessler 950 1st Ave Cumberland WI 54829 April 27-May 8 Mon.-Fri. 8am-4:30pm	Town of Crystal Lake Arlene Frisinger 164 22nd Ave Comstock WI 54826 April 6-May 10 by appt. 715-822-8039
Town of Cumberland Holly Nyhus 1876 7th St Cumberland WI 54829 March 26 - May 8 By appt. 715-357-6154	Town of Lakeland Danielle Maxwell-Parker PO Box 28 791 29 11/16 Ave. Barronett WI 54813 March 26 - May 8 By appt. 715-529-2741
Town of Maple Plain Danielle Maxwell-Parker 2675 Polk-Barron St Cumberland WI 54829 March 26 - May 8 by appt 715-529-2741	

**The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office varies and is indicated above.**

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No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on May 12, 2020. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

DeeAnn Cook  
Barron County Clerk

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## TOWN OF CRYSTAL LAKE • REQUEST FOR BIDS TRI Project #16331

Scope of project: This is a TRI Project#16331, Reconstructing 1st Street. Successful bidder will provide signs and or certified flaggers for traffic warning and control in accordance with MUTCD and Wisconsin Supplement.

Sealed bids, specifying **TRIP BID #16331** on the envelope on should be sent to Town of Crystal Lake, PO Box 757, Cumberland, WI 54829. Bid specs will be available at the time of viewing, contact the Road Supervisor, John Lombard at 715-419-1358, for the date of viewing. Deadline for bid submission is May 14, 2020 with bid opening May 19 at the monthly Town Board meeting. The Town of Crystal Lake reserves the right to reject any and all bids and accept the bid deemed most advantageous.

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### NOTICE

The regular meeting of the Cumberland Municipal Utility Commission will be held telephonically on Monday, April 20, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. If someone has a public comment or concern you wish presented, please submit it in writing and leave in our drop box at 1265 2nd Avenue, or mail to our P.O. Box 726, Cumberland, WI 54829.

The meeting agenda is as follows:

1. Roll call
2. Public comments
3. Review and approval of the 3/16/20 meeting minutes
4. Review and approval of Vouchers
5. General Manager's report
6. Adjourn.

Dean Bergstrom  
General Manager

Some or All of the Commission Members may attend telephonically or by video conferencing.

Persons attending the meeting at the Utility Offices may be able to view and listen to the meeting, unless the meeting is moved to Closed Session, per Wisconsin Statutes.

The Utility Commission reserves the right to convene to Closed Session, Wis. §§ 19.85 (C), and reconvene to Open Session, Wis. §§ 19.85 (2).

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## TOWN OF CUMBERLAND NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). Due to COVID 19, the meeting will be adjourned until a later date.

Holly Nyhus, Clerk

Town of Cumberland  
Advocate on April 15 & 22, 2020 WNA3PL

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**Cumberland School District Employment Opportunity Special Education Teacher**

**Job Title:** Full-Time Middle School Special Education Teacher

**Job Description:** Full-time Special Education teaching position at the Cumberland Middle School, effective at the start of the 2020 - 2021 school year. Applicants will have excellent communication, leadership, and organizational skills. Experience with special education paperwork and procedures, including functional behavior assessments and behavior intervention plans are desired. Applicants must value the importance of maintaining student rapport and have experience with co-teaching and differentiation. This position entails working with students in grades 5-8. The applicant is responsible for case management duties, communicating with parents and staff, writing and implementing IEPs, as well as completing other duties as assigned.

**Qualifications:** A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Special Education License to teach students in grades 5-8.

**How to Apply:** If interested in this position, applications are taken through the WECAN website: <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu> or mail or email resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation and copies of transcripts from all attended universities to:  
Colin Green, Principal  
Cumberland Middle School  
980 8th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829  
cgree@csdmail.com  
Website: [www.cumberland.k12.wi.us](http://www.cumberland.k12.wi.us)  
**Deadline: April 27, 2020**  
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see Dave ever again; although, I know he did go on to build many more bridges. And I'm sure he was a fine bridge builder with the work ethic that he had. God created all things, and that includes work. Work should be enjoyable, profitable and fulfilling. I find it very fulfilling at the end of a long day when I can look back on it and see what we've accomplished. There's a real satisfaction in it. I know Dave would agree with me on that, even when he was down on his

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## PERSONALS

AA-Mondays at 7 p.m., Augustana Church; Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Senior Citizen Center. Women's inspiration AA meeting: 6 pm Tuesdays at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library Community Meeting Room 715-529-9592. tfn

Weekly AI-Anon Meetings: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Cumberland. tfn

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## PUBLIC SERVICE

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

Cumberland Police Department: 715-822-2754  
Barron County Sheriff: 715-537-3106  
Barron County Tipster Line: 1-800-532-9008  
Polk County Sheriff's Dept: 715-485-8300

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BARRON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

## Life on Farm...

ing the mall for all that he had. I said to Dave, "I can finish that." His response? "No, this is good for me." I was shocked to hear him say that. I replied, "Dave, you're all worn-out, I can finish it." His response back, "No, this is good for me. The bridge building plant I work for got sold and the new owners are coming in next week. I've got to be there and I want to make a good impression on them. I use a mall and wedges often when I'm building bridges."

So I stood back and let him finish splitting those two hard hunks of oak.

Well, we got the wood home and they were about ready to leave and Dave came up to me and thanked me for letting him come and help us that day. I was surprised and thanked him for all his help. I told him that I should give him something for all his help that afternoon, but he wouldn't hear of it. His response, "No, this was good for me." With that they left and I never did

knees swinging my mall!  
Tom Heck and his family have a small dairy farm in WI. To order a copy of Tom's new book, "Life on the Family Farm" send a check to: Tom Heck, 21079 80th St., Bloomer WI. 54724. \$15 each plus \$4 for S&H. Order two or more at \$15 each and get free S&H. To view Tom's past articles go to: [tomheckfarm.com](http://tomheckfarm.com) Email Tom at: [lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com](mailto:lifeonthefamilyfarm@gmail.com) Copyright © 2020 by Tom Heck. All rights reserved.

# Cumberland Healthcare's COVID 19 Response Update

With the warm weather creeping in and the passing of Easter weekend, we know this is the time of year that many snowbirds look to begin their journey back north. With most US states having some type of "Safer at Home" order in place, we hope this is delaying some of this travel. If you have loved ones who have wintered out of the area, please ask them to remain in their winter homes until it is again safe to travel, and states have lifted their "Safer at Home" order, this is for their safety as well as ours.

If you have found your way back home, we ask that you follow commonly accepted practices and self-quarantine for 14 days. During this time, you should monitor your temperature two times daily, watching for an elevation above 100.0F. Also, monitor for any new onset of cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or other respiratory signs. If you remain free of all of these symptoms during the 14 days, you can then feel free to venture out as needed per state and local orders. During this period of time, if you experience any of these symptoms, it is best to remain home, if possible, and not venture out until 72 hours after all symptoms have subsided.

Please know that Cumberland Healthcare is al-

ways here for your healthcare needs, and if you ever feel that you are ill and need our help or you have questions, you can call 715-822-7500 and ask for the Triage line. We have a provider available Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm who can answer your questions and provide guidance or arrange an appointment over the phone. Our emergency room is open and available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and is ready to care for all of your urgent and emergent healthcare needs.

We would like to update you on our curbside INR's. These are by appointment and for patients who are currently enrolled in the Cumberland Anticoagulation Clinic. If you are not currently enrolled, and wish to enroll in this program, please request a referral from your provider to the Cumberland Anticoagulation Clinic. If you have questions regarding INR's, please call 715-822-7110.

We have noticed some community members utilizing masks while they are out in public and wanted to provide you with some information. Masking is to help decrease the spread by ensuring you are covering your cough and sneezes as well as it decreases the amount of times you touch your face. COVID-19 is

spread primarily by a person coughing or sneezing on surfaces then you touch that surface then touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. A mask needs to be worn properly to be effective. When wearing a mask ensure you are adjusting the mask with the straps and you perform hand hygiene after doing so. When the mask is on your face it should cover your nose and your mouth, not resting under your nose or on your chin.

Another trend occurring is wearing gloves in public. This practice is not recommended as it can increase the risk of spread because the wearer is not washing their hands between items or activities. The best way to stop the spread from hand contact is washing your hands, not touching your face without washing your hands, and washing your hands before you eat.

We thank all of you for the support you have given us. We have all necessary safety precautions in place and are here for your medical needs. Cumberland Healthcare is dedicated to keeping our community safe and informed. We will post updated information every week through the Cumberland Healthcare Facebook page and our website. Thank you for your understanding.

# Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week April 13-17

MADISON, Wis. – Gov. Tony Evers has declared April 13-17 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin, and ReadyWisconsin is encouraging everyone to take time this spring to talk about weather safety with their families. ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association also encourage everyone in the state to participate in a Virtual Tornado Drill at 1:45 p.m. on April 16.

"It is essential that people take the time during this important week to ensure everyone living in their home knows what to do when a tornado warning or severe storm is in their area," said Dr. Darrell L. Williams, Wisconsin Emergency

Management administrator. "During Thursday's Virtual Tornado Drill, we encourage them to spend a few minutes going over their plans and identifying where to seek shelter."

Wisconsin averages 23 tornadoes annually. During the 2019 season, the NWS confirmed 28 tornadoes touched down in the state of Wisconsin. Of those, 18 occurred during a three-day period in late July, downing countless trees and damaging homes and other buildings across the central portion of the state.

The state has already experienced its first tornado this year, when a storm in late March produced an EF-1 tornado that touched down in Grant County. The tornado did not cause any

injuries, but it did damage a home and barn. It's a reminder that, while spring and summer are the most active times for tornadoes in Wisconsin, they can happen at any time of year.

While most of Wisconsin has become familiar with the annual statewide tornado drill, the ongoing response to COVID-19 in the state means a break from tradition this year. Due to technical limitations, there will be no live test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) that triggers NOAA weather radios and messages on broadcast stations. Communities should rest assured that these systems are still regularly tested. This departure simply means there will be no coordinated statewide test this year.



## COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

As your locally-owned utility, our employees and customers are our most valuable asset. In order to continue to provide safe, efficient and reliable service to our customers, we will continue to put employee and customer safety first. To limit the community spread of the COVID-19 virus while maintaining the resources needed to run our operations, we are taking the following steps to continue to serve our customers and respond to outages as we implement the following changes:

- The utility office will be closed to walk-in traffic until the state of emergency is lifted. We encourage you to communicate with us via email or telephone.
- We have many payment options available. You can pay your bill online, by phone, outside drop box at the office or by mail. We will be checking the drop box twice daily and will be picking the mail up daily.
- We are following the guidelines recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) for personal hygiene and have increased disinfection methods and frequency of all high touch areas.

Consistent with Governor Evers Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home, Cumberland Municipal Utility has begun remote operations, with limited staff on site. Employees working remotely will be responding to phone messages and email regarding utility services. Employees will be practicing social distancing and workgroup separation to conduct essential services. Employees working remotely are required to report in person within 30 minutes should an emergency situation arise. All critical essential services to our customers will be maintained during this time.

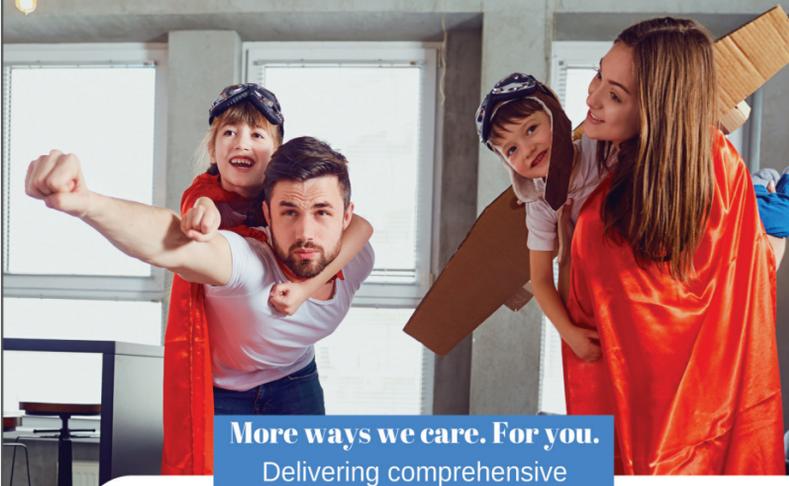
Per Wisconsin Public Service Commission order, late fees will not be assessed and disconnects due to non-payment will be suspended until further notice. (Please note, disconnects may be suspended, but this does not mean your utility bills are "forgiven," you will be responsible for your utility bills when the moratorium is lifted)

Cumberland Municipal Utility continues to monitor developments closely! Our top priority is taking care of our employees, our customers and our community.



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Your flexibility and personal commitment have not only changed the way we work but have also allowed us to fulfill our promises to our customers and enable business continuity for our company.

**Thank you for your hard work and dedication as we work through this unprecedented time – we value and appreciate you.**