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Demolition Coming!



Demolition will soon begin on some of the old hospital buildings.

Partial Demolition of the Old Cumberland Healthcare Building

CUMBERLAND, WI – As part of the final phase of Cumberland Healthcare's building project, some sections of the old hospital property is set for demolition over the next few months.

Since the closure of the old hospital/clinic site in April 2023, efforts have been carefully planned and are underway to repurpose and revitalize certain areas on the premises.

Key highlights of the project include:

• Demolition Schedule: The demolition process will begin at the end of April or beginning of May, starting with targeted sections of the old hospital that are no longer in use.

• Mechanicals Transfer: Currently, efforts are focused on relocating the mechanical systems from the old building into the nursing home section as the nursing home will remain intact.

• Ambulance Garage: In December 2023, the old ambulance garage and surrounding green space were sold to Cumberland Care and Rehab. This strategic move not only consolidates resources but fosters collaboration between Cumberland Healthcare and Cumberland Care and Rehab.

• Cumberland Care and Rehab: Cumberland Healthcare is currently working with the nursing home on future plans.

As demolition preparations ramp up, safety remains a top priority. The project team is implementing measures to ensure the protection of workers, neighboring properties and members of our community.

Busy Weekend!



Cumberland firefighters were called out to 4 separate fires this past weekend. The dry and windy conditions were the perfect recipe. The photo above was taken on the shores of North Pipe Lake. Firefighters also responded to the Barronett area as well as the Cumberland brush dump and a camp fire on Largon Lake that reignited overnight. One landowner did not want to let firemen put out a brush fire as he thought he had it under control. The Sheriff's Department informed him otherwise. Cumberland Fire Chief Rick Sebens stated all the fires were preventable. Burning bans are in place and homeowners will be billed. Cumberland firefighters along with other emergency response agencies also responded to a three vehicle accident on Hwy 48 east of Cumberland on Saturday. There were some injuries but fortunately no fatalities.

An April in 1914; Island City Memories

by Mark R Fuller

April, ninety years ago, had many similarities to the April of today.

The City Council was in the midst of reorganizing, as Mayor Algeo presided over the first regular meeting of the new Council on April 14, 1914. The eight Aldermen consisting of Jacobson, Hocom, Pierce, Christensen, Anderson, Reese, Haugen, and Morken, were all in attendance as Ed Pierce was elected Council President by a 5 to 3 vote over A. L. Morken.

The Council then re-elected A. J. Chubb as City Clerk, while setting his salary at $45.00 a month. They also named him purchasing agent for the city, for which they gave him $10 monthly and Street Commissioner, for another $10 every 30 days.

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Believet! Canine Service Partners



Last Tuesday night, the American Legion hosted "Believet". Believet provides custom trained service dogs, free of charge to disabled veterans to help them lead more productive, independent lives. Scott Listberger, a retired Army and Air Force Veteran with over 30 years of service in the military, led the program. Scott said the training can take up to two years and costs approximately $30,000 for each dog. The dogs are specially trained to perform mobility and psychiatric tasks. They help with anxiety in a crowd, help keep veterans on schedule and much more. Believet Canine Service Partners is based in Northfield, MN. If you would like to donate to this exceptional program, please email info@believet.org. Believet is a tax exempt 501 (c) 3 non-profit. You can call toll free at 1-888-525-3979. Pictured left to right are Veteran Scott Listberger, American Legion President of Women's Auxiliary Pam Mysicka and Legion member and "Poppy Foster" Christine Wetzel. The dogs are Ali and puppy Maggie.

It's Summer Laker Time! We Need Your help



Summer is on its way, vacations are being planned and we want people to know what Cumberland and the surrounding areas have to offer! A great place to live and visit!

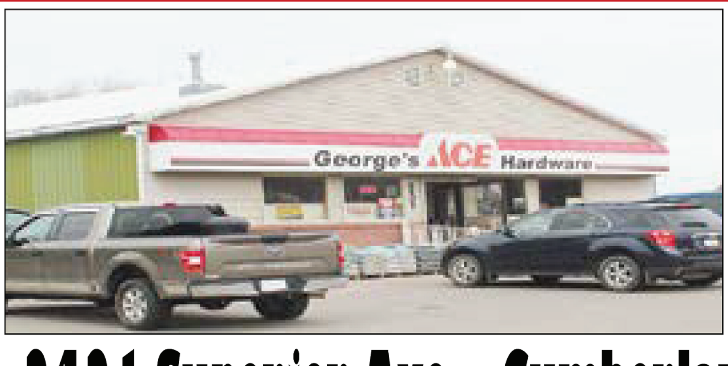
We need pictures! Golfing, fishing, hiking, pontooning, water skiing, swimming, camping or any other form of Summer fun!

Please send us your camping tales, & other summer stories, favorite campfire, cookout & BBQ recipes, too!

If we use your story, recipe or photo you will earn a year's subscription to *the Advocate*.

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Card of Thanks

To the family and many friends of Lorraine Cimfl, we wish to extend our sincere thanks for your many acts of kindness and for the condolences and support that we have received. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Skinner Funeral Home, Pastor Tim, Marshfield Hospital, Marshfield Hospice and Hertitage-Lakeside.

David & Tammy Cimfl
Donna & Chuck Walker
Shaun & Madison Cimfl & Jody
Desiree, Travis, McKenzie & Trey

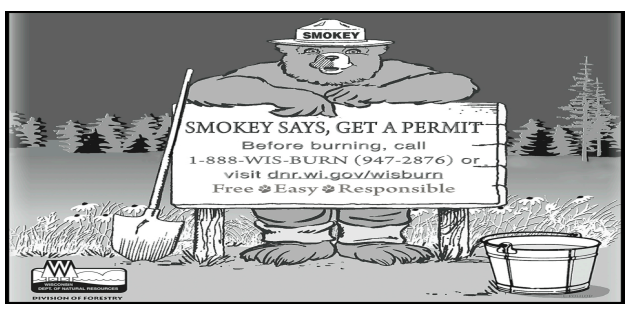
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Pulled Pork Dinner
Support Cumberland Wrestling!
Pulled Pork Dinner
Drawings ♦ Raffles
All proceeds benefit a Summer
Wrestling Camp
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Hammer Bar
Cumberland, WI
1:00 - 4:00 PM
Free Will Donation
Dinner includes:
pulled pork sandwich,
chips, and coleslaw
(served until gone)

CUMBERLAND AREA COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY SINCE 1980
Cumberland Area Food Pantry
Open Fridays 1-3 pm
1270 1st Ave. • Cumberland
For first time visit please bring proof of residence and ID along with sturdy bags or boxes to carry food.
Donations of unexpired food items can be brought to the pantry Fridays from 12 pm to 3:30 pm.
Cash donations can be sent to the pantry P.O Box 741 Cumberland.
For further information or emergency food assistance, please call 715-822-3767.
Find us on Facebook @ Cumberland Area Food Pantry
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ETC PRESENTS
SAVE THE DATE!
Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
June 6-8 & 13-15 @ 7:00 pm
June 9 @ 2 :00 pm
June 15 @ 12:00 pm
Information regarding ETC events can be seen at
www.cumberlandetc.com or you can
"like" ETC on Facebook or watch the Advocate

Are Your Ancestors from Barron County

If your ancestor settled in Barron County, you may be eligible to obtain a Pioneer or Century Certificate. The Blue Hills Genealogical Society-Barron County, Inc. (BHGS-BC) issues Certificates to persons who are directly descended from a Barron County, WI, Pioneer or Century ancestor.

Applicants must submit an Application form and qualified evidence to prove direct descent, and to prove:

1. Pioneer ancestor settled/lived in Barron County prior to 1 Jan. 1871, OR 2. Century ancestor settled/lived in Barron County 100 years or more prior

to the date of Application.

Applicants must also prove the line of descent from the ancestor to themselves.

The Applicant need not live in Barron County, and the person to whom the Certificate is issued need not live in Barron County. The fee is $10 for each Pioneer or Century Certificate requested. The deadline to submit the Application is October 1, 2024.

Please go to the website at https://bhgsbc.org, and click on Certificate Programs to obtain more information, and see the Application Form and Instructions. Certificates will be awarded at the November meeting of Blue Hills Genealogical Society in Barron, or the Certificate can be mailed out.

Please contact Linda Adams who is the Certificates Chair at 715.205.2860 with any questions, and she will be happy to assist you. Please submit the Application and fee (payable to BHGS-BC) to Linda Adams, PO Box 296, Cameron, WI 54822.

Open House
for
Dean Bergstrom
Come congratulate Dean on his retirement!!
Thursday, April 25th
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
at City Hall
950 1st Avenue

THOMAS ST. ANGELO PUBLIC LIBRARY of Cumberland
An Evening of
Poetry & Pie
THURSDAY, APRIL 25 | 6 PM
Celebrate National Poetry Month enjoying a piece of pie while listening to local community members read their favorite poems.
You may come and be one of the readers or just listen and enjoy.
Call 715-822-2767 or email cupl@cumberlandplo.org and let us know how you would like to participate.
Funding for the pies provided by the Friends of the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library.
Find out more at cumberlandpl.org
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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, April 18
Chicken gravy over mashed potatoes, peas, peaches.
MS/HS: Cheese quesadilla.
Friday, April 19
Cheese omelet, french toast sticks, sausage patty, carrots, applesauce.
MS/HS: Pizza.
Monday, April 22
Ham and cheese sandwich, fries, carrots. MS/HS: Pizza.
Tuesday, April 23
Chicken tacos, brown rice, corn, refried beans, mandarin oranges.
MS/HS: Ham and cheese with chips.
Wednesday, April 24
Spaghetti hot dish, green beans, mixed fruit. MS/HS: Walking tacos.
All meals include a variety of fresh and canned fruits/veggies, salad bar and assorted milk.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
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Volunteer Training Event at Nature's Edge Therapy Center

Nature's Edge Therapy Center is excited to announce a Volunteer Training Event scheduled for Wednesday, April 24, 2024, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at our esteemed facility, located at Nature's Edge Therapy Center, 2523 14 ¾ Avenue, Rice Lake, WI 54868.

Are you passionate about animals and interested in making a positive impact on your community? Join us for this incredible opportunity to become a volunteer at Nature's Edge Therapy Center! We welcome individuals aged twelve and older to join our team and learn how to assist in various aspects of our therapeutic programs.

During the Volunteer Training Event, participants will have the chance to:

· Gain hands-on experience "side walking" alongside our therapy animals

- Learn the art of groundwork and desensitization with our animals

· Contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of our barn and therapy facilities

· Have a fantastic time connecting with our animals and fellow volunteers

This event promises to be both educational and enjoyable, providing you with valuable skills and the opportunity to give back to the community.

To register for this event, please contact us at 715-859-6670 or send an email to nature@naturesedgetherapycenter.org. You must be 12 years of age and older. Seating is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot early!

Nature's Edge Therapy Center has been a leading provider of animal-assisted therapy for 23 years. Our dedicated volunteers play a crucial role in our mission to enrich the lives of individuals with special needs through the healing power of animals.

For more information about Nature's Edge Therapy Center and our volunteer opportunities, please visit our website at www.naturesedgetherapycenter.org.

Join us on April 24th and embark on a rewarding journey of volunteerism at Nature's Edge Therapy Center. We look forward to seeing you there!

About Nature's Edge Therapy Center: Nature's Edge Therapy Center is a Rice Lake, WI-based organization dedicated to providing therapeutic services using animals to individuals with special needs. Our programs and services aim to enhance physical, emotional, and psychological well-being while promoting a sense of community and inclusion. To learn more, visit http://www.naturesedgetherapycenter.org

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS
Upcoming Events

THURSDAY, April 18: • 6:00-6:45 am CCE: TRX • 5 - 6 pm CCE: Weight & Wellness • 4-7 pm HS Track at Cameron • 5-7:30 pm HS Baseball at Northwestern • 5-7 pm HS Softball home at Northwestern • 5-7:30 pm HS Girls Soccer home vs Spooner.
FRIDAY, April 19: • 4-7 pm HS Boys Golf home vs Barron • 5-7:30 pm HS Baseball home vs Barron • 5-7 pm HS Softball at Barron. **SATURDAY, April 20:** • 10 am-1 pm HS Softball at Boyceville • 1:00-3:00 pm CCE: Pickle Ball
MONDAY, April 22: 4-7:00 pm MS Track Meet at Cameron • 4-7:00 pm HS Track at Webster • 4-6 pm HS Boys Golf at Northwestern • 4:30-6:00 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Pat Chuchwar • 4-6:30 pm HS Girls Soccer at Hudson • 5-7:30 pm HS Baseball at Chetek-Weyerhaeuser • 5-7:00 pm HS Softball home vs Chetek-Weyerhaeuser .
TUESDAY, April 23: • 3:30-5:30 pm HS Softball DH home vs Ashland, JV Clayton/Turtle Lake • 4-7:00 pm HS Boys Golf at Cameron • 4:30-7:30 pm HS Girls Soccer at Hayward • 5-7:30 pm HS Baseball at Ashland • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball.
WEDNESDAY, April 24: • 6:01 PM - 8:01 PM Pickleball .

COMMUNITY ED OFFERINGS

Herbs for a Healthy Home Garden
What are the best herbs to grow in northern climates?
Please join Master Herbalist-Naturopath GIGI STAFNE
and learn about numerous herbs for versatile used such as home remedies to address common health ailments.
Even in small spaces, 12-15 herbs can thrive in your herb garden.
Tuesday, April 30 • 4:00-6:00 pm
Cumberland High School
Cost: $20
To register or to ask questions please contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbrid@csdmail.com

ADULT CO-ED VOLLEYBALL • Tuesday Evenings • 8:00-10:00pm
Cumberland Elementary School Gym. Cost: FREE
Questions or concerns? Contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbrid@csdmail.com

Cumberland Pickleball for All Seasons
ANY DAY - ALL DAY Cost: FREE
Come and enjoy the Pickleball/All Sport Courts at ISLANDER PARK
(at the end of 8th Avenue by the Hockey Arena)
Bring your own equipment.
WHEN THE WEATHER FORCES YOU INSIDE...
Visit the Cumberland Elementary School
(Enter through the Gym doors)
Monday - Friday
Gym Door will be open from 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Wednesday Evenings: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Saturday Afternoon: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

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A GREAT OVERALL BODY WORKOUT!
Instructor Pat Chuchwar
BENEFITS: • Improve Strength and Balance
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First class is free-come check it out!
Mondays @ 4:00 pm - Will use Exercise Balls & Weights
Wednesdays @ 4:30 pm - Will use Bench, Chair & Bands
10 classes for $25 or 24 month pass for $45
[Texts will be sent if there is any sort of a class change]

Questions or concerns? Contact:
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Opera House Tour!



From left, in a renovated kitchen of one of the two-bedroom apartments is Alderman Tom Goldsmith, Mayor Dan Shoemaker, Opera House owner Todd Alguire and City Administrator Randy Reeg.



The outside exterior of the Opera House.

Northwoods Notebook: How about Opera House Two? *By Larry Werner*

The old opera house on main street stood vacant and in disrepair for a dozen years or so before a fellow from Minnesota bought it and renovated it, inside and out. Todd Alguire, a contractor who does historic restorations, had been seeing the old building when he drove through town on his way to Shell Lake, where he owns a 12-unit apartment building.

He made a few inquiries, met with the longtime owner and cut a deal to buy the place. He spent the better part of the past year restoring it, and, once he got a certificate of occupancy from the city, he filled up all eight apartments in 30 days.

Rents range from $870 a month for the smaller two-bedroom units on the first floor to $1,075 for larger apartments upstairs. There's so much demand for rental housing, he said one day last week, that he'd like to build a twin structure next door that he'd call "Opera House Two."

He mentioned his interest in another building while giving me, Mayor Dan Shoemaker, City Manager Randall Reeg and Alderman Tom Goldsmith a tour of the newly restored opera house that was built in 1903 and converted into apartments in the 1980s. Because of code violations, it was shut down about a dozen years ago.

"I love a challenge," Alguire told us one day last week, speaking of the renovation. "What really amazed me is how fast it leased out. I had it filled in 30 days. There's one apartment left, and they're moving in Saturday. And then we're full."

He said his tenants are all relatively young working people.

"There's a need," he said. "The ages (of tenants) are 24 to 40. There's such a need. The younger folk don't want to mow grass. They want their wifi and their phones and their apartments."

Because of the need for workforce housing, he said, he's trying to acquire the lot between the Opera House and the Island City Food Coop so he can build a structure that would look very similar to the historic building. It would contain eight or 12 apartments. Unlike the opera house, which has all two-bedroom apartments, Opera House Two would have a mix of one and two-bedroom units.

The renovated apartments have a bath and in-unit washer-dryer combination. The large windows make for bright spaces. Two of the apartments on the second floor have loft bedrooms. All tenants have 10-by-12-foot storage units in the basement for bicycles and other belongings.

Alguire said his tenants like the convenience of living downtown, walking distance to coffee shops, bars and restaurants.

When he bought the building, he said, his plan was to rent the first-floor units for residents or businesses. But he got "no bites" for commercial spaces, he said, and tenants wanting to live in the opera house gobbled up the apartments.

If he can acquire the lot next door, where a home was destroyed by fire a few years back, he'll seek a permit to build more apartments.

The mayor couldn't be happier.

"This is great," Shoemaker said of the renovated building. "This has been anticipated for a long time. It's great having this on main street. He (Alguire) did what wasn't able to be done for a long time. Thank you for that."

Alguire said he put all new siding and new windows on the building and painted it the original white. Inside, he installed new kitchens and added many new appliances.

Dan – I just did the projection. End of two years we'll have 68 apartments and twin homes, and then add that to this. They're doing nonstop hiring in Barronett and they've got nothing there.

I also have a 12-unit building in Shell Lake. I started asking around last year and eneded up meeting with Deann Hyland. We put a deal together.

Dan – This is great. This has been anticipated for a long time. It's great having this on main street also.

Todd – This building was very well built in its day.

Larry Werner's email is lhwerner47@gmail.com.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 21 AT 4:00 PM

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Hosanna Free Lutheran Church
662 20th Avenue (20th and County Rd P)
Cumberland, Wisconsin

WESTconsin Credit Union to Hold Youth book Drive in Celebration of Financial Literacy Month

To celebrate Financial Literacy Month this April, WESTconsin is hosting a youth Book Drive. From April 15th - April 27th, each WESTconsin office is collecting new and gently used books for children 18 years and younger, as well and monetary donations, to help give children a $mart Start on their financial journey. All donations will be distributed to the Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Chippewa Valley, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin, Boys & Girls Club of Barron County and Amery Community Education.

WESTconsin Credit union also has free tools to help those of all ages to celebrate Financial Literacy Month! From online resources, such as Banzai! and GreenPath, to educate those on financial topics for any stage of life to financial coaching in all credit union offices, WESTconsin is here to help members and community members succeed this month and every month!

WESTconsin Credit Union has been serving members since 1939, and membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the Wisconsin Counties of Barron, Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Taylor, Trempaleau, and Washburn, or the Minnesota counties of Anoka, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Hennepin, Isanti, Pine, Ramsey, Scott, Wabasha, and Washington, with a $5 minimum deposit in a Membership Savings Account. Credit unions are financial institutions owned by their account holders, and member funds are federally insured by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) up to at least $250,000.



Sudoku Puzzle #4153-M

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PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Posttraumatic stress disorder
5 Hot liquid burn
10 So we see
14 Small particle
15 Sitting room
16 Let
17 Make headway
18 Oklahoma city
19 Organization concerned with civil liberties (abbr.)
20 Beat severely
22 Caustic substance
23 "The Jungle" author Sinclair
24 Double decker bed
26 Cheat
28 Halloween mo.
29 Shabby
32 Record keeper
34 Absent
35 Transports
39 Fairy tale opener
41 Luau dish
42 Horse
46 Divided Asian country
50 Swamp
51 Reverence
53 One less than an octet
56 Deli order
57 Moray
59 Volcano
60 Land
62 __ A Small World...
64 Voiceless
67 Harvard's rival
68 Wholeness
70 Fly
72 East
73 Disturbance
74 Women's magazine
75 Nape
76 Flatten
77 Sledge

DOWN

1 Swine
2 Frog
3 Mix
4 European river
5 Fast plane
6 Seal off
7 Member of an alliance
8 Dud
9 Cell stuff
10 Entrap
11 Killed by Achilles
12 Open a lock
13 Daring feat
21 Transport
23 Unattractive
25 Big Apple (abbr.)
27 Frozen water
29 Murmur
30 Attila the __
31 And so forth
33 Escudo
36 Choose
37 Not (prefix)
38 By way of
40 Adam's wife
43 Often poetically
44 Downwind
45 Explosive
47 Object
48 Look
49 Mountain Standard Time
51 Delight
52 Slanted font
54 Omega
55 Hesitate
56 Musician Adams
58 Ship
59 Painter Richard
61 Disclose
63 Floor covering
65 Gangster's girlfriend
66 Bundle
68 Referee
69 Affirmation
71 Crimson



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

It was a very buys weekend for area firemen and first responders. There were numerous fires reported in northwest Wisconsin with a big one near Minong. Locally the guys responded to four grass fires over the weekend, plus a three care pile up on Highway 48. The accident totaled three vehicles but no one was killed, thank goodness. As for the fires all of them were the result of carelessness. There are burning bans all across Northwest Wisconsin. Plus it was windy all weekend. You really should no better. Home owners will be billed for what took place this weekend. Accidents happen, we all get that, but this was preventable. Cumberland Fire Chief Rick Sebens stated the guys left the fire hall at approximately 11:30 Sunday morning for the first grass fire and didn't leave the hall again til after 7 pm Sunday night. That after a long day on Saturday, "Thanks guys!"

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The Brewers have come out of the gate red hot at the plate. I don't think anyone expected that kind of production. They are fun to watch. Running the bases has been putting a lot of pressure on opposing teams. The Twins, meanwhile, are struggling miserably at the plate. They recently broke an 0-33 stretch with runners in scoring position. It was the longest such stretch in over 20 years. A few key injuries hasn't helped but that's part of the game. It's a long season so hopefully they turn it around!

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Congratulations to Cumberland's outstanding track performer Andie Otto who set a new school record this past week in the 55 meter hurdles while also winning two other events and placing second in another. Also congratulations to four time state champion wrestler Dawson Johnson who won the High School Nationals 138 pound title in Virginia recently. Wow, what a career! Good luck at the University of Minnesota.

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Sounds like gas prices are gonna start going up steadily soon. Better get those cans all filled up as mowing, boating and all sorts of summer activities are right around the corner. Might as well save a few bucks. Have a great week!





Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Forever chemicals' no more: Wisconsin firm works to remediate PFAS"

MADISON, Wis. – No one needs to convince Larry Kinsman, principal at ORIN Technologies in Verona, of the health threats associated with long-term exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known by their PFAS and PFOS acronyms. With 4,700 such compounds in use worldwide at one time or another, it's hard for hydrogeologist Kinsman to believe only two compounds harbor dangers for people.

On the other hand, don't use the term "forever chemicals" around Kinsman to convey a sense of hopelessness about what society should do about it. He knows such compounds can be destroyed or encapsulated because ORIN Technologies has done both.

"It (forever chemical) is a faulty term now for PFAS and PFOS. Four or five years ago, you probably would have said that, but not today," Kinsman said.

The need for firms such as ORIN Technologies to address the need for PFAS cleanup took on renewed urgency April 10 when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that, for the first time ever, that there will be strict standards on those chemicals in drinking water. That cap is 4 parts per trillion, the equivalent of four drops in 500,000 gallons of water. The previous lifetime standard was 70 parts per trillion.

Like so many federal rules, however, the onus will fall primarily on local governments and water utilities where testing has revealed the presence of PFAS. In Wisconsin, communities such as Valders, Peshtigo, Campbell and Madison will have roughly five years to achieve the four parts per trillion standard for drinking water – an expensive proposition that may be advanced by federal aid, but those guarantees and procedures remain unclear.

Further complicating the picture was Gov. Tony Evers' April 9 veto of a $125-million bill that would have created grants for PFAS cleanups. The governor was concerned the bill would limit the authority of the state Department of Natural Resources to hold polluters liable. A showdown with the Legislature's budget-writing committee may result.

Meanwhile, technical solutions exist, such as what ORIN, its partners and others are implementing in civilian and military sites.

Various PFAS compounds are abundant because they were used in everything from cookware to clothing, and from carpet to fire-fighting foam over time. They're not all dangerous, but research continues to sort out which are potentially harmful and which are not. The chief danger from PFAS pollutants underground comes from plumes that can reach surface or underground water sources, such as wells.

The three-part remediation, patented process used principally by ORIN and Fixed Earth Innovations of Canada utilizes a bio-absorbent membrane or "sponge;" microbes that break down complex chemicals in soil; and electrodes that generate oxygen supply. The generation of oxygen is necessary for PFAS-degrading bacteria to work.

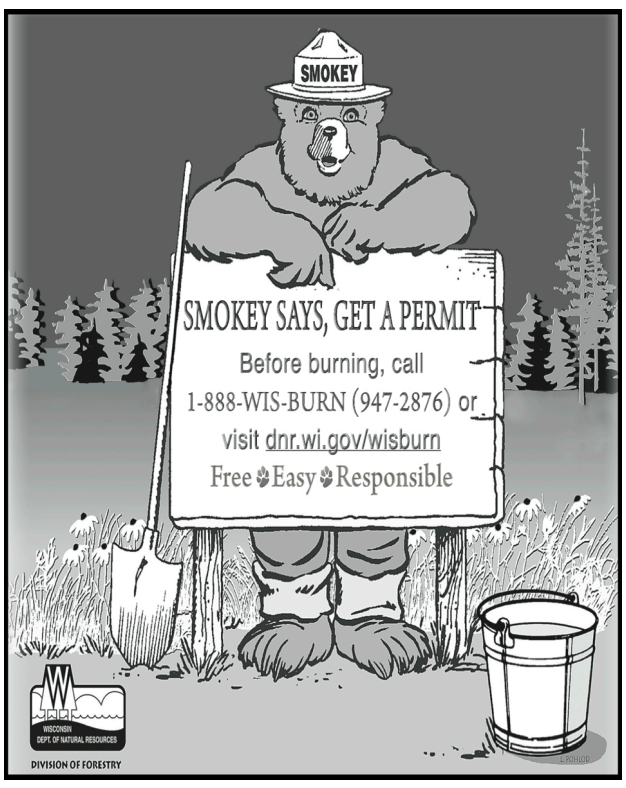
The process is aerobic versus anaerobic, meaning oxygen produced by the electrodes continues the removal process over time. The carbon-based "sponge" is technically a Bioavailable Absorbent Media with a unique honeycomb structure that draws in contaminants, retains them and minimizes surface microfilm building that could resist continued absorption. An electrokinetic system continues to supply oxygen over time.

Data showing a 97% removal rate on a site at the Dane County Regional Airport was shared with the Wisconsin DNR and has captured attention from federal officials and researchers well beyond the state.

Kinsman said there are other processes that could help, too, from incineration to super-critical oxidation, and from "soil washing" to landfilling – although most landfills won't take such soil. His latest concern is for smaller communities and water utilities that will find it tough to meet the new 4-parts-per-trillion standard.

Development of PFAS-type compounds was a technical breakthrough at the time because of their flame-resistant qualities. Perhaps technologies such as those produced by ORIN and its partners will now be a part of the solution.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago
April 23, 2014

The School of Education at University of Wisconsin-Stout has chosen Cumberland teacher Brittany Johnson for their Early Career Educator Award. The Early Educator Award is presented to an outstanding educator within the first three years of his or her career based on a combination of any of the following: positive impact on schools and communities, innovation in designing learning experiences and student advocacy. Johnson teaches in Cumberland at Island City Academy, a charter school for grades seven through 12.

The new City Council held their first organizational meeting last Tuesday, April 15th. The new City Council Members are: 3rd Ward Aldermen Bert Skinner and Frank Cifaldi; 2nd Ward Alderman Foster Bridger; 1st Ward Alderman Loren "Butch" Slayton; 4th Ward Alderperson Doris Laursen; Mayor Tom Mysicka, 1st Ward Alderman Terry Manke; 2nd Ward Alderman Robert Strickland and 4th Ward Alderman Tom Goldsmith.

20 Years Ago
April 21, 2004

Troop 24, Cumberland Boy Scouts, held and Eagle Court of Honor, Sunday April 18th at the American Legion. Receiving the Eagle Rank was Travis Muench and Justin O'Keefe. The Scouts were Troop 24's 70th and 71st Eagle Scouts respectively since the troop was organized in 1924.

30 Years Ago
April 20, 1994

On Tuesday, April 12, Cumberland Police apprehended two Cumberland juveniles who allegedly broke into the Cumberland Elementary School and took a computer, software, some money and a master key. All items were recovered. The juveniles were also implicated in the theft from Skiddies a couple weeks ago.

The Department of Natural Resources Cumberland office reports its fire control personnel have responded to 32 wildfires during in the past three weeks.

40 Years Ago
April 18, 1984

A local man was featured recently in a story on the front page of USA Today's "Life" section. Edwin Berg, a retired carpenter was featured in a story in the national newspaper on post office auctions. In addition to the story, Berg's picture also ran on the front page of the "Life section on March 20th.

A crowd of 230 people attended the Future Farmers of America annual banquet at Elmer Beran Gymnasium on Saturday night. Tyler Lloyd received the Star Greenhand Award as the groups' most outstanding Greenhand and Brad Sirianni was honored with the Star Chapter Farmer Award. Sue Tews and Craig Greener were picked as Honorary Chapter Farmers for their contributions to the FFA.

50 Years Ago
April 18, 1974

The Cumberland fire Department were called to the first grass fire of the season at 4:42 pm on Tuesday, when flames were discovered in a field just southeast of the city. No one was injured in the fire and the cause of the fire is unknown.

60 Years Ago
April 17, 1964

Ten Cumberland High School musicians won "A" ratings at the Spooner Solo-Ensemble Festival. They were Margaret Hagen, Annette Bents, Florann DeGidio, Julee Becker, Greg Anderson, Joan Koser, Martha Odden, Nancy Sorensen, David Knutson and Ann Lundervold.

70 Years Ago
April 22, 1954

Cumberland Volunteer Firemen responded to a chimney fire at the Clint Whitt farm home near Spring Lake on Saturday. The blaze was confined, with no appreciable damage to the structure. The fire was caused by the draft formed by extremely high chimney.

80 Years Ago
April 20, 1944

A new high for the season was set last Thursday when the mercury went to 62 in the official reading. After a bad slump on Saturday with a high of 38, the new spring change over was welcomed.

Support your Friends and Neighbors!
SHOP CUMBERLAND!



2024 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
4/09	45	39	.16
4/10	57	35	-
4/11	67	35	-
4/12	61	39	-
4/13	56	32	-
4/14	74	34	-
4/15	66	43	-

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

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Jason A. Adams, 53, Rosemount, MN., speeding, $175.30. Jordyn A. Anderson, 23, Rice Lake, speeding, $276.10. Jason R. Becker, 38, Almena, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Byron E. Binstock, 65, Sarona, speeding, $175.30. Bowkeys Logistics Inc., East Stroudberg, PA., vehicle equipment violations-group 3, $175.30. Daniel L. Broom, 44, Hayward, speeding, $250.90. Thomas C. Cicha, 36, Eau Claire, speeding, $175.30. Levi R. Colstrom, 17, Clayton, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Casey L. Cox, 56, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Ryan T. Dahlberg, 21, Almena, OWI, $924.50. Justyne O. Engen, 20, Cameron, speeding, $225.70. Jonathan C. Galatowitsch, 24, Turtle Lake, OWI, $974.50. Dalton M. Geiger, 19, Cumberland, speeding, $225.70. Brandon W. Gougar, 26, Cumberland, speeding, $225.70. Jordan I. Gramer, 18, Almena, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Sebastian B. Gustafson, 18, Amery, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Eric B. Hanson, 19, Rice Lake, OWI, $911.50. Matthew R. Haynes, 26, Eau Claire, speeding, $200.50. William M. Huppert, 17, Cameron, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30. Irene Jones, 62, Barron, speeding, $200.50 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Lisa K. Kleinschmidt, 44, Cumberland, speeding, $175.30. James M. Perry-Kolb, 31, Barron, speeding, $225.70. Emma L. Lahti, 27, Sheldon, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Dino Lawi, 36, Scranton, PA., interstate/intrastate driving requirements, $200.50. Alita R. Lieffring, 19, Cumberland, speeding, $175.30. John M. Marquand, 26, Amery, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30. Cassandra L. Miley, 31, Eau Claire, speeding, $200.50. Alexia M. Miller, 18, Prairie Farm, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Samuel S. Poethke, 32, Rice Lake, speeding, $175.30. Heather M. Hmmerening, 38, Deer Park, operate without a valid license, $200.50. Elizabeth A. Potter, 28, Appleton, speeding, $200.50. Alexander M. Quinche-Granda, 22, Almena, OWI, $974.50. Bruce M. Scherlin, 69, Eau Claire, speeding, $225.70. Samuel J. Skopec, 29, Rice Lake, speeding, $175.30. Matthew D. Smith, 42, Ladysmith, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Justin M. Spencer, 21, Barronett, speeding, $175.30. Mariya Tomasevich, 30, Eagan MN., speeding, $225.70. Scott A. Yanda, 42, Gleason, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Kayla A. Bronstad, 36, Rice Lake, OWI, $1,529.00. Paul W. O'Flanagan, 36, Barron, OWI, $1,429.00. Kelsi J. Stewart, 29, Shell Lake, OWI, $3,391.00. Quentin P. Veitch, 54, Cumberland, operating while revoked, $516.00. Austin D. Woodworth, 25, Rice Lake, OWI, $1,529.00.

Complaints

Bredon J. Scherer, 18, of Hillsdale, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for May 15, 2024.

Bredon J. Scherer, 18, of Hillsdale, has been charged with obstructing an officer. His court date is scheduled for May 15, 2024.

Robert J. Thomas-Li, 64, of Barron, has been charged with obstructing an officer and adult permit/underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for June 12, 2024.

Tyler M. Campbell, 18, of Rice Lake, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for October 23, 2024.

Mikle J. Miller, 44, of Almena, has been charged with theft. His court date is scheduled for June 12, 2024.

Skyler A. Strenke, 20, of Rice Lake, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for October 23, 2024.

Curtis M. Joslin, 36, of Amery, has been charged with operate UTV without valid safety certificate. His court date is scheduled for May 15, 2024.

Kahari Springfield, 26, of Chicago, IL., has been charged with operate UTV without valid safety certificate. His court date is scheduled for May 15, 2024.

Elijah A. Foss, 18, of Rice Lake, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Micah R. Harrison, 17, of Rice Lake, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Wyatt J. Thomas, 18, of Barron, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 22, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Celeste K. Delahanty, 54, of Aurora, CO., has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. Her initial appearance is scheduled for April 24, 2024.

Jason A. Geiger, 40, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

Criminal Complaints

Tonya L. Victor, 31, of Hayward, has been charged with possession of cocaine/coca and possession of THC. Her initial appearance is scheduled for April 24, 2024.

Natasha M. Kern, 27, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

Skipper D. Johnson, 45, of Black River Falls, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for April 11, 2024.

Tiffany J. Goss, 35, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 12, 2024.

Amanda L. Carlson-Schroeder, 42, of Ridgeland, has been charged with OWI. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 12, 2024.

Amanda S. Deming, 43, of Barron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 30, 2024.

Tyler J. Guibord, 39, of Hayward, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for April 12, 2024.

Daisy M. Billyboy, 30, of Hayward, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and OWI. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for April 17, 2024.

Desmond D. Mosay, 58, of Luck, has been charged with misdemeanor theft, violating the condition of bond in Burnett County stating the defendant must not use or possess alcohol, drugs, substances or paraphernalia without a valid prescription, and violating the condition of bond in Sawyer county stating the defendant must not possess or consume alcoholic beverages.

An officer, with the City of Cumberland Police Department, reports on March 18, 2024, he received notice that a J.M.N. called to report her phone was stolen. J.M.N. advised she had been at Kwik Trip in Cumberland. After leaving Kwik Trip she realized she lost her Iphone. J.M.N. went back into Kwik Trip and an employee pulled the cameras. On the camera, J.M.N. could be seen setting her phone down, and moments later a male subject picked up the phone and put it in his pocket. J.M.N. estimated the value of the phone to be $1,000.

The officer reports on March 19, he made contact with a Kwik Trip employee. The officer watched the video of the incident and observed the male subject take the phone and put it in his jacket pocket. The male subject later left the liquor store after making a purchase. The officer reports the image of the male subject was posted on the Cumberland PD Facebook page and several people identified the male as Desmond Mosay. The officer reports he texted a photo to a St. Croix Tribal Police Officer.

If convicted for misdemeanor theft, Mosay may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For violating the condition of bond in Burnett County stating the defendant must not use or possess alcohol, drugs, substances or paraphernalia without a valid prescription, he may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both. For violating the condition of bond in Sawer County, stating the defendant must not possess or consume alcoholic beverages, he may be fined not more than fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Northwest Region Construction Update

Barron and Washburn counties

Highway: US 53

Location: 26th Avenue north of Rice Lake to Pine Grove Road south of Sarona

Schedule: Sept. 5, 2023, to November 2024

Cost: $21.89 million

Description: Removing the existing and base course, placing a new base aggregate layer for drainage, replacing the pavement, rebuilding intersection approaches and installing cable barrier in the median between 26th and 27th avenues and a high-friction surface treatment on the pavement in the same area to reduce crossover and run-off-the-road crashes.

Traffic impacts: Motorists will encounter single-lane closures in both directions, and the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lanes are closed.

The tentative switch of northbound traffic to the southbound lanes has been pushed back to Friday, April 19, with the southbound lanes carrying one lane of traffic in each direction.

Chippewa County

Highway: US 53

Location: 40th Avenue in Lake Hallie to County B in the town of Tilden

Schedule: April 1 to late June 2026

Cost: $36.6 million

Description: Replacing the pavement on northand southbound US 53, the ramps at the Business 29/County X, County S and County B interchanges and the crossroads between ramp terminals along County S and County B; completing polymer overlays on the four bridges over the Chippewa River and Business 29/County X; replacing guardrail and right-of-way fence; maintaining culverts through cleaning and making end repairs and replacing one cross culvert; repairing erosion on the east side of a box culvert that carries Tilden Creek south of County B; and installing a high-friction surface treatment on the pavement near the Business 29/County X interchange on US 53 to reduce run-off-the-road and out-of-control crashes, plantings for snow fence to minimize snow drifting at four locations, new pavement markings and shoulder rumble strips.

Traffic impacts: Inside lane closures on northand southbound US 53 are expected until mid-May starting at the County Q overpass and continuing to County N.

Washburn County

Highway: US 53

Location: Wildcat Road southeast of Spooner to County A

Schedule: July 31, 2023, to November 2024

Cost: $22.74 million

Description: Removing the existing pavement and a portion of the existing base course; placing a new base aggregate layer for drainage and new concrete pavement; replacing pavement on the interchange ramps at US 63 and WIS 70; replacing the pavement on WIS 70 between the ramp terminals; rebuilding existing intersection approaches; and rehabilitating the bridges on US 53 over the Yellow River and US 63 and WIS 70 bridge over US 53.

Traffic impacts: Motorists will encounter single-lane closures in both directions, and the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lanes are closed.

Northbound US 53 traffic is expected to be switched to the southbound lanes of US 53 later today, where traffic will run bidirectional until mid-July.

Construction on the WIS 70 bridge over US 53 has started, and traffic is being controlled by flaggers during work.

Traffic is expected to be switched to the north side of the bridge by the middle of the week, with one lane of traffic running in each direction.

Once that switch is made, there will be 11-foot lane width restrictions.

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

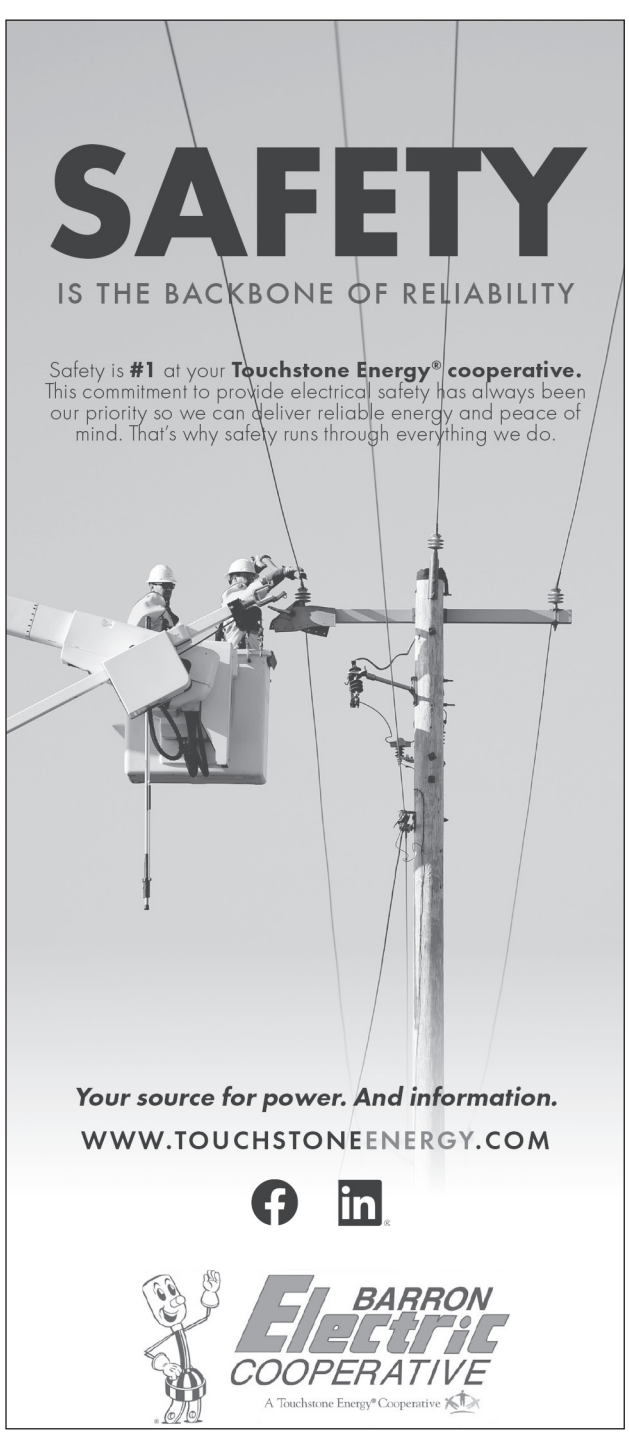
Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

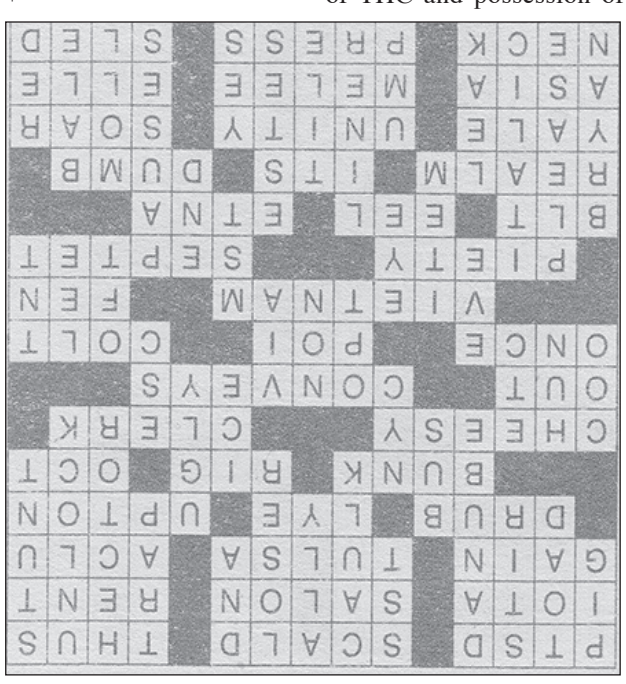
Tipster Line 1-800 532-9008

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

Emergency 911







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Sudoku Solution #4153-M

Sports

Track Team Participates in HON Indoor Championships; Otto Sets Record

The Cumberland Track Team joined the other eight schools in Ashland last Friday for the HON Indoor Conference Meet. Cumberland received three first place finishes, all from Andie Otto, who had a great night. The Cumberland Senior won the 55-meter hurdles, the 200-meter hurdles, and the long jump, while finishing second in the triple jump, missing first by seven inches. "It was a very impressive evening from Andie," said Head Coach Ryan O'Connell.

Otto ran a new School Record 9.05 in the 55-meter hurdles to defeat Barron's Hailee Halverson, who ran a 9.17. Otto then added a 31.01 in the 200-meter hurdles, a winning leap of 16-06 in the long jump, and finished second with a triple jump of 32-10.

Other top individual Cumberland finishes were fourths by Chayden Berghammer in the long jump (19-02) and Jacob Schrade in the 55-meter hurdles, while fifths came from Josh Jain in the 400-meter dash (57.44) and Josh Swint in the 1600 (11:01).

Cumberland Relay Team results included a third from the boy's 4x200 and fourths from the boy's 4x100 throwers relay and from the girl's 4x100 thrower's relay.

Cumberland sprinter Evan Hornstein added a sixth for Coach O'Connell with a 7.02, 55-meter dash.

Hayward took the boy's team title while Ashland took first in the girl's competition. Cumberland finished in seventh place in both team championships.

Baseball Team Has 1-2 Week

The Cumberland Beavers Baseball Team dropped a pair of conference games last week, falling to Hayward 10-0 and St. Croix Falls, 13-3. The team is back in action this week with three contest, having played Ladysmith on Monday, while hosting Northwestern on Thursday and Barron on Friday in games starting at 5:00 pm.

Thursday, the Beavers failed to record a hit as Hayward pitched and hit themselves to a shutout victory. The Conference favorite banged out 11 hits, breaking the game open with a seven-run sixth inning. Gavin Prinsen took the pitching loss for the Beavers, giving up two earned runs in four and a third innings of work. He struck out six Hurricane hitters.

Friday, the Beavers were only down 6-3 going into the top of the seventh, when St. Croix Falls put the game away with seven runs for a ten-run victory. The Beavers could only manage five hits in the contest, two by Prinsen.

Cooper Schramski pitched well, despite taking the loss. The junior lefty gave up only two earned runs in five innings of work. The Beavers gave up six unearned runs in the contest, while their pitchers walked nine Saint hitters.

HON Conference Standings:

1. Barron - 2-1
2. Hayward - 2-1
3. Ladysmith - 2-1
4. Northwestern -2-1
5. SCF - 2-1
6. Ashland - 1-1
7. Cameron - 1-2
8. C/W - 1-2
9. Spooner - 1-2
10. Cumberland -1-2

Prinsen Strikes out 15 in Victory Over Ladysmith

Cumberland Senior Gavin Prinsen had a big night on Monday, as he pitched and hit the Beavers to a 3-1 victory over the Ladysmith Lumberjacks in Ladysmith. The win moves the Beavers to 4 and 3 on the season as they head into competition on Thursday.

Prinsen gave up only one hit while striking out 15 hitters over six innings of work. He also had a big night at the plate, as his two-run home run in the first inning provided all the runs the Beavers needed in the gaining the conference victory.

Nathan Schmidt pitched the seventh inning to record the save for Coach Waite's squad. Prinsen led the team with two hits in the contest, while Ryan Lundmark and Bryden Hauser added doubles. "It was an outstanding night for Gavin and a nice win for the Beavers," concluded Coach Waite.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, April 18
Track @ Cameron 4:00
Baseball home vs N. Western 5:00
Softball @ N. Western 5:00
Soccer home vs Washburn 5:00

Friday, April 19
Golf home vs Barron 4:00
Baseball home vs Barron 5:00
Softball @ Barron 5:00

Saturday, April 20
Softball @ Boyceville 10:00

Monday, April 22
Golf @ Bottens Green Acres 4:00
Track @ Webster 4:00
Baseball @ Chetek 5:00
Softball home vs Chetek 5:00

Tuesday, April 23
Softball DH home vs Ashland 3:30
Golf vs Cameron @ Turtle Back
Soccer @ Hayward 4:30
Baseball vs Ashland @ Northland Coll.

New School Record!



Andie Otto reacts after winning the 55 meter hurdles and setting a new school record with a time of 9.05 at the HON Indoor Conference Meet held in Ashland. Otto also won the 200 meter hurdles and the long jump while finishing second in the triple jump. Congratulations Andie! Photo by Maria Lynch.



Jayden Eagleman clears a hurdle at the HON Conference Meet last week in Ashland. Photo by Maria Lynch.



Beaver shortstop Uriah Johnson fires across the diamond Friday afternoon vs St. Croix Falls.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

SOLAR TIMES • Longitude 90.05 Latitude 45.53 • LUNAR TIMES

DATE	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major	Sunrise	Sunset	MOON Rise	Up	Sets	Down	DST
04/17 Wed	1:23	7:34	1:45	7:57	06:19	07:54	1:40p	4:10a	9:13p	8:51a	*
04/18 Thu	2:04	8:14	2:25	8:35	06:17	07:55	2:47p	4:31a	9:55p	9:34a	*
04/19 Fri	2:41	8:51	3:01	9:11	06:16	07:57	3:52p	4:49a	10:35p	10:15a	*
04/20 Sat	3:16	9:25	3:35	9:45	06:14	07:58	4:55p	5:05a	11:14p	10:54a	*
04/21 Sun >	3:50	10:00	4:09	10:19	06:12	07:59	5:59p	5:20a	11:53p	11:33a	*
04/22 Mon >	4:26	10:36	4:46	10:56	06:11	08:01	7:04p	5:36a	NoMoon	12:13p	*
04/23 Tue F	5:04	11:15	5:25	11:36	06:09	08:02	8:11p	5:52a	12:33a	12:54p	*

Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window
F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity
DST will have * in it if it is in effect that day Calibrated for Time Zone: 6W

Defense!



Jasmine Woodley (defense) battles an Ashland forward in their 4-0 loss against Ashland.

Pitching Well!



Cooper Schramski delivers a pitch vs. St. Croix Falls.

2024 Spring Turkey Season Opens April 17

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds turkey hunters that the 2024 spring turkey season opens on April 17.

The 2024 spring turkey season will run from April 17 through May 28 and includes six, seven-day periods running Wednesday through the following Tuesday. All seven turkey management zones will be open for hunting.

The 2024 spring turkey season dates are as follows:

Period A: April 17 – 23
Period B: April 24 – 30
Period C: May 1 – 7
Period D: May 8 – 14
Period E: May 15 – 21
Period F: May 22 – 28

Hunters must carry their spring turkey license, wild turkey stamp and valid harvest authorization while hunting, and they are encouraged to review the turkey hunting regulations before the season.

Turkey harvest registration is mandatory and remains a critical component of turkey management in Wisconsin. Hunters must register their turkey by 5 p.m. the day after recovery through the GameReg system or by phone at 1-844-426-3734. Hunters will need the number found on their paper or electronic harvest authorization to register their turkeys.

Hunter Safety Reminders

Camouflage carefully. Hunter camouflage is an important part of turkey hunting, but the better camouflaged a hunter is, the more likely they are to be mistaken for a turkey.

It is especially important to avoid wearing red, white or blue while hunting for turkeys. If a fellow hunter sees a flash of those colors through the brush, they could mistake that for a turkey.

Remember TAB-K:

T - Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

A - Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.

B - Be certain of your target; what's before, what's beyond it and don't shoot at movement.

K - Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot.

Find The Perfect Hunting Spot On Public Or Private Lands

Wisconsin offers millions of acres of public land, with much of it open to turkey hunting. Find public lands open for hunting near you on the DNR's Public Access Lands webpage.

Spring turkey hunting is allowed in select state parks during the two-day youth hunt and the first two periods of the regular season. Hunters looking to pursue turkeys in a state park must hold a harvest authorization for the turkey management zone in which the park is located. For more information regarding hunting in state parks, visit the DNR's State Park Hunting webpage.

Additionally, the public can access thousands of acres of private land through the Voluntary Public Access-Habitat Incentive Program and the Turkey Hunter Access Program. Be sure to check out these lesser-known properties and check back regularly as new properties enroll in these programs throughout the year.

Find the perfect hunting spot through the DNR's Public Access Lands online mapping application.

For more information regarding turkey hunting in Wisconsin, visit the DNR's Turkey Hunting webpage.

It's Bear Time!



A black bear just south of Comstock coming out of hibernation and hungry! Picture by Jess Wackerfuss

Youth Turkey Hunters!



Mitchell Weaver's 1st turkey. The Tom sported a 9 1/2 inch beard.



Isabella Neitzel's 1st turkey. The big Tom had a 10 1/4 inch beard and weighed just short of 25 pounds.

Co-op Soccer Team Picks up a Pair of Shutout Victories

The Barron-Cumberland-Bloomer Girl's Soccer Team went 2 and 1 last week as they improved their overall record to 3-1-1 on the season. The team dropped a 4-0 decision against Ashland, but rebounded with a pair of shutouts of their own, 9-0 over Spooner and 8-0 over St. Croix Central.

"Ashland is State Ranked and does not have a hole in their line-up. We knew it would be a challenge, but we learned more about ourselves and we will continue to learn and improve," said Head Coach Sarah Stauner about the game.

Coach Stauner added, "Our defense had a busy night taking on Ashland's powerful, fast offense. They did a great job preventing good looks at goal and stopping the attack." Cumberland Senior Jasmine Woodley is a key member of this defensive group.

Last Thursday, the team jumped to an early lead and rolled to the victory over Spooner. Tinlee Jeffrey had four goals for the team, while Kasey Stauner had three goals and three assists.

The team finished up the week the following night with another shutout, this time over St. Croix Central. The team jumped to a 3-0 lead at the intermission and added five more goals in the second half, four by Stauner. "Both the offense and defense players were able to get involved as our entire roster got playing time before the game ended at 60-minute mark due to the goal differential," added Coach Stauner.

The team played Superior on Monday, Eau Claire North on Tuesday, and host Washburn at Endeavor Stadium this Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Golf Team Opens Against St. Croix Falls

The Cumberland Golf Team used the improving spring weather to open their season last Friday, as they traveled to Osceola's Krooked Creek Golf Course to play St. Croix Falls. Both the varsity and JV lost matches, but Head Coach Mike Gideo said, "We now know what we need to work on and overall, I thought we played pretty well for our limited time outdoors this spring."

Derrick Gideo led the team with a 43, while Alex Effertz added a 46 and Brody Chartraw a 49. Jack Richter shot a 55 to pace the JV scoring.

The Beavers were back in action on Monday against Spooner, while this Friday, the team host Barron in a match at the Cumberland Golf Course starting at 4:00 pm.

Golf Team Picks up Win Over Spooner Rails

The Cumberland Golf Team got into the win column on Monday night, outscoring the Spooner Rails 176 to 190 at the Spooner Golf Course. "We showed a lot of improvement, but know we still have some more work to do. It was great to get our first win of the year," said Coach Mike Gideo.

Derrick Gideo led the way for the Beavers with a 41, while Brody Chartraw and Alex Effertz also had nice nights with a 43 and 45, respectively. Their next match is Friday at the Cumberland Golf Course.

THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Upcoming Events

Program: Frog Call Count
Date: Thursday, April 25, 2024
Time: 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Program Fee: Free, but donations are appreciated.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. Limit: 20 people

Interested in contributing to science and learning something new? Participate in a Citizen Science project at Hunt Hill! Citizen Science empowers ordinary people and volunteers to collect valuable data that contributes to specific scientific research. Hunt Hill is hosting a Frog Call Count at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary on Thursday, April 25th, 2024 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. No prior experience is needed to participate.

At the Frog Call Count, learn how to identify different types of frog calls. After an overview of frog calls, we will go out to a nearby pond to count the number of different types of calls. By the end of this program, you will know how to conduct your own citizen science frog call survey on your own property. Dress appropriately for the weather and mosquitoes.

This program is free, but donations are appreciated. Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. The program will be limited to 20 people. To register, visit www.hunthill.org or call 715-635-6543.

Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.

Contact:
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program@hunthill.org

Program: Helping Hands
Date: Saturday, April 30, 2022
Time: 8:00 am - 2:00 pm
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary
Program Fee: Free; volunteers receive a complimentary continental breakfast & lunch
Registration: Registration strongly encouraged, but not required

Volunteers are invited to Helping Hands at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary on Saturday, April 27, 2024 to help with cleaning, maintenance, and set-up of camp for the summer season. The event will run from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm but volunteers are welcome to arrive at a convenient time for them and stay as long as they would like.

Volunteers are needed to help clean, organize, wash, wipe and rake-up camp. All ages and skill levels are invited. No tools required to bring, but personal water bottles and gloves are suggested. Our volunteers are vital to our success and this is a key example of their dedication. All volunteers are provided with a continental breakfast and treated to lunch.

We encourage registering in advance so Hunt Hill will have an adequate amount of food for volunteers. You can register by calling 715-635-6543 or visiting https://hunthill.org/helping-hands/.

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Program: Beasts & Beer
Topic: Courting Feathers
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024
Location: Badger Brew, Rice Lake, WI
Happy Hour: 5:30 pm; Program: 6:00 pm
Program Fee: $15/person
Registration required. Limit: 50 people

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary will be hosting a Beasts & Beer program at Perlick Distillery, Sarona, WI on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Check-in is at 5:30 pm with an opportunity to socialize with other nature enthusiasts before the nature presentation begins at 6:00 pm. This month's topic is Courting Feathers with Lauren Thomas.

Beasts and Beer is a monthly program that gives nature lovers an opportunity to socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages, and enjoy an engaging presentation from a local expert in a happy-hour atmosphere. Each Beasts and Beer program features a different presenter at a different location.

Join us for an exploration of the vibrant world of bird mating behavior with WI DNR Naturalist Resource Educator, Lauren Thomas. Learn about the mesmerizing displays and intricate courtship rituals exhibited by various birds this season, as well as how they establish territories.

Registration is required by Tuesday, April 30th at noon or when the program limit of 50 people is reached, whichever comes first. To register, visit www.hunthill.org to complete online registration or call 715-635-6543. The program fee is $15 per person and includes a drink and snacks.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Another beautiful weekend in northern Wisconsin. And, it sounds as though we should be getting some much-needed rain this week. Life is good!!

Pastor Todd always starts out Sunday morning with, "This is the day that the Lord has made," and, sometimes I just do not feel that we should add, "We will rejoice and be glad in it," because we've had some miserable Sudays, but I don't think anyone disagreed with that statement this Sunday.

We had coffee hour after worship service on Sunday. It is so nice to gather in the church basement, enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack, and have a chance to visit with everyone. If you are not presently going to a church, come and check out Barronett Lutheran. Pastor Todd gives very inspiring and educating sermons, and we would be very happy to welcome you to any or all of our services. We celebrate communion on the first and third Sundays of the month, and have coffee hour after church on the second Sunday.

I took advantage of the sunny, windy weather on Sunday to hang clothes on the line. Everything smells so nice when it's dried outside. I'm sure my Grandma Hefty would not be happy with me for doing laundry on Sunday, but things have changed so much over the years, haven't they? I am really old and I can remember that Grandma would have been mortified if she didn't have her wash out on the line before 11:00 a.m. on Monday. And she did not have a washer, she washed them on a scrub board. Can you just imagine? If that was still the case, I think that I would insist on everyone changing clothes only once a week. Grandma did get running water in the house eventually, and I believe she finally had a wringer washer. Lots of young people seem to think it would be fun to live in the "good old days," but I think it would only be fun to visit for a day or two. We've gotten very spoiled over the years.

Geri Pittman, Pat Olson and I had a girls' day out in Eau Claire last week. We had no reason at all to go, but it was nice to be away from the house, shopping, and laughing with those two. I found some nice clothes to wear on our trip to Connecticut later this year and a few gifts that just jumped out at me for others. We had lunch at Olive Garden. It was a great day.

While we were gone, Duane stopped by Dan Labbe's shop and visited with Dan, John and Howard. Duane has said that he would like to be a fly on the wall when we ladies get together to see what we talk abut (he would be totally bored) but I always wonder what in the world a bunch of guys talk about while they are sitting around in a shop. Is it something like, "Have you tried that new Quaker Oil product? Yup, I would probably be bored.

I am a little (but not much) ashamed to admit that I am cheating on spring cleaning this year. I told Alyse Lehmann that I just can't get caught up, and asked if she and her crew had time to come over and save me. They will be here this Monday, and I am very happy about that. I no longer want to get up on step ladders to dust the high-up places. Or down on my hands and knees to do baseboards. I'm pretty excited about having a clean house without putting any effort into it myself.

Geri Pittman told us a joke that I feel I must pass on. It goes like this – The church roof was leaking and in need of replacing, and the pastor announced that who ever gave the biggest donation for the repair would have the privilege of picking out three hymns for the next service. Well, a little old lady gave a LOT of money, and so, the next Sunday, the pastor told her that she could pick out the three hymns. She looked around the church and said, "I'll take him, and him, and him." Hmmm

I thought that Karen Kelly was going to be in this area house and dog sitting for a couple weeks, and that we had plenty of time to get together for coffee and visiting. However, when I called her on Sunday afternoon, she had already gone back to her home on the Wisconsin/Minnesota border. We can still get together for visits, but we will just have to drive a little bit farther.

Sharai Hefty called to let me know that her brother, Gus – or, as some people call him, David, has been diagnosed with cancer, and would appreciate our prayers. Gus graduated from Cumberland High School in 1963 – I think. He joined the Army and moved away almost immediately, and has lived in other parts of the country just about forever, but comes back to visit regularly. He is a great guy, and we hope everything will work out for him.

We had other sad news too – our friend, Jim Trolinger, passed away on Saturday morning. Jim and Joyce were among the campers who stayed at Jim Copus' campsite by the Hilltop a lot in the summer. He was a great guy and will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

I guess that's about all I know from Barronett this week. Enjoy the beautiful spring weather. See you next time.

SENIOR DINING

Thursday, April 18
Hearty meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, stewed tomatoes, assorted bread, Cook's choice cookie.
Friday, April 19
Spaghetti with meat sauce, french green beans, garlic bread stick, Jello with fruit.
Monday, March 22
Cabbage rolls with beef and rice, glazed carrots, assorted bread, peanut butter bar.
Tuesday, March 23
Ham & swiss sandwich, creamy white bean and potato soup, fruit cup.
Wednesday, March 24
Turmeric chicken and broccoli stir fry, brown rice, bread stick, fruit & yogurt parfait.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is $8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and $10.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st an 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

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OBITUARIES



Helen D. Miels

Helen Dorothy Miels, 90, of Cumberland died Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at her home in the company of her loving family. She was born February 18, 1934 in Eaton, Colorado to the Rev. Dr. Arthur and Esther (Andorf) Braun, and was baptized on March 11, 1934. She was confirmed into her faith on May 17, 1947, at Calvary Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN. After high school, Helen attended and graduated from Hamline School of Nursing in 1954, and worked as a Registered Nurse for 37 years at Ancker, Ramsey and Regions Hospitals.

She was married at Calvary on June 2, 1956, to Earl Miels. Helen was very involved in her churches, at Calvary and St. Peter in St. Paul, and St. Paul in Cumberland; singing with the choir, teaching Sunday School, and volunteering for the Laborers for Christ, Luther League and Bible Camp. When not busy at work or with volunteering, Helen enjoyed flower and vegetable gardening, quilting, fishing, reading, and playing games with grandchildren.

She is survived by five children: Eugene (Kimberly) Miels of Neenah, Elizabeth (Joseph) Deuhs of Minnetonka, MN, Fern Peterson of Minneapolis, MN, Susan (William) Allard of Roseville, MN, John (Amy) Miels of Cumberland; 15 grandchildren: 24 great grandchildren; brother, Robert (Gail) Braun of King George, VA; sister-in-law Nancy Braun.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Earl; and siblings: Arthur and Elizabeth.

A funeral service was held at on Monday, April 15, 2024, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cumberland with Pastor John Miels officiating. Burial will be at Fort Snelling National Cemetery at a later date. Pallbearers are Jake, Johnathan and Jed Miels, Ethan Karschnik, Mark Allard, Jacob Yernberg, Carlos Balderas, and Michael Deuhs.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Stanfold Lutheran Church to Host Free Ladies' Saturday

Stanfold Lutheran Church, 1573 21st Avenue, Rice Lake, will host a free Ladies' Saturday retreat from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on April 27, 2024.

We invite you to attend this fellowship and time of teaching with Katie Koplin, who will speak on He Leadeth Me. Each of us walks a different road in life; our paths take twists and turns. Some roads we walk are steep and rocky, while others are smooth and flat. Katie will talk about the places Jesus met people with His forgiveness and, in turn, where Jesus has met, is, and will meet us with that same forgiveness.

Katie Koplin is a wife and mother of four and lives in western Minnesota. In her little nook of the world, she leads Bible studies, writes for various sources, speaks at retreats, and co-hosts the podcast Freely Given on the 1517 Podcast Network. Katie has a passion for empowering people with the great love of Jesus, equipping people to see Jesus at work in their lives, and encouraging many to live in the freedom we have because of Christ. Katie is engaging, funny, relatable for all ages, and spirit-filled - she leads her attendees to make connections, have creative conversations, and dive into Scripture as she illustrates the finished work of Christ for you.

There is no charge for this event; all are welcome, but please register to reserve lunch. Visit stanfoldlutheran.org for more information and to sign up by Sunday, April 14.

Stanfold Lutheran Church is located 5 miles west of Rice Lake on Highway 48. Worship times are Sundays at either 8:30 AM or 10:30 AM with a fellowship hour and multigenerational Sunday School between services. If you have questions about our ministry, please call Pastor John Bergson at 262-354-4537 or email stanfoldchurch@gmail.com.

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"Love of the Good Shepherd"

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The return of Jesus is about the joy of his followers knowing their beloved leader is alive and with them. Before the crucifixion they saw him as a teacher and guide for life. Kindness and patience shined in his life, and he would heal all who came to him. Long hours and personal inconveniences did not matter, people did, they came first.

Perhaps that is why many churches set aside one Sunday to teach of the Good Shepherd, from the gospel of John, chapter 10:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them.

The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

The imagery of God as a kind and caring shepherd shows in several places in scripture. We turn to psalm 23, a beautiful work where King David praised God for watching over him for his whole life. I like the paraphrase of the Good News Bible: I know that your goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.

This week in Easter, may we find the joy of listening to the voice of the Good Shepherd, and live in his ever-present care. Carry that joy into the world. Share the joy of the Good Shepherd, singing his praise like King David, now and forever.



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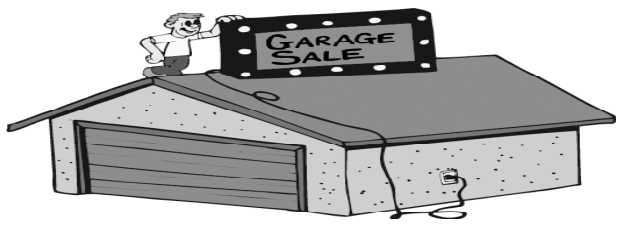
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Board Meeting
Thursday, April 18, 2024
11:45 AM
Cumberland City Hall
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1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve minutes from Feb. 14, 2024 meeting.
3. Approve Treasurers report.
4. Recognition of visitors and visitor's comments.
5. Discuss 2024 EWM Treatment Plan and approve % EWM goal for the APM plan update.
6. Approve donation for July 20th Concert on the Lake.
7. Approve Boat Monitor hourly wage for 2024 season.
8. Approve increase to developing Dredging bid spec.
9. Update on Fund raising for Dredging Library Lake.
10. Discuss and approve date for 2024 Annual Meeting & budget items for the 2024/2025 draft budget.
11. Report on the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention.
12. Open discussion – no action to be taken by Board.
13. Set next meeting date and time.
14. Adjourn.

Note; **additional agenda items may be added and will be posted at City Hall and the Library no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Board members maybe attending by electronic means.

Tom Schroeder – President,
Alan Carlson MD - Treasurer,
John Bavier – Secretary,
Tim Defoe, Mike Werner, Commissioners,
Doris Laursen, City of Cumberland Rep.,
Craig Turcott, Barron County Rep.

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Notice
Town of Cumberland Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. in the New Town Shop (902 20th Avenue). The Shop is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Open House in the new town shop will be 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Town of Cumberland
Holly Nyhus, Clerk

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Annual Work Zone Awareness Week promotes highway safety; *Safe drivers create safe work zones*

Gov. Tony Evers has proclaimed this week (April 15-19) as Work Zone Awareness Week in Wisconsin. For nearly 25 years, National Work Zone Awareness Week has marked the start of construction season across our country, promoting road worker safety and cautious driving in work zones. This year's national awareness week theme is 'work zones are temporary, but actions behind the wheel can last forever.'

"Fixing the darn roads to make sure our streets and roads are safe will always be a top priority. We've been proud to secure historic investments in our transportation infrastructure and local roads that help ensure we can continue building upon the work we've already done to improve over 7,400 miles of roads and 1,780 bridges," said Gov. Evers. "Each day, our roadside workers put themselves in potentially dangerous situations to make our roads and communities better and safer, and it's critically important they can stay safe while doing their important work. I'm proud to once again proclaim this week Work Zone Awareness Week to remind drivers that safe drivers create safe work zones."

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) reminds motorists of the importance of safe, responsible driving – especially in work zones as the 2024 construction season gets underway. In Wisconsin, work zones include highway construction and rolling maintenance operations as well as emergency response, municipal projects and utility work along local roads. Every year there are typically more than 300 state highway and bridge improvement projects in Wisconsin.

"This year's work zone safety theme is so poignant; it only takes a momentary distraction to create a deadly situation on the road," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "Construction crews are working day and night to improve our roads and bridges throughout the state. We must recommit to safe driving, especially in work zones – slow down, be patient and avoid distractions."

Preliminary data shows more than 2,100 crashes were recorded in Wisconsin work zones in 2023, resulting in 9 deaths and more than 700 injuries.

From 2019 to 2023, Wisconsin work zones saw more than 10,600 crashes causing 64 deaths and more than 3,800 injuries.

Speeding, tailgating and distracted driving are listed as common factors in a majority of crashes.

Download the 2024 Wisconsin work zone safety fact sheet.

Cell phone use is one of the most common factors in distracted driving crashes. Wisconsin law prohibits texting while driving on any road. State law also prohibits use of a hand-held mobile device in work zones and in areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights.

Drivers and passengers make up the vast majority of those injured or killed in a work zone crash, but workers remain at risk as well. Since 2019, there have been five worker deaths in work zones. An incident from 2022 involved a 25-year-old utility worker who was struck and killed while unloading equipment on the side of a road in Sauk County. Another incident in 2021 took the life of a 57-year-old Clark County highway worker, and another worker was injured, after being struck by a vehicle while removing a fallen tree during a storm.

How can people help?

Drive safely. Be courteous, avoid distractions and obey posted speed limits.

Leave the phone alone. Texting while driving is illegal statewide and talking on a hand-held mobile device is illegal in work zones.

Move over, or slow down, when you see workers and vehicles with flashing lights along the highway. Wisconsin's Move Over Law applies to maintenance operations as well as emergency response units.

Buckle Up, Phone Down. Take the pledge at wisconsindot.gov/BUPD and share your commitment with others. Participants are encouraged to share a thumbs up/thumbs down photo on social media using the hashtag #BuckleUpPhoneDown then challenge friends, family and coworkers to do the same.

Show support for work zone safety with the social media hashtags #WorkWithUs, #NWZAW, #WorkZoneSafety, or #Orange4Safety (but please never text and drive).

Participate in "Go Orange Day" on Wednesday, April 17 by wearing orange in support of work zone safety. (Tag it on social media with #Orange4Safety and #GoOrangeDay)

A nationwide moment of silence is planned for Friday, April 19 for people who lost their lives in a work zone incident.

Visit wisconsindot.gov and search "work zone" for more tips and information.

WisDOT recently produced two radio public service announcements to emphasize safe driving in work zones, as well as using 511 Wisconsin to "know before you go". The 15-second and 30-second spots will be shared on radio stations across the state.

DNR To Continue Spring Prescribed Burns

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced that fire management crews will conduct prescribed burns on DNR properties throughout the southern half of the state.

Wisconsin has a rich history of periodic burns conducted by tribal citizens for land and wildlife management across the state. Many plant communities in Wisconsin, such as prairie, wetland, oak/pine barrens and oak savanna, adapted over thousands of years to fire and would now cease to exist in their ideal state without fire to restore the balance in these communities.

The DNR's prescribed burns are conducted for the health of these ecosystems and mimic the natural benefits that fire historically provided. These benefits include removing invading brush, decreasing dead grass (thatch) and leaf litter and promoting the growth of native, fire-dependent vegetation.

Wildlife that use these areas benefit from improved nesting habitat, an increase in forage quality and abundance and higher rates of success in rearing young. To avoid negatively impacting rare species, DNR biologists and ecologists closely monitor their presence and emergence after winter and avoid burning in those areas once they are detected.

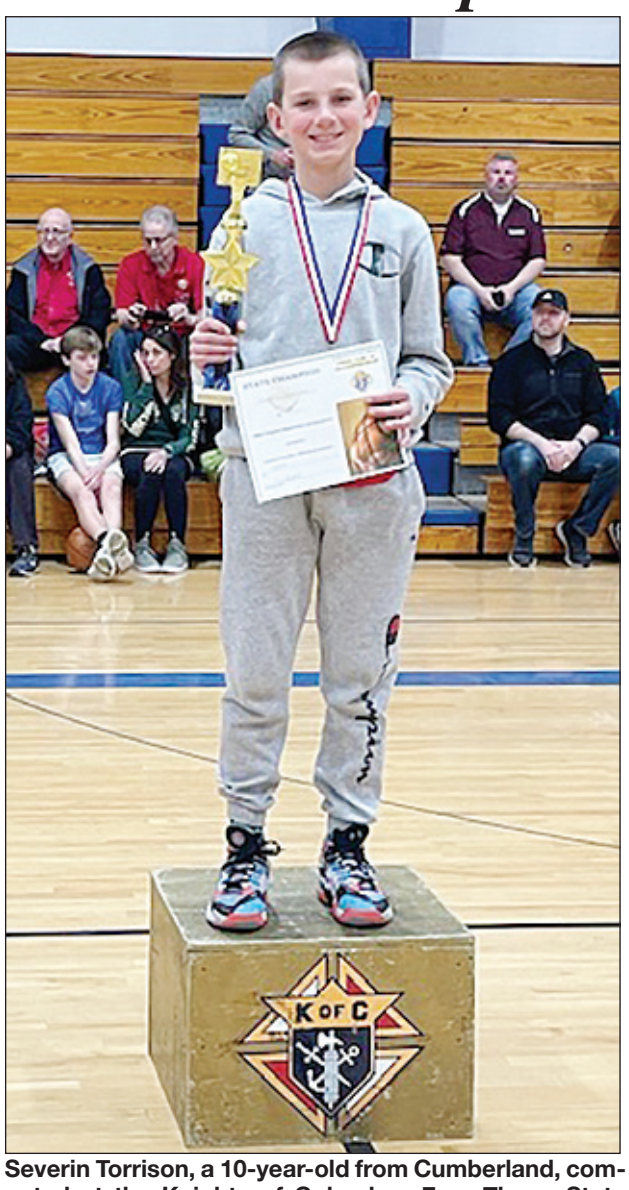
When conducting prescribed burns near roads or recreational trails, the DNR will post signs to notify the public. For your safety, we ask you to please avoid these areas while the burn is being conducted. The DNR also notifies local law enforcement and fire officials in advance about when and where prescribed burns will take place.

For a more detailed look at historic, current and planned DNR prescribed burns, visit the DNR Prescribed Fire Dashboard.

For more information regarding the benefits of prescribed burning in Wisconsin, visit this DNR webpage.

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Severin Torrison, a 10-year-old from Cumberland, competed at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw State Competition on April 13th. He made 23/25 free throws tying for 1st place, which resulted in a shoot-out to determine the winner. He then made an additional 5/5 which earned him the title of State Champion in the 10-year-old boys category.

Dump Fire!



The Cumberland Fire Department responded the City Dump for a fire that was headed towards the woods. Fire Crews were busy all over northwest Wisconsin all weekend long.

April 1914...

Other appointments at the meeting included E. Ledgering as Superintendent of Light and Water, with a yearly salary of $1,800, and Dr. Frank Babcock as City Physician at $75 for the year.

After naming the Advocate as the city paper, they paid bills of $18.55 to the paper for printing cost, $16.29 to the Miller-Olcott Lumber Company for coal, and $19.70 to the Election Board for their work at the recent city-wide vote.

Their final act was to call for s road drag of the streets, thawing from the winter frost. As they began their work, the newspaper said of the project, "It requires two men to operate, while one person could have handled a split log, which seems to do just as satisfactory work."

Also in the midst of placing people into new positions was St. Anthony's Church, which used the April 17th paper to remind members of an election for two new trustees, a secretary and a treasurer, that would take place after church on Sunday. The Church announced the election was for, "All members of paying families, while those in arrears must pay their duties to the priest before they can cast a vote."

Local news that spring included reports from all the vicinities close to the city. The Timberland correspondent told of an injury to Mrs. H. C. Hanson, who was badly hurt from a "Misfortunate kick by a heifer," in Section 10, Storekeeper Mr. Poulter was "Selling at nearly cost to make room for new goods,", while in Silver Lake, the out-of-town news urged the boys around the lake to, "Time to get your spears in good shape for the frogs!"

The advertisements of those April newspapers advised readers of the upcoming better weather and how residents could prepare for the impending spring.

The S. W. Hines Mercantile ran a full-page advertisement reading, "Spring and Summer Goods on Sale; Bargains in Every Department." Among the touted prices were suspenders at three cents a pair, men's work shoes for $1.98, house dresses for 98 cents, and spring men's hats for 98 cents. Saturday, April 18, the store offered shoppers free coffee and cookie as they looked through the many items offered.

The sale was enticing enough for 15 people from Comstock to board a train and head to the store the following week, to shop the bargains.

Other advertisements came from Miller-Olcott who told readers, "We can and will meet all outside competition and give you better lumber and better deals straight through," while the Island City State Bank told the city's businessmen, "Men who use our Bank account plan for their financial affairs, increase their chances for success."

As farmers prepared to head to the fields, Manager W. A. Christenson of the Cumberland Canning Company, gave pointers to pea growers on how best to prepare their soil for maximum results. In a long front page article, his tips concluded with him saying, "We will be always pleased to answer any question and give you all the possible advice we can give from our years of experience."

With spring in the air and easier traveling for everyone, groups from the surrounding area began meeting once again.

The meeting of the W. C.T.U took place on April 27 in the Library, as Mrs. Emil Huser was elected the group's President for the upcoming year. A treasurer's report showed the organization with $8.23 in their treasury as they began planning for what they called, "A very active campaign for the ensuing year."

Out in Section 10, Mrs. John Dahl hosted the Young Peoples Society, while the Poinsetta Club also met for a farewell party to Mrs. Woida, who was presented a souvenir spoon of Cumberland to remember her time here.

Soon it was May and another April had passed.

The Council would meet again and among their business was fining Frank Anderson $1.00 for shooting a dog in the city. The city residents now turned its attention towards the upcoming high school graduation and the many activities that surround it. Seventeen students would be receiving their diplomas, with Mildred Huser serving as Valedictorian. Exercises would take place at the Uecke Opera House, with a standing room only audience expected.

May was a time for weddings, the return of baseball, and looking forward to time on the many lakes that surround us. It was almost time for another summer in the "Island City."







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by Mark Walters

Wisconsin Conservation Congress/Spring Hearings

Hello friends,

Every once in a while, I have to get out of actual hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing and backpacking and write about something different. This week I am writing to you about the Wisconsin Conservation Congress annual spring hearings and I will touch on a few of the 49 proposals that were voted on and will be sent to the seven-citizen Natural Resources Board, which sets DNR policy. Due to space constraints I have to be short on each topic, I will give my thoughts on most proposals and I feel it is important to inform you that what I mention, at least for now, will not become law.

A proposal to change the opening of trout inland stream, spring and spring pond opener from the first Saturday in May to the first Saturday in April. If this becomes law, the reasoning is that more opportunities would be offered for trout fishermen. I agree 100-percent, my energy for trout fishing is not nearly as strong in the summer as it is in the spring.

Here is a common-sense advisory question. Currently if you harvest a whitetail deer under Wisconsin's quartering rule and this is primarily for public land hunters. If you harvest a deer and wish to quarter it in the field, you also have to haul everything but the entrails back to your vehicle. Allowing some parts of the deer to be left in the field, forest, marsh will allow hunters to hunt further from the car and actually help with CWD as those parts will not be distributed in an area where they possibly should not be distributed

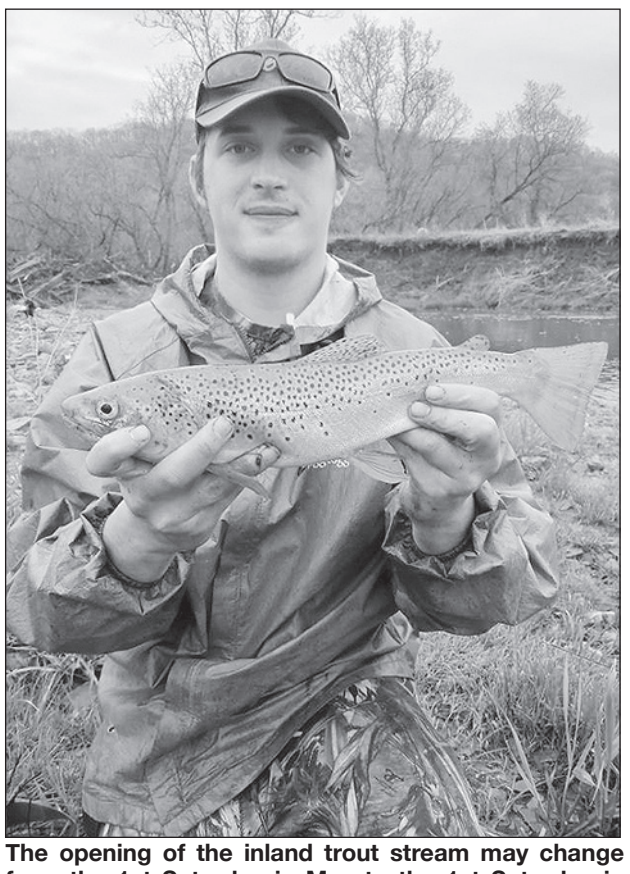
"Keep Cats Indoors" education! One of the greatest causes of unnatural mortality in wild birds is house cats allowed to roam free, the current practice called TNR (Trap-Neuter-Release) involves releasing trapped cats back into the wild after neutering them. Even when declawed, one cat can kill several dozen wild birds a year. My feelings and this will get me some hate mail. Feral cats are an enemy in the forest, they are a non-native species that are very good at killing.

Ban live scopes and 360-degree imaging in all Wisconsin waters. This is a tough one. This technology enables fishermen to find fish in a reliable way. The end result could result in lower bag limits and with time that honestly could happen. On the other hand, what other technology would you allow or ban? My thought, no action on a ban for now but leave the door open.

Voluntary asset tag on canoes and kayaks. This proposal has been around awhile. In the world we live in, non-motorized watercraft are one of the simplest, most inexpensive, and least maintenance ways to enjoy the water. Ask someone from Minnesota how much they enjoy registering their kayaks and canoes. I'm not a fan of this one.

FYI, the new Wisconsin inland walleye limit is 3 daily but if you go to another body of water to catch your 4th and 5th walleye it is 5. I learned that at this meeting and was impressed, bottom line, now the law.

Finally, there is a fair chance that lake sturgeon will be put on the federal endangered species list, this is not a state issue, but the state would have to follow the Endangered Species Act. This is similar to wolf being on the endangered species list which means the state WDNR in our case has no say over harvest or should I say no harvest.



The opening of the inland trout stream may change from the 1st Saturday in May to the 1st Saturday in April!

The walleye and sturgeon topics are just make you think and read subjects.

Get outside, have some fun!

Sunset

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Nice Play!



Cumberland pitcher Morgan Monchilovich throws to first after fielding a bunt Saturday afternoon at Islander Park.



The Hurley shortstop tags out Alora Garibaldi on an attemted steal Saturday afternoon.

Softball Team Picks up 3-2 Win over Hurley

The Cumberland Softball Team picked up their first victory of the year last Saturday, as they defeated a visiting Hurley Team by a 3-2 score at Islander Park. The team was back in action on Monday and then travel to Northwestern this Thursday, Barron on Friday, and Boyceville on Saturday for a two-game Tournament beginning at 10:00 am.

The victory over Hurley came following a dazzling pitching performance by Morgan Monchilovich, who allowed only two hits, while striking out 16 batters. "We also played better defense in the contest," said Head Coach Jessica Olson.

Cumberland got all three of their runs in the fifth inning thanks to a RBI single by Macy Beecroft and a two-run single by Baleigh Stouffer. Raegan Beecroft added a big pinch hit double in the inning, while Jayme Bayerle and Monchilovich both had two hits in the contest for the victors.

Prior to Saturday, Cumberland dropped Conference contests to Hayward (13-1) and St. Croix Falls (11-1) earlier in the week.

In each of the two loses, Cumberland was hurt by defensive miscues, too many base-on-balls, and a lack of hitting.

Hayward used three Cumberland errors, three hit batsmen, and eight walks as they picked up the five-inning victory last Thursday. Alora Garibaldi and Kelsey Reidy had doubles for Cumberland's lone hits, with Macy Beecroft driving in the Beavers run with a sacrifice fly.

Friday's 11-1 loss to St. Croix Falls had a similar box score, with only three Saint runs scored earned, following four errors. Eleven walks by Cumberland pitchers aided the visitor's efforts. Lexi Peterson had a double for Cumberland, one of their two hits in the game.

Softball Team Defeats Ladysmith

Morgan Monchilovich struck out 12 Ladysmith hitters on the way to a 6-4 Cumberland victory in a game against the Lumberjills on Monday night at Islander Park. This raises the team's record to 2 and 4 on the year.

Monchilovich went the distance on the mound giving up three hits, while walking four. Alora Garibaldi led the Cumberland offense with three of the Beavers eight hits in the contest. Macy Beecroft added a pair of safeties and stole two bases, while Baleigh Stouffer had two runs-batted-in for Coach Jess Olson.

Keep Wildlife Wild

As warmer spring weather approaches, there's a great chance recreators across the state will come across baby wild animals while out enjoying nature.

Knowing what to do (and what not to do) if you find a baby wild animal can make all the difference to protect its health and keep wildlife wild.

Never try to care for a wild animal yourself. If you find a wild animal that appears sick or injured, leave it alone. Do not provide food or water, as improper care and handling may put the health of both animals and people at risk.

With most species, it is perfectly natural for mothers to leave their young alone for long periods of time. While alone, young animals will often lie quietly and still to avoid attracting predators. Drawing attention to a baby animal's location can tip-off predators or keep its mother away longer than she would like. You can help by keeping people and pets away from the area. If you have interested children, they can learn to keep wildlife wild by observing from a safe distance.

Young wild animals will often wander on their own as they grow. If you find a seemingly healthy young animal wandering away from its nest/den or mother, watch from a distance to see if it returns to the den or if its mother retrieves it. It is important to note that this process could take several hours. Always contact the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for advice before intervening.

Visit the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild webpage for species-specific tips on how to decide if a young wild animal is truly orphaned or in need of help.

Helping Sick Or Injured Wild Animals

If you find a wild animal that appears sick or injured, leave it alone. Take pictures and make notes about what you're observing. Then, call the DNR or a licensed wildlife rehabilitator for guidance. Visit the DNR website for a directory of rehabilitators in your area.