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## CUMBERLAND ROADS/BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Hwy. 63 Bridge Replacement: No change to the schedule from last week. This week riprap and the roadway approaches on each end of the bridge will be built up. The week of June 22nd work on the bridge decking will commence, with concrete installation on the bridge deck currently planned for the week of June 29th. Soon thereafter, build up of the Hwy. 63 roadway to match the height of the new bridge will begin, along with dredging and

Lake Street work following a bit later in July. Local Street Improvement Projects: Late last week we posted information regarding the local street improvements that are imminent. For those local streets undergoing a mill and overlay treatment this year, milling work will start tomorrow afternoon, weather permitting, and last into next week. We expect a schedule and map from Barron County

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## COUNCIL HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING ON STREET MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

The Cumberland City Council held a special meeting on Friday, June 12, at City Hall. The purpose of the special meeting was to have a discussion and possible action relating to the 2026 Street Maintenance Program with the objective to get approval of the Street Program Plan. Bids were received by Monarch Paving and the Barron County Highway Department. The Finance and Capital Plan developed last fall allowed for a \$1 million budget for the 2026 Street Maintenance Plan. After addressing increased costs for the bridge project and based on projected cost savings, the city thought they would realize on using Hot-in-Place Asphalt Recycling (that plan was abandoned) the city shuffled dollars to fund the bridge project and ended up with a planned budget of \$833,750 for the Street Maintenance Plan. As part of the street plan, each bidder submitted their treatment recommendations by street segments. As to be expected, the recommendations by Monarch and the County varied. One major difference was that Monarch recommends 1.5" mill and overlay treatments on municipal roads while the County recommends 2.5" mill and overlay. Additionally, Barron County is more aggressive in prescribing a pulverized and

pave treatment. After consulting with Tyler Hastings of CBS Squared, it was determined that 1.5" is sufficient on most streets. With future plans for regular and regimented crack filling, it reduces the concern for reflective cracking. **Pulverize and Pave:** While the pulverize and pave method can be quite effective in rehabilitating a deteriorated street surface, it comes with some implications. Often, and the way Barron County did the work on Hines Lakeview, the old surface is pulverized and left in place as extra gravel. The new surface is added on top of that, which results in the raising of the street profile by the thickness of the new blacktop (in this case 2.5"). If the street profile is raised, it results in the need to adjust manholes, water valves and catch basins. Also, if done on streets with curb and gutter, it typically results in blacktop being overlayed on the concrete gutter which impacts stormwater flow and capacity. In order to prevent raising the street profile, gravel would have to be removed from the road base (presuming there is adequate base to do that), and this adds significantly

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## THE AWARDS KEEP COMING!



LOUIES FINER MEATS CAPTURED ITS 13TH "BEST OF SHOW" AWARD AT THE 2026 WISCONSIN ASSOCIATION OF MEAT PROCESSORS COMPETITION HELD IN MIDDLETON. SINCE 1975 LOUIES HAS BEEN AWARDED OVER 800 STATE, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL AWARDS FOR WORLD CLASS PRODUCTS. PICTURED HERE ARE THE 13 BEST OF SHOW TROPHIES WON THROUGHTOUT THE YEARS. CONGRATULATIONS LOUIES FINER MEATS!

## Cumberland's Louie's Finer Meats Grateful for State Honors, Earns 13th "Best of Show" Title

CUMBERLAND, Wis. — The team at Louie's Finer Meats is celebrating a successful trip to the 2026 Wisconsin Association of Meat Processors (WAMP) competition in Middleton, Wisconsin, returning home with several new honors to share with their community. Among the awards received, Louie's was incredibly honored to capture the "Best of Show" designation for its Coarse Ground Ring Bologna. This award marks the 13th time since 1991 that one of the shop's products has been recognized

with a top state or national title. For the Muench family and the entire staff, these accolades are a reflection of a long-standing commitment to their craft. Since 1975, the small-town butcher shop has been blessed to receive over 800 state, national, and international awards for their sausages, hams, and bacons. "We are deeply humbled by this recognition from our peers in the industry," said the Muench family. "We don't make our products to win trophies—we make

them for the families in our community who trust us to put good food on their dinner tables. Knowing that our everyday recipes stack up against the best in the state is just a wonderful reminder of why we love what we do." The 2026 WAMP competition recognized a wide variety of Louie's items, highlighting the hard work the team puts into everything from traditional favorites to unique new flavors:

- Best of Show & Grand Champion: Coarse Ground Ring Bologna

- Grand Champions: Smoked Polish Kielbasa, Dry Cured Italian Salami with Wine, Black & Bleu Gourmet Patty
- Reserve Grand Champions: Jalapeno & Cheddar Stix, Lebanon Bologna, Jelly Italian Sausage.
- Champions: Jalapeno & Cheddar Summer Sausage, Fine Ring Bologna, Dried Beef (with Black Pepper), Smoked Bratwurst
- Reserve Champions: Cooked Beer & Cheddar Bratwurst, Traditional Beef Jerky, Commercial Bone-

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## BARREL BLAST CHAMPION!



EIGHT YEAR OLD BLAIR LAURSEN, DAUGHTER OF JOSH AND MISSA LAURSEN WON THE 2026 NBHA BARREL RACING CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE TWO DAY EVENT IN CHETEK JUNE 6TH AND 7TH. BLAIR TOOK FIRST PLACE HONORS ON BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. SHE HAS NOW WON THREE TIMES THIS YEAR IN PEEWEE BARREL RACING. DAD JOSH SAID BLAIR AND HER HORSE PEACH MAKE A GREAT TEAM AS BLAIR LOVES HER HORSE A TON. PEACH CAME FROM OKLAHOMA AND WAS A BIRTHDAY GIFT FROM STACY ROSS. BLAIR WILL ALSO BE RACING AT THE ALL IN BARREL RACE THIS COMING DECEMBER IN LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. CONGRATULATIONS BLAIR AND GOOD LUCK IN LAS VEGAS!

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# Friends of the Library Has Great Turnout at Celebration of the Arts

The Friends of the Library participated in Celebration of the Arts on Saturday, June 13th. It was a great day to greet old friends and make new friends. The ETC events were wonderful as well as the music and food truck. We Friends wish to thank all who donated books to our annual book sale and to all who found new homes for those books. Community support is key to our success. A huge thank

you to the library staff for all their help; thank you to the 23 volunteers who gave their time and thank you to all who stopped by our shelter.   
The Book Sale Room in the rear of the library is open year-round and offers numerous books, puzzles, CDs, DVD's and audio tapes. Money donated to the FOL is used to support programs and activities at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland.

# The Teddy Bear Band

Don't miss this year's free family concert featuring the Teddy Bear Band on Tuesday, June 30, 6 p.m. at Tourist Park Beach. Children are invited to bring their own teddy bears! After intermission, the group returns as Rich and the Resistors, performing

classic rock and other favorite hits for adults. Library staff will hand out free paperback books to children at the concert. This concert is part of ETC's Island City Music Series and is sponsored by the Cumberland TSAP Library Foundation.



Home Again is the next outdoor concert of the Island City Music Series, next Tuesday, June 23rd, from 6 pm to 8 pm at Tourist Park. Members from left to right are Stan Nosbush, Phil Capuzzi, Nancy Keeler and Phil Warner.



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# Free Summer Concert Series Continues June 23 with Home Again

Cumberland's free outdoor concert series continues June 23 with Home Again, a band performing classic hits from the 1960s through the 1980s, including music from the Eagles, Santana, the Beatles, John Denver, and more. The performance is part of the Island City Music Series, presented by Enrichment Through Culture. Concerts run every Tuesday through Aug. 11 at Cumberland Tourist Park, from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is free, with donations encouraged. Food will be provided by Bona Casa Foods. Kayaks provided through the Cumberland School District's Community Education pro-

gram are available free of charge for those who want to enjoy the music from the water. Home Again's June 23 performance, sponsored by Bona Casa Foods, features Phil Warner on lead vocals and guitar, Stan Nosbush on bass and vocals, Phil Capuzzi on lead guitar, and Nancy Keeler on bassoon and vocals. The band has been described as wildly entertaining, and audiences are encouraged to come ready to dance. For more information about the Island City Music Series or Enrichment Through Culture's programming, visit [cumberlandetc.com](http://cumberlandetc.com).

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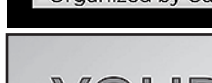
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FRIDAY, JUNE 19: • 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball  
SATURDAY, JUNE 20: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Indoor pickle ball @ ES Gym  
MONDAY, JUNE 22: • 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School • 6:00 pm Indoor Pickle ball @ ES Gym

**Kayaks and Music on Beaver Dam Lake**

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 10th year that Cumberland School District kayaks and life-jackets will be available on Tuesday evenings during the Concert Series on the shores of the Cumberland Beach from 6-8 pm. KAYAKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING: TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2026.

COST: FREE, however donations will be much appreciated! So come on down, listen to some tunes and bring the whole family! \*\*Launch located near the music on the shores of Beaver Dam/ Cumberland Beach\*\*

So that we are prepared, and know you are interested please reserve your kayaks by Tuesday morning of the week you wish to use them by calling the following number:  
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**Get ready for  
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Monday, June 8, was a big day at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library! Summer Reading kicked off with a concert by Dustin DeGoller (left picture). Families, adults, and children checked out plenty of books to earn this year's library T-shirt. The Summer Reading Program continues through August 7 with events, activities, and prizes for all ages. This year's T-shirts are generously sponsored by the Cumberland Woman's Club, the Cumberland TSAP Library Foundation, and the Friends of the Library.

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- 30 Spate
- 32 Armadas
- 37 Snacked
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- 40 Institution (abbr.)
- 41 Raise an objection
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- 44 Engage

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- 54 Kilometers per hour
- 56 At hand
- 58 Former movie part
- 63 Resume business again
- 67 Wind
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- 71 Transportation
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- 73 Sports channel
- 74 Depend
- 75 Canned chili brand
- 76 Eye infection

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- 44 Substantial
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# Opinion



## Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

As you have already seen, Louie’s Finer Meats has once again been presented with the highest award possible, the “Best of Show” at the meat processors competition held recently in Middleton. We are so fortunate to have a world class meat market here in Cumberland. No only do we reap the rewards by getting to eat a wide variety of incredible meats, sausages and more. Louie’s is a true destination. People from all over the region and beyond make Louie’s a must stop destination. Along with the world class products, the people are world class as well! Friendly, down to earth good people. Thank you for all you do and congratulations on another “Best of Show” Award. I’m sure it won’t be the last.

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This Saturday at 9 am is the annual Louie’s Finer Meats Bacon Run. A 1 mile walk or 2 mile fun run. Prizes for the first place male and female finisher in the run, plus EVERYONE wins free bacon. Stop up for great prizes, indoor specials, t-shirts and more. Run for the bacon!

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Don’t forget this Saturday from 4 pm - 9pm Moonlight Madness takes place on Main Street in Cumberland. There will be late night shopping, food trucks, drinks and more. Make plans to come downtown this Saturday night! The event is sponsored by Cumberland’s Main Street Collaborative.

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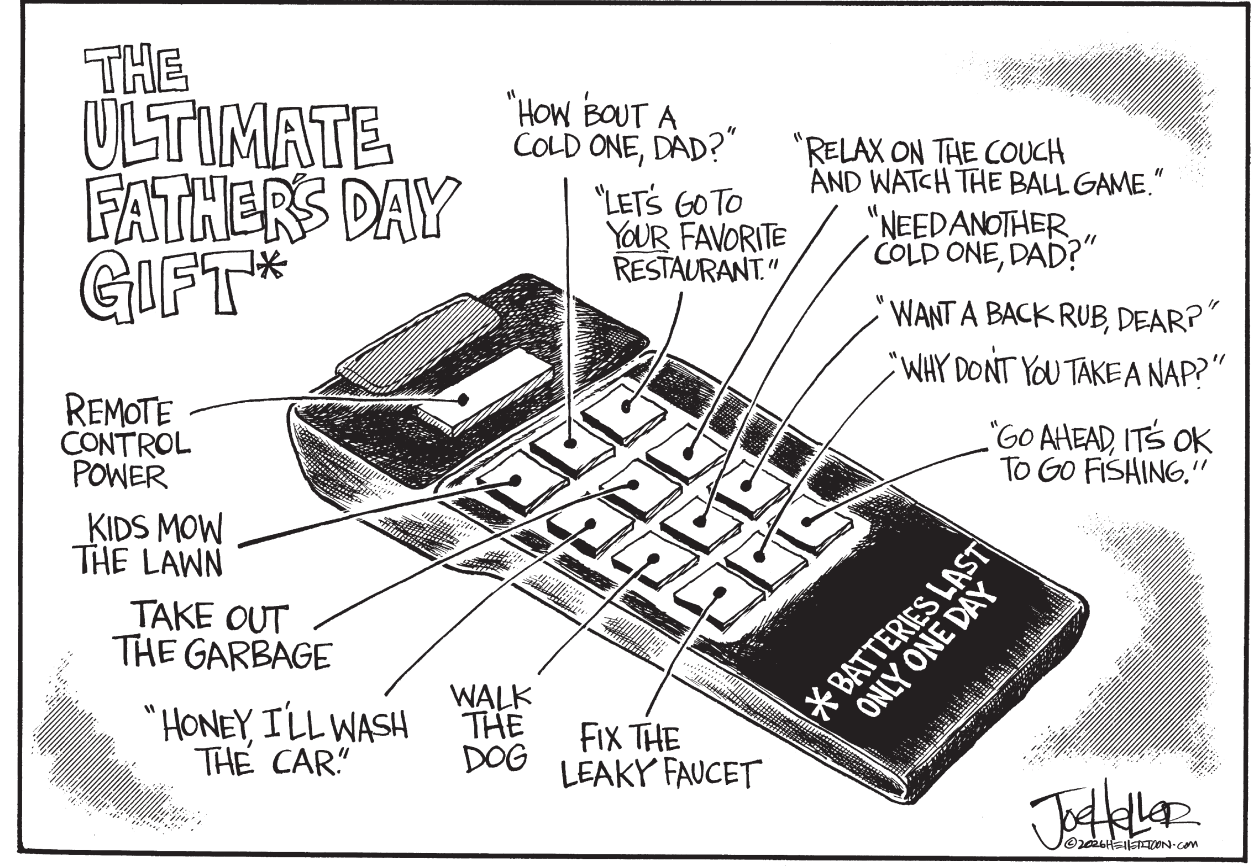
This next Monday night marks the 16th annual Taste in Cumberland held at the Cumberland Golf Course from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. This event is for adults age 21 and older and features products from local restaurants, breweries, distilleries, wineries and more. There will be live music by Bare Minimum, raffles and much more. A shuttle service is offered and will run from the N.E. corner of the hospital parking lot. A shuttle will run every 15 minutes, dropping you off at the gate. This is a huge fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Barron County Cumberland Middle School Extension. Come on out and enjoy a taste of what the area has to offer and wash it down with a sample of your choice from hundreds of options. See you there!

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Hopefully the war between the US and Iran is over. The new deal calls for a 60 day ceasefire and lifts the US Naval Blockade and reopens the strait of Hormuz. There is still a lot of negotiating to be done, but its a start. There are many sticky parts, with the biggest being that Iran can never have a nuclear weapon, those negotiations will be ongoing. Another big one is the attacks between Israel and Hezbollah Militia in Lebanon. There is a long way to go and many hurdles, but it is encouraging.

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If you get a chance, get up to Islander Park this Sunday afternoon at 2 pm, and take in a Cumberland Islander Mens baseball game. Most of the guys played high school baseball right here in Cumberland. Nothing better than good ol “town ball”. Hotdogs and brats will be on the grill. Come check it out! Happy Fathers Day! Have a great week!



## Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

### “Wisconsin remains on track to become a fusion energy hub”

MADISON, Wis. – A baby born today in Wisconsin may not see nuclear fusion become a part of the commercial energy landscape until he or she is “twenty-something” ... and still waiting for the Green Bay Packers to win another Super Bowl. (Sorry about those back-to-back downers.)

However, that same baby and its parents can be optimistic about Wisconsin’s chances of being among the leaders over the next decade in the research and development of nuclear fusion as a clean, virtually limitless source of electricity to power the world.

Let’s examine why fusion’s R&D foothold in Wisconsin is getting stronger. Football predictions will be left to better observers.

First, what is fusion? This is the same atomic reaction that powers the sun. It’s an emissions-free form of energy generation that works by melding lightweight atoms (such as hydrogen, deuterium and tritium) to produce sub-atomic particle neutrons, helium and energy.

It is different than fission, which occurs when the nucleus of an atom splits into two or more smaller nuclei and other particles, producing energy through a controlled process.

With fusion, the fuel source is infinite, and the energy density is at least 10 million times that of fossil fuels. There are no carbon emissions and the neutrons produced by a reaction are far more useful and valuable than the energy it takes to launch a reaction.

That sounds far simpler than it is, as pulling off that process at a commercial scale is enormously difficult and even a bit theoretical. Still, there are reasons for optimism:

There are two nuclear medicine companies in Wisconsin that employ fusion to make drugs for hard-to-cure conditions. They are SHINE Technologies and NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes, both in Rock County. Fusion expertise within those companies is not confined to medical technologies.

The Wisconsin Legislature and Gov. Tony Evers have approved bipartisan legislation to support the state’s efforts to advance both fission and fusion. That’s no small feat in a divided Capitol.

Wisconsin has one of the leading nuclear physics programs in the United States at UW-Madison’s College of Engineering. One of a handful of academic reactors in the United States

sits on the UW-Madison campus and its graduates are largely coveted by companies hoping to build a talented workforce.

The Madison City Council on June 9 unanimously approved \$2.8 million in tax increment financing for a potential fusion energy research facility at the site of the former Oscar Mayer plant on Madison’s North Side.

This would help Madison-based Realta Fusion redevelop more than 200,000 square feet of the property for office, research and manufacturing, with at least 200 jobs created. It’s another company with UW-Madison ties.

City money for the project is deemed “post-performance,” meaning funding must be released in six intervals, provided certain job and property value thresholds are met. Realta executives must still decide if they’re staying in Wisconsin, so the deal is still pending.

Wisconsin has not won every fusion fight thus far. Another UW-Madison spinoff, Type One Fusion, elected to move to Tennessee and is also performing well.

There’s a side story to the Oscar Mayer space: It’s cavernous at roughly 2 million square feet. Not only could other fusion-related companies fit in, but other businesses of all descriptions. Property owners are Randy Goll and Dan Seibel, both from the Milwaukee area.

There’s still a long way to go, especially when it comes to the mega-dollars needed to bring fusion companies to the goal line. Tech Crunch, which reports on technology news, recently listed 13 private fusion firms that have collectively raised billions of private equity dollars. SHINE Technologies was on that list at \$778 million; Realta Fusion has raised a reported \$54 million in all forms.

Fusion competition comes from Europe, East Asia and China, which is opting for state-run investment versus private dollars. Either way, no world power will wait for the United States to catch up.

Wisconsin has a foundation to compete globally. And the optimist in me hopes the Packers will get back to the Super Bowl while that baby is still a baby.

*Still is past president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He is an adviser to Competitive Wisconsin Inc., a non-profit public policy group.*

# A Look Back

## Look Back, June 17, 1926

Preparation for the coming Fourth of July celebration are moving along in grand style, and predictions that it would have proven the grandest event of the kind staged here in years, now seem sure of the fulfillment.

Geo F. Stahl has consented to assist R. E. Hopkins with the callithumpian parade and over fifty boys and young men have signified their willingness to assist and are now at work on their part of the program.

Mrs. H. Comstock has charge of the vocal music, Bernard Larsen will read the Declaration of Independence, and Judge H.S. Comstock has consented to deliver the address, which he says will be short and to the point. Judge Comstock is one of the most fluent and forceful public speakers in Northwestern Wisconsin, and when he consents to make a speech, he always has something to say that

is worth saying.

The Italian Mutual Aid Society has consented to turn out enmasse, and as they have recently received a choice collection of flags and regalia will add to the picturesqueness of the parade.

The attention of the younger element is called particularly to the street and water sports. They will commence at 1:00 pm. There will be dancing in the Bowery all afternoon, music by Amery

Orchestra, which will also play for the grand ball at the Opera House later in the evening. Blair and Albrecht will wrestle at 3:00 pm. Lake sports will follow. The program will be opened promptly at 10:00 am when the band will begin to play, and Mr. Wolff and his Broom Brigade will drill on the streets. The parade will perform at 11 am and will march to Mrs. Pease’s beautiful grove. The fireworks will commence at 8:30 pm.

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# Sports

## Cumberland Islanders Lose To Hayward Hawks

The Cumberland Islanders could not keep pace with the Hayward Hawks on Saturday night dropping a 7-2 decision..

Hayward got on the board in the bottom of the fifth inning after Kirkland doubled to center field, and Cumberland committed an error, scoring one run.

Harrison earned the win for Hayward Hawks. The starting pitcher gave up two hits and two runs over seven and one-third innings, striking out 14 and walking six. Uriah Johnson took the loss for the Cumberland Islanders. The starter went six innings, giving up five runs (four earned) on three hits, striking out five and walking nine.

Jerrad Lindfors and David Olson each collected one hit for the Islanders while hitting back-to-back. Olson and Budders Peterson each

drove in one run for Cumberland. The Islanders had patience at the plate, tallying nine walks for the game. Lindfors and Trystin Neitzel led the team with two walks each. Cumberland Islanders turned one double play in the game.

Kirkland and Gajewski were tough to handle back-to-back in the Hayward lineup, as each drove in two runs for the Hayward Hawks. Kirkland paced the Hawks with three walks. Overall, the team had patience at the plate, accumulating 10 walks for the game. Hayward Hawks turned one double play in the game.

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# Sports Notebook

By Mark R Fuller

\*Softball crowned five new WIAA Champions last weekend with two teams from Northwest Wisconsin making the State Tournament. HON Champion Spooner dropped a 10-0 decision to Lomira in the first round of the D3 Tournament, while Grantsburg dropped their D4 opener to Johnson Creek by a 9-0 score. With a lot of young players on the roster, hopefully the Cumberland Softball Team will challenge for a Sectional Title in the near future.

\*The WIAA Baseball Championships will be concluding as you get this week's paper. River Falls, St. Croix Falls, and Somerset will be representing this part of the state, hoping to bring back a gold ball. The Saints appearance in Appleton means both HON Champions this spring, softball and baseball, made it to the State Tournament.

\*Speaking of State Tournaments, congratulations to the Skinner and Kuenkel families, as Nathan and Katie Skinner Kuenkel's son Elliot, finished second in the D2 Golf Tournament with a one-under par 143.

Vince Sigl of Seymour was the two-day Medalist with a five-under par 139. Only a junior, hopefully Elliot can bring home an individual Championship next spring for his Altoona team.

\*I had a chance to watch some of the Cumberland Islander's game a week ago. They have a number of talented players and it looks to be an enjoyable summer of baseball for Cumberland Baseball fans.

\*It was another busy spring for Umpires in the Island City area. Barry Zappa and Ritchie Narges are two of these individuals, who put a lot of time into their craft and are considered some of the best in the Northwest. Narges worked a WIAA Sectional for the fifth straight year a week ago.

## DNR Announces 2026 Spring Turkey Season Results

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has announced preliminary totals for the 2026 spring turkey season. Wisconsin turkey hunters registered 47,725 birds this season, 8.6% above the 5-year average of 43,953.

This spring marks 50 years since wild turkeys were successfully reintroduced to Wisconsin. The first statewide hunt took place in the spring of 1983. Turkey numbers continue to remain stable and they are now found in all 72 counties of the state.

“The reintroduction of wild turkeys in this state has been a remarkable success. 2026 marks the 44th year we have been hunting turkeys,” said Taylor Finger, DNR gamebird biologist. “With mild winters and average to above average nesting and brood rearing conditions the last several years, Wisconsin’s turkey population is very healthy, and we continue to see stable harvest trends that indicate stable to increasing numbers across most of the state.”

The 2026 spring turkey season started on April 12

with the two-day youth hunt for hunters under 16 years old and concluded on May 26.

The regular season is divided into six separate one-week periods, opening April 15 and closing May 25. These separate periods help maximize hunter opportunities while minimizing interference for a more sustainable harvest.

A total of 254,226 authorizations were available this spring, and hunters applied for or purchased 235,429 of them. The robust participation and harvest numbers demonstrate ample opportunities across the state.

The 2026 statewide fall turkey hunting season will open Sept. 12 and run through Jan. 3, 2027.

The deadline to apply for next spring’s (2027) turkey season is Dec. 10. Hunters can apply for harvest authorizations online through the Go Wild license portal. Any harvest authorizations not awarded in the December drawing will be available for purchase in March as a bonus harvest authorization. Learn more about turkey hunting in Wisconsin on the DNR’s Turkey Hunting webpage.

## ISLANDERS BASEBALL!



ISLANDER THIRD BASEMAN JERRAD LINDFORS AT HAYWARD. PHOTO BY JESS OLSON.



RYAN LUNDMARK BEHIND THE PLATE SATURDAY NIGHT AT HAYWARD. PHOTO BY JESS OLSON.



WATCHING THE ACTION VS THE HAWKS IN HAYWARD. PHOTO BY JESS OLSON.



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# An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

## Bluegill Paradise

**Hello friends,**  
Every late May or early June I head up to north-west Wisconsin, build a camp and fish bluegill, generally in the Burnett, Barron or Polk County area. Last week I did just that with my hopefully pregnant golden retriever Red. Red seems to sleep a lot the last few weeks and I needed an easy trip as hobby farming and a very active life in other ways has been kicking my behind. I hope you enjoy and as always, thanks for reading.

**Tuesday June 2nd**  
**High 81, low 52**  
Before I could sit in a canoe and watch a bobber, I had to do a short portage to the lake that I would fish with my canoe and gear.

I built a quick camp on a body of water that I had never seen before that is west of Shell Lake and east of Grantsburg. If there is ever an easy time to catch fish, in my opinion it does not get much easier than May and June and that would be proven today.

My plan was to use ice fishing jigs, wax worms and a bobber. I had rigged 3 poles and would soon find out that all I needed was one.

I threw out rig number one and was being observed by a flock of about 35 Canada geese and in case you may not know, Canada geese do not mate until they are 2 or 3. Until that time they are juveniles and when you see flocks in the spring you are generally seeing juveniles while the mature birds which mate for life are sitting on a nest which from start to finish of incubation takes about 28 days.

I had anchored my canoe in about 12-feet of crystal clear water and cast towards a weed line and within seconds my bobber vanished. I caught my first fish of the trip which was a 9-inch bluegill and just like that it was nonstop bobber down with about 1 out of 4 gills being a keeper, which in this case had to be 8-inches which I measured with my trusty tape measure from the former Indianhead Sport Shop of Cumberland which truly was a great business. The 8-inch minimum was self-imposed and next I would like to say something about releasing fish, or should I say unhooking them.

We all want to catch fish, and everyone wants to catch big fish. An 8-inch bluegill in Wisconsin is

7 to 9 years old and if you unintentionally kill several 3 to 7 year old gills while removing the hook and your neighbors do the same, there will be a lot less keepers. Too large of a tool for the gills mouth such as a needle nose pliers is very hard on the potential survival. Please keep that in mind and please try to teach other people, trout are especially vulnerable.

So, I am sitting in my canoe and living the good life and thinking I would like to get a limit as I seem to evolve from one species to another. In other words, not much more bluegill fishing for me this summer and just before dark I caught my 25th keeper, paddled back to camp and enjoyed a cold can of Pabst while watching day become night.

Here is something on aging, I am 64 and in excellent health, no matter what I say or do, for myself 64 is not as physically strong as 50. Portaging my canoe, handling 100-pound bags of feed are true reminders!

**Wednesday, June 3rd**  
**High 83, low 50**  
I slept on the ground last night for at least the 1000th time in my life and I loved it. A sleeping pad and a sleeping bag inside of a backpacking tent that I did not put a rain fly on was just what the doctor ordered for my goal to rest on this trip.

I literally did not fish until noon and just hung out at camp and watched my world. When I did fish, not only were the gills very hungry but I caught 9 bass of which all but one were 11 to 13 inches and the biggest was 17. I enjoy eating bass. If you ask me they taste a lot like cod, I did not keep any bass on this adventure.

Tonight the world-famous Paul Bucher came to camp for a bit of a picnic and a lot of laughs. Paul owns and publishes The Cumberland Advocate, and we have been fishing and "picnicking" for about 25 years. Of all the fishermen that I know Paul is the best at this sport and by god he is one heck of a lot of fun around a campfire.

The next day I broke camp early and in all honesty the rest I felt I needed had been obtained, I had a mess of fillets which I share with friends and family and life is good.

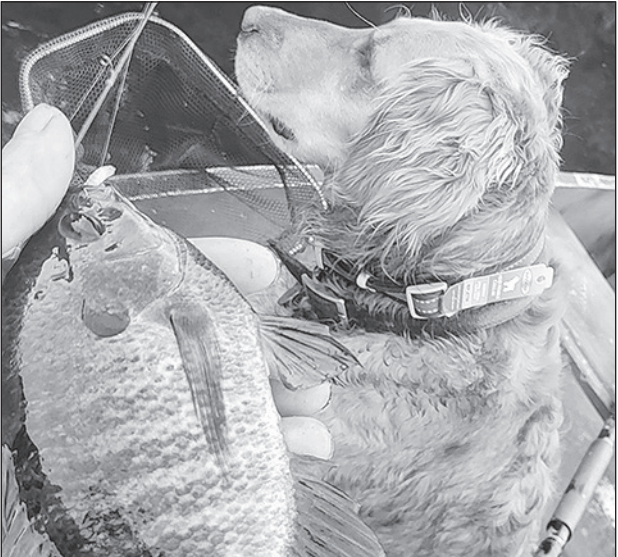
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Catching a batch of panfish out of a canoe can be very rewarding.



Using a forceps when a tool is required to take the hook out of a trout or panfish is much easier on the fish than something larger.



Red is three weeks into her potential pregnancy and Mark Walters will be keeping one of her pups.

clocks are ticking, live large!  
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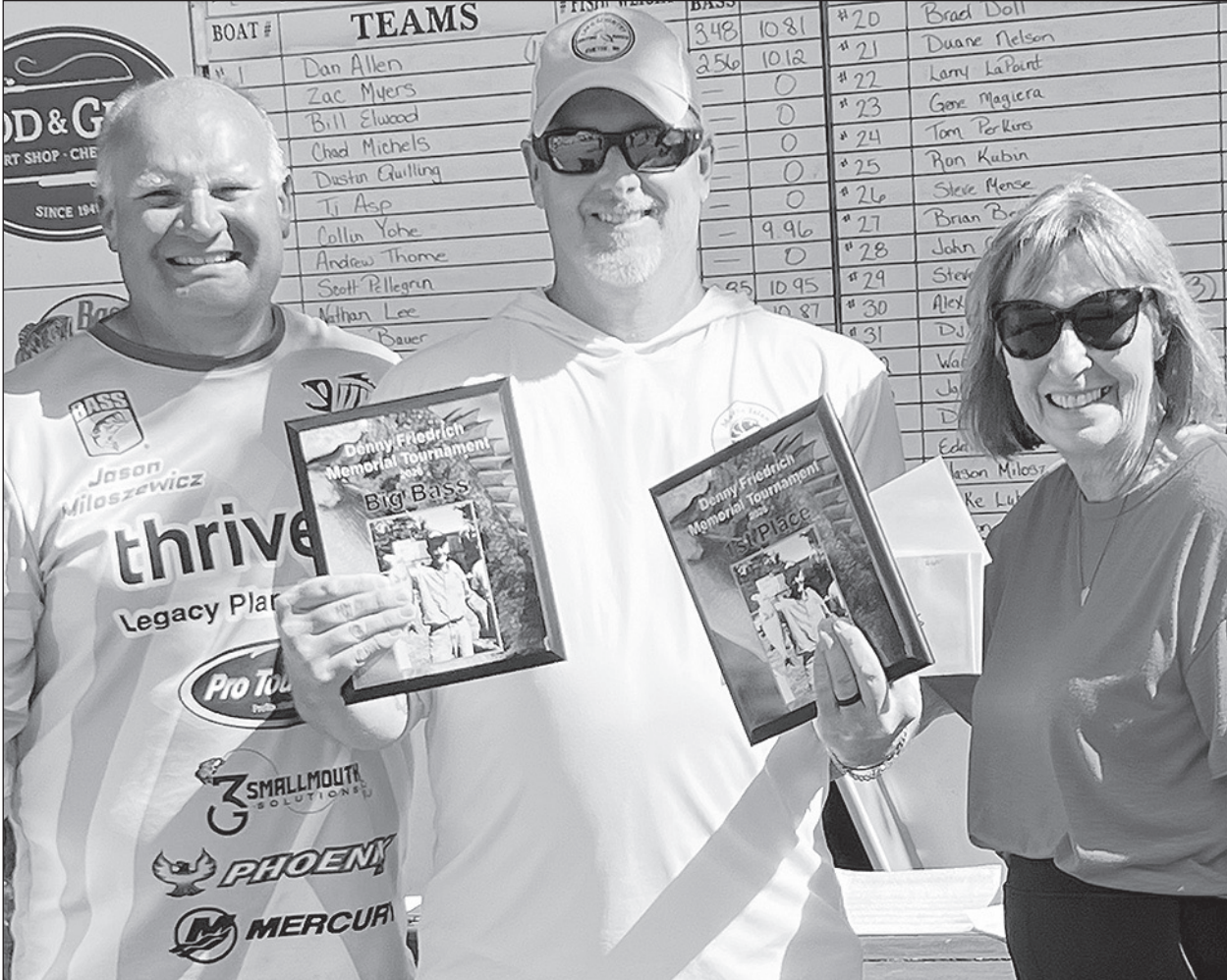
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## FISHING FOR A GREAT CAUSE!



Pictured left to right are Jason Miloszewicz (Thrivent Financial-Rice Lake), Jerry Hodson II (1st Place-Chetek) and Diane Friedrich (Rice Lake). \$5,200 was raised for the American Cancer Society!

## 2026 Denny Friedrich Memorial Bass Tournament and American Cancer Society Fundraiser

The 2026 Denny Friedrich Memorial Bass Tournament and American Cancer Society Fundraiser was held on Saturday June 6th on Big Chetac and Birch Lakes out of Doolittle Park in Birchwood. 46 anglers from all corners of the state of Wisconsin fished the bass tournament and Jerry Hodgson II of Chetek weighed in the heaviest 5 fish limit at 14.80 pounds to win.

Here are the results for the Top 11 finishers:

1. Jerry Hodgson II 14.80
2. Jason Slagstad 12.45
3. Alex Rowe 12.32
4. Preston Johnson 12.30
5. Mike Luhman 11.35
6. Jason Miloszewicz 11.23

7. Curt North 11.21
  8. Nathan Lee 10.95
  9. Josh Bauer 10.87
  10. Dan Allen 10.81
  11. Todd Kostman 10.68
- Big Bass – Jerry Hodgson II 4.47

Thrivent Action Teams sponsored a brat feed connected to the tournament through Thrivent's "Live Generously" program. The Prize Drawing, Silent Auction, 50/50 Drawing, and 25 Square Board were all a huge success. \$5,200 was raised for the American Cancer Society in Diane Friedrich's name. It was a great day! We are already looking forward to next year! THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SPONSORED, CONTRIBUTED, OR ATTENDED!!!

## Sports Look Back, June 19, 1996

The Cumberland 14-15 year-old Babe Ruth team sports a 3-1 record in the HON league. The team opened with a loss and has come back to win three-straight games.

Spooner 3: The teamed opened with a 10-9 loss to Spooner when they could garner but three hits. Spooner had 10 hits and held on by the one run margin in a game where the lead changed hands four times.

Matt Jobe was the losing pitcher, and Greg Jacobs, Brandon Ordway and Jobe got the Cumberland hits.

Rice Lake: The team won their first game 10-4 over Rice Lake. Cumberland started strong and never looked back as they had a 5-0 lead before Rice Lake scored.

Matt Jobe was the winning pitcher as he went four innings and struck out three and walked four.

Isaac Lundquist, Greg Jacobs, Josh Kreger and Scott Neva had hits for Cumberland.

Shell Lake: The team hammered Shell Lake 15-4 as Dustin Bengston was the winning pitcher. He pitched three innings, struck out two and walked two.

Big sticks were carried by Luke Voshell, two hits, John Peterson, three hits, Greg Jacobs, three hits, Josh Kreger, two hits and Cary Diesterhaft, two hits.

Haugen 1: In the best game thus far this season, the team beat Haugen 4-3 as they scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh. Jay Gagner was the winning pitcher as he worked five scoreless innings.

Luke Voshell had two hits while Lundquist, Gagner, Jobe, Jacobs and Brandon Ordway each had single hits.

Isaac Lundquist hit a game winning homerun in the bottom of the seventh for locals.

## Sudoku Puzzle #4148-M

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| 7 |   | 5 | 6 |   | 8 |   |   |
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|   | 7 |   | 2 | 4 |   | 3 |   |
|   |   | 8 |   | 7 |   | 5 | 4 |

## A l m e n a Sportsman Club Summer League Week 1 Scores

**Team Totals**  
Hardina Septic 97  
Twin Town Tavern - 96  
Echo Valley Bear Hunters-88  
Goonies - 86  
Charlies Place - 86  
4 1/2 Men+a Gal - 85  
Lake Country Dairy - 83  
B n B Disposal - 83  
Klopp's - 81  
Halco Press - 80  
Vision Builders - 78  
Spare Time - 77  
Toombs Septic -77  
Hotel Bar - 76  
Rouzer Farms 2 - 76  
Rouzer Farms 1 - 75  
5 Dipsticks - 75  
Beckers Trucking - 69  
Twin Pines Ladies - 51  
**Top Men**  
Dave Olson - 25  
Jason Murphy - 25  
Bob Hardina - 24  
Dan Hardina - 24

Ethan Yeske - 24  
Jordan Olson - 24  
Jim Cherney - 24  
Brady Blechinger - 24  
Steve Scharmer - 24

**Top Women**  
JoAnn Scribner - 21  
Ella Moen - 19  
Kassey Coleman - 18  
Megan Wait - 17



Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

The congregation would, once again, like to thank Pastor Karen Johnson for filling in at the organ on Sunday. We always appreciate seeing Karen, and wish she would visit us more often.

The reason our usual organist, Geri Pittman, was unable to be with us on Sunday was that she was in Iowa at her grandson's wedding. Noah, son of Geri's son, Jerry, and his bride, Natalie, were married on Saturday, June 13th, in an out-door ceremony at Hickory Hills Park, which is near LaPorte City, Iowa, with a reception in a lodge following the wedding. Geri said that it was a beautiful wedding and that all the guests had a very good time. Dan, Jess, Erica and Brooke Pittman also traveled to Iowa from their home in rural Cumberland for the wedding. We all wish Noah and Natalie many, many years of happiness.

Boy, I'll tell you what – I have been lucky enough to be in the right place at the right time twice in two weeks. Remember, last week Lynn and I met and talked to the guys who do the "Papa and Joe's Fishing Adventures" pod cast. Well, last Monday, Dawn Pieper and I had breakfast at Maxine's in Rice Lake. We sat in a booth toward the back, and there was a table of eight guys and one woman right next to us and there were four other men, who we saw were friends of the eight, in the booth right behind us. We were only there a few minutes when we heard them getting ready to sing. They were fantastically wonderful – barbershop quartet type music. They must have sung at least five songs while we were eating breakfast. I knew that I had to tell you about it, so I asked

one of the men behind us if they had a name for their group. They were the Upside Downers Quartet. He said that, actually, they had started out as a quartet but grew a quite a bit since the beginning. Eleven of the men came from the Chicago area, and one of them traveled up from Virginia to vacation in our area with his friends. Needless to say, Dawn and I were really glad we decided to stop at Maxine's that morning.

I have another gardening tip for you – this one is from Pat Olson, and it is a pretty good weed killer. You take one gallon of white vinegar, one cup of salt and a tablespoon of Dawn dish soap, mix it up good and spray it on any weeds you don't want growing in your garden. I tried it on the weeds by the fence around the strawberries, and it really does work. It's cheap, and we are not putting chemicals in the air or on the ground. Thanks, Pat.

Duane and I were among the hundreds – maybe even thousands – of people who enjoyed the Tri-County Dairy Breakfast at Spooner Fairgrounds this past Saturday. We got there a little later than we usually do, and had to stand in line for a while – but the experience was certainly worth the wait. The food was, as usual, wonderful, there were lots of friendly people to talk to, and the music was great. I was in line with Roger Lundeen, his daughter, Kelly, and several of his grandchildren, and it was so much fun talking to them. One of his little granddaughters had done some on-line shopping and found a telescoping stool for her grandpa to sit on when he got tired of standing in line. It was quite the thing – I am going to see if I can find one for Duane. It folds down into a cir-

cle about eight or ten inches in diameter, and about two inches wide. And it has a strap so a person can either hang on to it or carry it like a shoulder bag. Handy-dandy little invention.

Oh, another thing about the breakfast – I was so glad to see that someone is still driving the kids around in Harry Dahlstrom's little train. I think that is probably the biggest draw at the breakfast for some of the little ones.

Lois Nickell celebrated her birthday on Sunday, June 14th. Her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Rebecca and Joe Ebgaryn, asked her what she would like for her birthday, and Lois told them that she needs nothing, but would love to have a home-cooked meal. So, Rebecca and Joe made her breakfast, and Lois told me that it was the best meal she has had for a long time.

Lois's son, Jim, traveled from California to celebrate his mom's birthday with her. He will be staying here for about a week before traveling back to the heat and noise of California.

Happy Birthday, Lois!! Let me know when you would like to start planning your surprise 100th party.

I am so sorry to report that John M. Vargo, Jr. (Jack) passed away on February 8 in Las Vegas after suffering a series of strokes. Jack retired from Marten Transportation in Mondovi, where he drove cross-country for 20 years. Jack earned membership in Marten's Two-Million-Mile Accident-Free Club, a distinction which he held in high regard. Jack will be remembered and sadly missed by many in our area. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers while they go through this time of sadness.

I'm going to go. I hope you have a very happy Fathers' Day. See you next time.

OBITUARIES



Karen J. Bellefeuille

Karen Jeanne Bellefeuille, age 84 of Cumberland passed away peacefully at home on Monday, June 9, 2026. Before passing she acknowledged that she was ready to join her husband. She was born November 2, 1941, in Cumberland, WI to Melvin Eugene and Sylvia (Ritchie)

Lloyd.

She was married in Cumberland on June 13, 1959, to Gilbert "Sparkey" Bellefeuille. They would share many happy years and memories together, until his passing in 2022.

Karen held various jobs throughout the years, including working at Dairy Queen, Stokely's (now known as "Seneca"), and the McCain Onion Factory for 18 years. Though she dedicated her time to these companies, her favorite job of all was being a homemaker and mother to her kids - who will fondly remember her as a talented quilter, and for being an excellent cook.

She leaves behind two children, Scott (Mary)

Bellefeuille and Kelly (Tim) Schmidt; grandchildren, Kate (Mike), Connor (Annie), Molly (Henry), Caleb, and Mark (Tinille); great grandchildren, Brynlee, Emma, Lily, Ivana, and Ada; sisters, Linda (Tom) and Patricia; as well as various nieces and nephews.

Karen is preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert "Sparkey"; parents, Melvin and Sylvia; and sister, Marilyn.

The family will be remembering her privately.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland assisted the family.

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Hunt Hill Nature Center Upcoming Events

Program: Cakes at the Lake

Topic: Dragon and Damsel-fies

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time: Breakfast at 8:00am to 9:45am; Program at 10:00am to 11:00am

Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona, WI

Registration is not required.

Hunt Hill Nature Center will be hosting Cakes at the Lake on Saturday, June 27. Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 9:45 am, followed by a free environmental program sponsored by the Long Lake Preservation Association (www.longlakellpa.org) at 10:00 am. The topic of this Cakes at the Lake program is on Dragon and Damsel-fies with Matt Berg. This month's specialty pancakes are S'mores pancakes.

Dive into the incredible world of dragon and damselfies! Join Matt Berg, a dynamic, entertaining and knowledgeable presenter, as we explore all stages of dragon and damselfly life cycles. Matt will have live examples and a chance for kids to see them feeding. Participants will also get to see other live arthropods so kids - and adults alike - can compare and contrast many other different creepy crawlies from the Northwoods and beyond.

Cakes at the Lake is an all-you-care-to-eat pancake breakfast which features buttermilk and special s'mores pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit, and beverages. Breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4 to 12 years old, and free for children three and under. The environmental program is free. Registration is not re-

quired.

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

Contact:

Nikki Janisin  
Hunt Hill Nature Center  
N2384 Hunt Hill Road  
Sarona, WI 54870  
715-635-6543

program@hunt-hill.org  
Program: Youth Day Camps

Date: Monday through Thursday, July 6-9, July 13-16, July 20-23, August 3-6, 2026

Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Program Fee: \$195 per Camper, per session. Add-ons available

Registration required.

Limit: 30 campers per week

Youth summer day camps have been a long-standing tradition at Hunt Hill! Our day camps feature environmental-themed learning activities, games, swimming, and crafts in small, age-appropriate groups. Camps are interactive and led by a team of trained and enthusiastic educators. Day camps are Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, with camper drop-off starting at 8:30am.

July 6-9: Creature Quest - From butterflies to dinosaurs – explore the amazing animals that call Wisconsin home. Campers will dig into the lives of a variety of animals as we uncover amazing talents, unique habits, and incredible skills these animals possess to help them survive.

July 13-16: Offline Adventures - Build it, play it, live it – your on-screen favorites

as real-world adventures. Hunt Hill will transform popular video games into real-world activities, using campers' creativity to bring these games to life.

July 20-23: Wild Waters - Enjoy everything water this week! Campers will get to fish, canoe, pond, slip and slide, play a variety of water-themed games, and learn about our local aquatic animals.



SENIOR DINING

Thursday, June 18

Boneless pork chop, loaded potatoes, broccoli/cauliflower, salad, dinner roll, peanut butter bar.

Friday, May June 19

Cheese, ham, & broccoli egg bake, blueberry muffin, grapes V-8 juice.

Monday, June 22

Bean & Lentil Chili w/ cheese and sour cream, cornbread, fruit & yogurt parfait.

Tuesday, June 23

Baked cod, baked potato with sour cream, sweet pepper coleslaw (BB), rhubarb dessert.

Wednesday, June 24

Egg salad & lettuce sandwich on croissant, marinated vegetables, fresh banana, glorified rice.

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

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# OBITUARIES



## William "Bill" A. Suech

William Ames "Bill" Suech, 84, of Cumberland, passed away on June 8, 2026 at Cumberland Healthcare. He was born November 11, 1941 in Duluth, MN to Arthur and Orel Suech. Bill joined the and served in the U.S. Army for 2 years which took him to Korea. After Bill left the service, he took a fun little detour and played bass guitar in two bands. The last band he played with was "The Titans", and they had the number one hit in Canada with a song called "Need You". He met several famous people, and really enjoyed that time in his life, but much to his chargin, he decided he needed a real job! He went on

to work as a police officer for the Richfield Police Department for 22 years and retired as a lieutenant.

He was married in April of 1983, to Katy Buck.

Bill enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Cumberland Golf Club. He liked keeping up with the numerous Minnesota sports teams. Cribbage was one of his all-time favorite pass times; many grand games were played between him and friends. Bill was a life time American Legion Member

He is survived by his wife, Katy Suech of Cumberland; daughter, Holli (Brooks) Maines of Minneapolis; granddaughter, Mazie Taylor of Minneapolis; former wife, Sue Suech of Minneapolis; and many friends and cousins. Bill was preceded in death by his daughter, Megan Taylor; and his parents.

There will be a Celebration of Life at the Cumberland American Legion on June 20th from 11 AM - 3 PM.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



## Marvin A. Marshall

Marvin Albert Marshall, 93, of Cumberland, Wisconsin, formerly of St. Paul, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2026, at Care and Rehab-Cumberland.

Marvin was born on April 12, 1933, in Sauk Centre, Minnesota, to Hildegard (Krick) Marshall and Marvin Marshall and was later lovingly raised by his stepmother, Regine (Schwanke) Marshall. He graduated from Monroe High School and later attended the University of Minnesota, where he earned a business degree. On October 6, 1956, he married the love of his life, Joan Friendt. Together they shared 69 wonderful years of marriage, building a life centered on

family, friendship, and faith.

Marvin found great joy in spending time on the lake, relaxing on the pontoon, and feeding the birds. Some of his happiest moments were when his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren came to visit. Family was the center of his world.

Those who knew Marvin will remember his quick wit, sharp sense of humor, and ability to make people laugh. He always seemed to have a joke, a clever remark, or a story ready at just the right moment. Whether gathered around the card table or visiting with friends and family, Marvin's humor and warm personality made people feel welcome and at ease.

He enjoyed playing Pinochle, Cribbage, and 500 at the Cumberland Senior Center and with family and friends. He treasured the friendships he made throughout his life and especially enjoyed the many conversations, laughs, and memories shared with those around him.

Marvin is survived by his beloved wife, Joan Friendt Marshall; sons, Jeff (Amber)

Marshall and Paul (Christine) Marshall; grandchildren, Josh, Jake (Grace), Cody (Tori), Shane (Haley), Seth (Kaily), and Katie Marshall; and great-grandchildren, Kayli, Frankie, Lola, Archie, Lachlan, and Teddy. In addition to his family, Marvin was blessed with the love and friendship of Steve and Ella Friendt, Gail Jelinek, and Pat Halter, who were treasured members of his extended family and remained a meaningful part of his life. He is also survived by many cherished nieces, nephews, and relatives, along with numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Hildegard (Krick) Marshall and Marvin Marshall, his stepmother Regine (Schwanke) Marshall, and his siblings, Arlene Walker, Jim Marshall, and Shirley Weber.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Maplewood, Minnesota. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Marvin will be remembered for his devotion to family, his kindness, his love of simple pleasures, and the laughter he brought to those around him. His presence will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

## Patricia A. Sweet

After a lifetime defined by family, hard work, and a selfless devotion to others, Patricia Ann Sweet passed away peacefully at her home on May 16, 2026. She was surrounded by the love of her family and the peace of her faith.

Pat will be remembered for her warmth, her enduring spirit, and the constant, loving way she showed up for her family and friends every day.

A celebration of Pat's life will be held on Friday, June 19, 11 a.m.–1 p.m., at the Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland.



# Church Directory



## “The End of War and the Exaltation of the Lord”

by Pastor Jared Andrea

### Cumberland Baptist Church

Missiles streak across the night sky like meteors; targets are hit, bright bursts of light are seen, and explosions are heard. Unfortunately, we are familiar with these scenes and sounds on our screens and speakers as we watch the seemingly endless conflict between Iran, Israel, and the U.S. unfold. One attack leads to a counter attack. It goes back-and-forth like some macabre tennis match. It is unsettling and tiring to watch. When will the fighting end? Is there an end in sight?

A day is coming when the fighting will end, when conflict and war will be no more. It will not end by some deal made by men, but by the Lord:

“8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth.  
9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.  
10 “Be still\*, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”  
11 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress” (Psalm 46:8-11).

Ultimately, these verses point forward to the Day of the Lord, the return of the Lord Jesus. It is unsettling to see footage of conflict in our day. How much more unsettling will it be to see the Lord at His return! How terrifying to see Him come from heaven especially if we are yet His enemies at war with Him in our hearts, attempting to rule our own lives apart from Him.

When you see desolation of war in the world, let it be a reminder of the greater desolation to come when the Lord comes to defeat His enemies and to deliver His people. On that day, He will be exalted among the nations. Every knee will bow to Him and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. It is futile to oppose Him.

The Lord alone knows the day of His return. Let us be ready for it now by laying down our arms, submitting to Him in repentance and faith. Those that do need not fear the Day of the Lord because the Lord is their Savior; He is their fortress.

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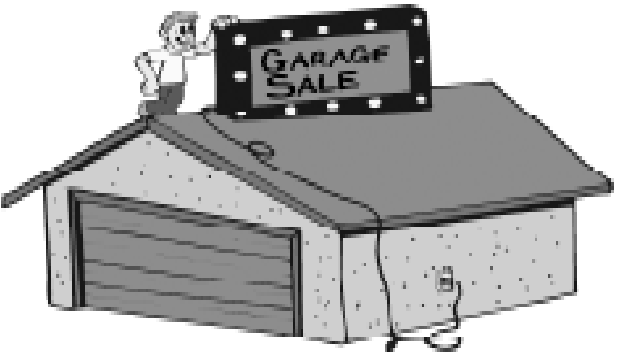
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**NOTICE**  
**BEAVER DAM LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**Nomination for Commissioner**  
**Are you interested in a term as a Beaver Dam Lake Management District Commissioner?**  
Submit your name, along with 3 signatures on this nomination form by **June 24th**. The nominations will be listed on the voting ballot at the August 8, 2026 Annual Meeting.  
Duties of a commissioner are as follows:  
1. Attend scheduled meetings  
2. Attend the Annual Meeting  
3 Participate in at least one project each year  
4 Hold one of the following offices during the 3 yr. if offered: President, Treasurer, and Secretary  
  
MAIL NOMINATION FORM to:  
BDLMD, PO. Box 232, Cumberland, WI. 54829  
Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signatures of Lake District Residents:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**NOTICE**  
**Town of Lakeland, Barron County, WI**  
**Advertisement for Bids**  
The Town of Lakeland is soliciting competitive bids for asphaltic material by the ton for use in an upcoming road improvement project. The specifications of the materials and required items that must be included in a bid submittal in order to be considered are included in this notice and listed below.  
Bid Opening: The bid opening will commence at **6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026**, at the Lakeland Town Hall, located at 791 29-11/16 Avenue, Barronett, WI 54813. Bids will be awarded during a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors, which will be held at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026, at the Lakeland Town Hall.  
Specifications:

- Cost per ton of asphalt for up to 800 tons to be picked up at the contractor's plant
- Plant location and dates of operation must be specified in the bid

Timeline: Bids are part of a road improvement project scheduled to commence prior to September 30, 2026.  
Right to Reject or Disregard Bids: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §66.0901(4), the board may reject or disregard bids that do not adequately respond to the specifications requested in this notice.  
Project Contact: Clerk Danielle Maxwell-Parker is the project coordinator and may be reached by calling 715-529-2741 during normal business hours Monday through Thursday, 8:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Deadline: Sealed Bids must be received no later than 6:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29, 2026  
Delivery Methods: Sealed Bids may be delivered by delivery to the Town Hall drop box and labeled "Construction Project 2026-01" on the envelope, sent digitally by email directly to the Town Clerk (clerk@townoflakeland.wi.gov) with a Subject line of "Construction Project 2026-01," or sent by postal mail and addressed in the following manner: Town of Lakeland, Construct Project 2026-01, PO Box 28, Barronett, WI 54813.  
  
**Danielle E. Maxwell-Parker,**  
**Town of Lakeland Clerk**  
  
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**Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754**  
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**Emergency 911**

**NOTICE**  
**STATE OF WISCONSIN**  
**CIRCUIT COURT**  
**BARRON COUNTY**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**(Informal Administration)**  
**CASE NO. 2026 PR 45**  
In the Matter of the Estate of Connie K. Bussewitz, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 45.  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/20/1947 and date of death 02/21/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1571 Forest Street, Cumberland, WI 54829.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 25, 2026.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.  
  
**/S/ Deanne E. Larson**  
**Probate Registrar**  
**June 12, 2026**  
  
**Attorney Anna M. Main**  
**Haskins Main & Devine LLC**  
**5113 Monona Drive**  
**Monona, WI 53716**  
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# COUNCIL...

to the unit cost.

Once again, checking with Tyler Hastings and Devon Fredrickson, they both agree that the pulverize and pave method should only be used on streets without curb and gutter, or in extreme circumstances. Additionally, as we continue to learn through trial and error, many of our streets lack a significant base and gravel removal is questionable. Finally, with a conservative price tag of \$1500-\$2,000 per location, a significant number of utility adjustments would put an unplanned financial and manpower strain on our utilities.

After discussions on both proposals, the city recommended that Barron County be awarded the work using Monarch Paving Treatment recommendations (1.5”). Work will begin on a long list of streets next week. The city believes this is the best path forward. A motion to endorse the plan was made by Michael Cifaldi and seconded by Tom Goldsmith. All were in favor.

Additionally, there is \$30-\$35,000 worth of work that needs to be done at the cemetery, which the city believes should be taken care of by the cemetery perpetual care funds. The perpetual care fund balance was at \$138,681.65 at the end of the fiscal year in 2025. Eagle Point Campground is also in need of \$55-\$60,000 of road work (paving the parking area as well).

Alderman Michael Cifaldi, Parks and Rec, said he is not in favor of major work at Eagle Point at this

time, as the city is looking at renovations and a band shell at Tourist Park. After speaking with Devon Fredrickson, it was determined that the city could use a cold mix to patch Island Avenue down into Eagle Point, that should be sufficient in patching up the road for a while. A motion was made to approve the plan and all council members were in favor.

A complete list of all the streets that will receive treatment in the coming weeks are as follows. Most streets will see minor delays and should be completed quickly. Some streets will see mill and overlay while others crack sealing.

- 10th Ave
- 11th Ave
- 3rd Ave
- 5th Ave
- 6th Ave
- 7th Ave
- Berdan Street
- Charrie Lane
- Comstock Ave
- Dani’s Way
- Donatelle Street
- Emerson Ave
- Forest Street
- Frontage Street
- Highway 63 & Frontage Road N.
- Island Ave
- Jeffrey Blvd
- Lloyd Street
- Nedvidek Street
- Oak Street
- Talbot Street
- Veteran Street
- Washington Street
- Webb Street
- Western Ave
- William Street
- Babcock Ave
- Comstock Ave
- Grove Street
- Sorenson Street

## DHS Monitoring Continues to Show High Levels of Tick Activity Statewide; Encourages Wisconsinites to understand tick activity, report ticks, and prevent against disease

With tick activity reaching its peak for the season, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) continues to closely monitor tick activity, with the most recent surveillance data showing nymphal deer (blacklegged) ticks are currently driving the trend. Nymphal deer ticks are young (not yet adult) ticks known for being very small—about the size of a poppyseed—and for spreading more human tick-borne infections than adult deer ticks, including Lyme disease and other illnesses.

“Nymphal ticks are harder to spot due to their small size, making them more likely to go unnoticed, and remain attached for longer, so they have a higher potential to transmit disease,” said Vectorborne Disease Epidemiologist Rebecca Osborn. “Fortunately, there are many ways to prevent tick bites, including using insect repellent, wearing clothes and gear that have been treated with permethrin, and doing daily tick checks when you are outdoors.”

To understand tick activity in Wisconsin, DHS conducts a bi-weekly sampling at sites in Iowa County, Lincoln County, and Waupaca County. DHS conducts “tick dragging,” where the DHS public health entomologist pulls a squared cloth drag through vegetation and checks for ticks at 15-meter intervals.

“Sampling in local communities helps us gather data to better understand where ticks are, how many we see, and then provide information to help people understand any risk for illness. We provide the tick data we collect through new tick surveillance reports,” said Public Health Entomologist Xia Lee. “In addition to tick dragging, DHS closely monitors emergency department data for people seeking medi-

cal care for tick bite-related concerns and shares the data through an interactive tick bite tracker.”

If Wisconsinites do find a tick on themselves, family, or friends, and want to learn more about it, they can submit it to DHS through the DHS Tick Identification Service, a fast and simple service to identify the tick based on a few questions and photographs submitted online.

For Wisconsinites who plan to enjoy the outdoors, DHS recommends they:

Wear long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors to help keep ticks away from skin. Wear light-colored clothing to make ticks easier to spot.

Apply insect repellent with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535 to exposed skin and clothing.

Treat clothing with permethrin prior to heading outdoors. Do not apply permethrin directly to skin.

Walk in the center of trails and avoid wooded and brushy areas with tall grass and leaf litter.

Do daily tick checks after being outdoors in areas where ticks may be present.

Check all parts of the body carefully. Pay special attention to the armpits, behind the knees, scalp, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, and groin.

Parents should check their children for ticks.

Take a bath or shower within two hours of spending time outdoors to help find and remove any ticks.

Place your clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any ticks you may have picked up after spending time outdoors.

DHS recommends anyone who finds a tick:

Remove the tick properly as soon as possible.

Grasp it with a narrow-bladed tweezer as close as possible to the skin using steady pressure. If twee-



## Mosaic Technologies Announces Grand Opening of the Regions First-of-its-Kind Smart Technology Showroom

CAMERON, WI — Join us on Thursday, June 18 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Mosaic Technologies Headquarters, 401 S. 1st Street, Cameron, WI, and experience the future of connected home and office technology. This innovative showroom gives guests the opportunity to explore modern technology solutions designed to create safer homes, deliver easy-to-use smart functionality, and enhance everyday living and working environments. The showroom will feature products and solutions from leading brands includ-

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The grand opening event will feature:

- Live Demonstrations of Smart Home and Office Technology
- Guided Design Solution Overviews by Mosaic

Team of Smart Technology Experts

- Light Refreshments
- Grand Opening Promotions, Giveaways and Drawings

“Our goal is to help people reimagine what’s possible in their homes and workplaces by delivering a complete, end-to-end solution,” said Chris Fitzgerald, Director of Public Relations. “This starts with our ever-expanding best-in-class fiber internet, extending seamless connectivity for all internet-enabled devices, and reinforcing that connectivity with comprehen-

sive managed IT and network protection services. All of this is powered by local employees, local expertise, and the only truly local provider. This showroom gives the community a hands-on opportunity to explore solutions that enhance safety, convenience, entertainment, and overall enjoyment, helping create smarter, more connected, and more secure homes and workplaces.”

This free event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend.

zers are not available, they should use fingers shielded with tissue paper or rubber gloves.

Use rubbing alcohol or soap and water after removing the tick to clean the bite site and hands.

Take a picture of the tick to identify it. Never crush a tick after removing it. Get rid of the tick by one of the

following:

Putting it in alcohol. Placing it in a sealed bag or container. Wrapping it tightly in tape.

Flushing it down the toilet.

Even if a person has not noticed a tick bite, it is possible they have been bitten and did not know

it. Anyone who has spent time outdoors, especially in areas with woods or tall grass, and develops flu-like illness, such as fever, rash, body aches, headache, and fatigue, should talk to a health care provider about the possibility of tickborne disease.

Not all tick bites will make someone sick, but it’s im-

portant for Wisconsinites to protect themselves and their families while enjoying time outdoors. The best way to stay safe from diseases that are spread by ticks is to prevent tick bites. Find information about ticks, illnesses that can be spread by ticks, and ways to Fight the Bite on the DHS website.



12 Wednesday, June 17, 2026

# ROAD CONSTRUCTION...

later today (Tuesday) or tomorrow and will share it as soon as possible. Late next week the new blacktop installation will begin, with a good portion of it being completed before the 4th of July. In the weeks immediately following the 4th of July, crack filling operations will move in. Then, in late July or early August, pulverize and pave operations will move in along with any outstanding blacktop work being completed. This work should all wrap in August according to current plans. For information on the local streets getting work this year, and the specific planned treatments, please follow the link below. Please keep in mind that the treatments being applied to our local streets this year only result in short disruptions in any one location and do not come with long street closures and

property access issues!  
<https://www.cityofcumberland.net/construction-project.../>  
Brightspeed Fiber Installation: Brightspeed's fiber installation work is planned to begin in the early days of July--starting in areas where their work will affect local streets being resurfaced this year so that they won't be cutting into new blacktop. Their schedule thereafter is being developed and we'll share it as we receive it!  
Hwy 63 Resurfacing Charrie Lane to Washburn County line:  
Our sources tell us that this work should be completed today!  
Hwy. 63 Resurfacing south of Cumberland towards Turtle Lake:  
Work is planned for late summer to early fall. More details will emerge in the coming weeks.



THANKS FOR READING  
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ELIN AND LILIA HAVE SOME FUN TRYING ON COSTUMES AT THE DRESS UP BOOTH SATURDAY MORNING AT THE ANNUAL ART IN THE PARK CELEBRATION HELD AT TOURIST PARK.

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# LOUIES...

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- 1993: Summer Sausage
- 1999: Packer Bratwurst
- 2011: Lebanon Bologna
- 2013: Summer Sausage
- 2017: Kalberwurst
- 2019: Dry Cured Mushroom Romano Salami
- 2021: Dried Beef
- 2021: Bohemian Cream Ring
- 2022: Italian Dry-Cured Salami
- 2023: Weisswurst
- 2025: Dry Cured Pepperoni
- 2026: Coarse Ring Bologna

Cheers to Cheese!

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Friday  
June 19

Stop in for complimentary cheese curds as we celebrate June Dairy Month and our Wisconsin dairy farmers.

Thank You Farmers!

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Friday, June 13



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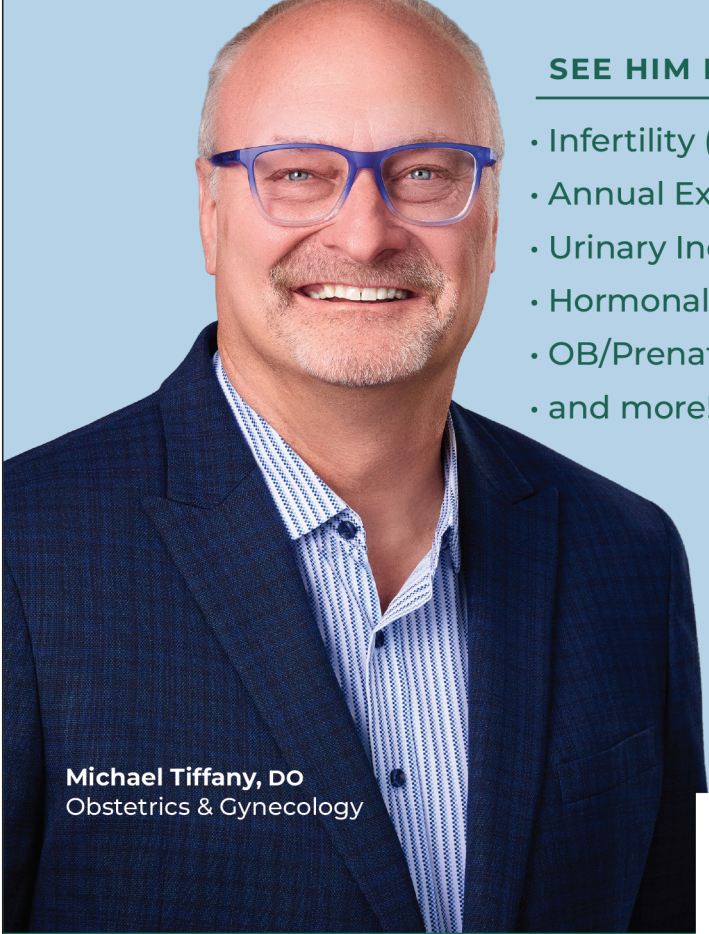


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