



City of Cumberland Bridge/Road Construction Update: Possible Delay Ahead

You should see the railings start to go up on top of the bridge parapets Tuesday into Wednesday, along with sealing of the deck and parapets. Grading, topsoil, and gravel work will be continuing this week as well. Paving of the multi-use recreational lane could start as early as next week. Tuesday, however, we did receive our first concerning news on the schedule. The delays on the front end of the project resulted in the DOT granting the contractor 18 extra days on the schedule--extending the original substantial completion date of August 21 to September 8. To date, all indications have been that the project is on schedule. The primary contractor reported a scheduling problem with one of their subcontractors on Tuesday morning that could result in a 12 day delay. We proposed some alternate plans for staging work that could keep the project progressing and minimize or eliminate the delay. The primary contractor is on board and is attempting to work out the plans with the subcontractor.

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SCARY SITUATION!



FORMER CUMBERLAND MAN DJ CIFALDI SHOWN HERE WITH A TREKKING POLE IMPALED THROUGH HIS LEFT SIDE. CIFALDI AND FRIENDS SUCCESSFULLY HIKED ROUGHLY 10 MILES TO GET MEDICAL ATTENTION AFTER THE FREAK ACCIDENT.

Wisconsin Primary Election Tuesday, August 11

Wisconsin Primary voting takes place next Tuesday, August 11th, with many vying for party nominations. In the race for Governor, there are several running for the Democratic nomination after Tony Evers' 8 years in office. Those Democrats include David Crowley, Sara Rodriguez, Joel Brennan, Francesca Hong, Kelda Roys, Missy Hughes and Mandela Barnes. On the Republican side, the overwhelming favorite is current US Congressman Tom Tiffany, who has only 1 challenger in Andy Manske. There are 5 candidates running for the Tiffany seat including Jessi Ebben, Don Raihala, Michael Alfonso, Kevin Hermening and Niina Baum. Other races include the 7th Congressional District, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer. Be heard! Get out and vote!

Impaled at 11,800 Feet, ER Nurse Self-Rescued From 10 Miles Out

The following was written by Jesse Ross, a friend and hiking partner of David Cifaldi, a 2012 Cumberland High School graduate.

On Monday, July 20, David, myself, and one other friend left the trailhead at 3:30 AM for a car-to-car attempt of Granite Peak,

Montana's highest point. The route took us past Mystic Lake, up onto the Froze to Death Plateau, and across roughly 10 miles of rugged alpine terrain toward Temple Peak.

At about 11,800 feet, we stopped to plan our approach to the saddle. In that

moment, David stepped on a small loose rock, dropped his trekking pole, and fell forward — landing in the one position that turned an ordinary stumble into a serious injury. The pole went all the way through his lat, sticking out both ends, with roughly 8 inches between

the two holes.

David is an ER nurse who now works in wound care at a local clinic — someone who has spent years caring for others, including through the height of COVID. In that moment, his training took over. He self-

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Scoutland Names New Amphitheatre After Roger Wistracill

On July 26, 2026, we dedicated the new amphitheater at Scoutland with over 100 Elementary students and staff attending Foundation Camp. The amphitheater is in memory of Roger Wistracill, a former teacher, coach, athletic director and high school principal. Roger spent 36 years in education.

The Amphitheater was designed by Mark Mauer, Brent Knutson and Brian Cunningham. Building materials were donated by Mark Mauer, and built by Brent Knutson. Brent contributed a lot of his time, materials and his expertise. He did an amazing job. The

amphitheater is built on an earthmound which has a natural back drop. The 21 benches will seat 100-150 people with stadium style seating, their is power, lights and a fire ring on site. We also had significant donations from Louie Muench (Railroad ties), Laura Schmid-Tyler (Paws

Metal Works) fire ring with a laser cut design by Ben Cunningham and Troop 24, Ron Helstern, (a sign from Woodland Signs), Jeff Payer, (a woodshed), Jeff's dad, (a nice bench), Mike Knutson, (Ace Hardware), a good discount on lumber for Troop 24.

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Book Sale Coordinator
The Friends of the Library are seeking an individual or team to coordinate and supervise the annual book sale held in June during the Celebration of the Arts at Cumberland Tourist Park. Proceeds from the book sale support youth and adult programs at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library.

Hospitality Coordinator
The Hospitality Coordinator provides and serves refreshments for library programs and events as requested by the Library Director and staff.

Library staff handle all event planning, advertising, registration, and room setup. The Friends of the Library Hospitality Coordinator recruits the volunteers needed (usually two people), organizes the food and beverages, and handles post-event cleanup.

Please go to <https://cumberlandpl.org/volunteer-positions/> for contact information.

These are unpaid volunteer positions. If you're passionate about supporting the library and enjoy working with others, we'd love to have you join our team!

Cumberland ETC to Hold Auditions for Fan-Favorite Comedy "Escanaba in da Moonlight"

Enrichment Through Culture (ETC) will hold auditions in August for "Escanaba in da Moonlight," Jeff Daniels' Upper Peninsula comedy and one of the theatre's most beloved productions. Auditions are open to actors of all experience levels, from first-timers to seasoned performers.

The production, directed by Eva Srubar, returns to the ETC stage this fall. ETC is casting five men playable in their 30s to 60s and one woman playable in her 30s who is Native American.

Auditions will be held Monday, Aug. 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.,

and Sunday, Aug. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. No monologue is required. Audition materials will be provided on site.

Rehearsals begin Aug. 31 and will be held Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with a read-through scheduled for Aug. 17.

Performances are set for Oct. 8-10 at 7 p.m., with additional 2 p.m. shows Oct. 10 and 11.

Auditions and performances will take place at Cumberland ETC, 1595 2nd Ave., Cumberland.

For more information, visit cumberlandetc.com or contact Cumberland ETC directly.

Ambe Izhaadaa Niimi'iding: Let's go to the Powwow!

Join us in welcoming Thomas Ogimaawaajiwweb and Melissa Niigaaniigaabowikwe Fowler to the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library on Tuesday, August 18, at 5:30 PM. Learn about the history and significance of powwows, proper etiquette, and helpful tips for attending these celebrations.

The St. Croix Chippewa Indians will host the annual St. Croix Wild Rice Powwow in Danbury, Wisconsin, August 21-23. This free event is open to the public.

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



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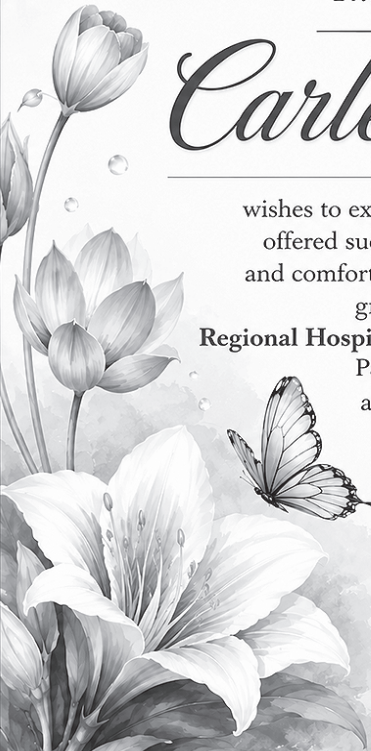
The family of the late

Carlene Hansen

wishes to express their deep appreciation to those who have offered such kindness, support and messages of sympathy and comfort in the loss of our beloved mother/grandmother/great-grandmother. We especially wish to thank **Regional Hospice Services of Spooner** (Ann, Chloe, Lindsey, Pam, and Kristy) for treating mom with dignity and compassion and their guidance and support in caring for mom during her final days.

Special thanks to **Dorothy Schwochert** for taking time to bring communion weekly to mom and all the delicious food; and to **Mary Haas** for visiting when family had appointments and taking such good care of the Amaryllis. Angels are among us.

The Carlene Hansen Family



Hay River Sisters !



The Island City Music series concludes with the Hay River Sisters, Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm at Tourist Park. The sister trio includes sounds of pop, oldies, and rock and roll.

Island City Music Series Closes Aug. 11 with Hay River Sisters

The Island City Music Series closes out its summer season Aug. 11 at Cumberland Tourist Park with the Hay River Sisters, sisters bringing rich harmonies across country, pop, oldies and rock and roll classics, including some originals.

The Aug. 11 performance is sponsored by Peter & Annie's Coffee Shop and Cafe, which will also be on site with food.

The Island City Music Series, presented by Enrichment Through Culture, runs every Tuesday through Aug. 11 at Tourist Park. Performances are from 6 to 8 p.m.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7: • 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball
SATURDAY, AUG 8: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Indoor pickle ball @ ES Gym • BDLM Meeting in Middle School Commons at 9:30 am.
MONDAY, AUG 10: • 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School
TUESDAY, AUG 11: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School
WEDNESDAY, AUG 12: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School • 5:00 pm Indoor Pickle ball @ ES Gym

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Location: MS Gym-Enter through the West High School

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays

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

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

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

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To sign up or questions please contact:

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The Almena VFW Post #8512 presented a check of \$500 to the Turtle Lake K9 Project last week. Pictured left to right are Quarter Master Barry Wilson, Turtle Lake Police Officer Frank Stavely, and Almena Post Commander Mike Nelson. Officer Stavely said it costs thousands of dollars to train each dog.

Brightspeed Fiber Internet is Coming to Cumberland, Wisconsin

Fast internet isn't a luxury; it's an essential for families trying to work from home, students needing reliable access for schoolwork and small businesses looking to grow. That's why Brightspeed, the nation's third-largest fiber broadband builder, is investing in Cumberland and surrounding rural areas in Wisconsin, bringing the nation's fastest internet (highspeedinternet.com)* to the area and expanding access to the tools people need to thrive.

Through this expansion, nearly 4,000 homes and businesses in Cumberland will gain access to Brightspeed's multi-gig-speed fiber internet, part of the company's broader effort to connect more than 213,000 locations across Wisconsin.

Cumberland is joined by neighboring communities like Chetek, where Brightspeed is already building fiber for roughly 2,000 locations.

What's Next in Cumberland?

Over the coming months, residents will begin to see our Brightspeed trucks and authorized crews rolling into their neighborhoods. Crews may dig, bore underground, or work on existing utility poles to connect them to Brightspeed's state-of-the-art network, which has a 4.4-star rating on Trustpilot and more than 19,650 five-star reviews** to more communities across the state.

Once construction is complete, families and business owners can meet directly with Brightspeed representatives, who will be in the area to spread the word about the availability of Brightspeed Fiber Internet.

Check Availability & Get Connected

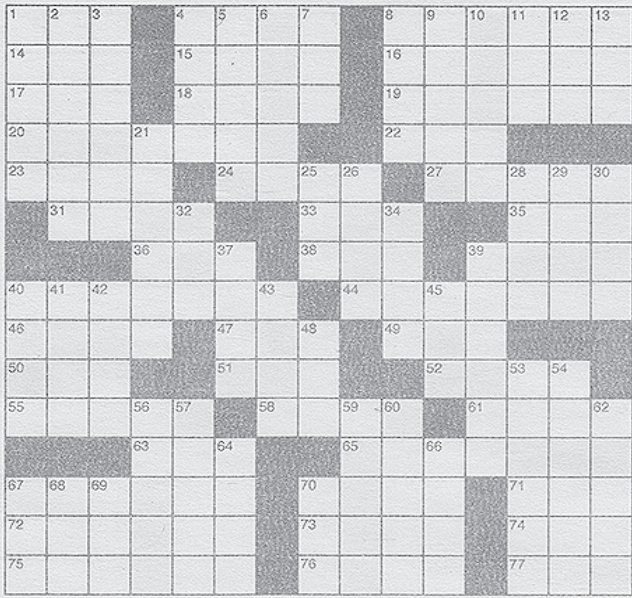
For Barron County, this investment represents more than fast speeds. It's about creating new opportunities for families who have historically been left behind.

Brightspeed offers various internet speed plans to choose from. Residents and businesses in Wisconsin can check if Brightspeed Fiber Internet is available in their area by visiting www.brightspeed.com.

Sudoku Puzzle #4151-M

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	5		3		6		7	1
			7		8	5		
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	6						1	
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8	9		1		3		2	
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PUZZLE



- ACROSS

1 Central Time

4 Long fish

8 Woman in the Old Testament

14 Boxer Muhammad

15 Tub spread

16 City in Pakistan

17 Downwind

18 Ferry

19 Steady flow

20 Made dirty

22 Look

23 Eye infection

24 In ____ (together)

27 Unwind

31 What the pilot uses

33 Expression of surprise

35 Atmosphere

36 Twitching

38 Cake or Bread ____

39 One of Columbus' ships

40 East African country
- 44 George, prince of Wales' authority

46 Epochs

47 Reduced (abbr.)

49 Compass point

50 Nonprofessional

51 Kimono sash

52 Western state

55 Regional vegetation

58 Route

61 Double-reed instrument

63 Alternative (abbr.)

65 Nice bar decorated with ferns and other plants

67 Metal joiner

70 Famous person's car

71 Freudian term

72 Plan

73 Ride horseback

74 Bro.'s sibling

75 Mark clearly

76 Not women's

77 Meet
- DOWN
- 1 Lulls
- 2 Investigator
- 3 Like hippie's clothing
- 4 Mongolian desert
- 5 Lotion ingredients
- 6 Poised
- 7 Drunk
- 8 Otherwise
- 9 Mythical deity
- 10 Lucky number
- 11 Garden tool
- 12 Epoch
- 13 Radioactivity unit
- 21 Triangle-shaped Greek letters
- 25 Catch some Z's
- 26 Scorch
- 28 Set down
- 29 Bluish white metal
- 30 Doctor's picture
- 32 Cubic centimeter
- 34 Afresh
- 37 Goodbye !
- 39 Who the apple hit
- 40 Ego
- 41 Voiced
- 42 Condiment
- 43 Shorten (abbr.)
- 45 African antelope
- 48 River (Spanish)
- 49 Mother superior
- 54 Submarine sandwich
- 56 Sound receiver
- 57 Notify
- 59 Ailight
- 60 Monster
- 62 Irregular
- 64 Elm
- 66 Decays
- 67 Compact bundle
- 68 East southeast
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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

High School sports practices are back starting this week. I believe the high school is a big part of small communities. Sports bring people together, it is so much fun when a sports team gets on a roll. Pretty soon the bleachers or the stands begin to fill up more and more with each win. Cumberland is a great sports town, traveling well to away destinations and on the home turf. Good luck to all fall sports teams. Go Beavers!

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Training camp is now in full swing for the NFL. The NFC North will no doubt be one of the most interesting divisions in the league. You can make a case for all four teams coming out on top. If the Packers play well early without Micah Parson, they will certainly be in the mix. Jordan Love looks to have a big year with talented wide outs and the return of Tucker Kraft. The Lions have a loaded offense and will face a 4th place schedule this season. Caleb Williams and the Bears should also score a lot of points. Maybe this is the year Da Bears start fast and don’t have to pull games out late. The Vikings, meanwhile, should be tough on defense and it newcomer, Kyler Murry can play even above average at the quarterback position, the Vikes have plenty of play makers as well. Buck up, it should be a fun season. Thanks to Frank Cifaldi for once again getting some great pictures at Packers Training Camp.

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Speaking of Cifaldi, how about the story of DJ Cifaldi, who had what could have been a tragic accident while hiking in the mountains out west. Sure sounds like his training came into play in remaining calm in hiking out of a bad situation. Good luck on a full recovery, DJ.

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I’m sure most of you reading this have a pet or two, we have both a cat and a dog. Well, our cat hasn’t been doing the greatest the past couple of weeks. Not wanting to eat and trouble keeping food down. We are doing what we can for him. It’s funny, I never thought we would have a cat in the house. It all started 11 years ago when our “outside cat” was brought into the house one day when Isaac was home sick. Well guess what, he’s still in the house and is a great pet. I swear when I put the recliner up, it doesn’t matter where in house he is, he comes trucking and claims his rightful place between my legs on the Lazy Boy. I’ve obviously grown to love the little fur ball, as he is quite the character to say the least. Hopefully he has at least one more of his nine lives left, he has no doubt used up several. Have a great week everybody!

Construction Update...

tractors. We will keep you posted!
Local Street Improvement Projects:
The Barron County Highway Department has returned and is pulverizing a few streets this week. They plan to begin final paving operations for the year on or about August 12th.
Hwy. 63 Resurfacing south of Cumberland towards Turtle Lake:
Work on this project is underway. Mill and overlay work is currently scheduled to begin the week of August 31st and last about 6-8 weeks.

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Dem governor candidates can look nationally for data center guidance”

MADISON, Wis. – During a televised debate in which major Democratic candidates for governor sought to stand out in a shrinking crowd, their positions on building more mega-scale data centers in Wisconsin were largely nuanced.

Only one candidate called for an outright moratorium, while the others took stances that ranged from a post-election pause to quickly imposing state regulations tied to environmental worries, energy use, tax incentives and requiring union workers to be hired for construction.

No one mentioned that Wisconsin could be left behind in the worldwide race to build data centers, which are directly tied to the inexorable growth of artificial intelligence – especially in industries core to the state’s economy.

That’s in large part because political candidates can read public opinion polls as well as anyone. Those surveys suggest three-quarters of Americans currently think data centers waste land, water and electricity while shifting costs to them. Meanwhile, the markets are taking a more cautious approach, as well, as AI investment euphoria floats back to earth.

What these candidates miss is that Wisconsin need not reinvent the digital wheel. Other states are coming to grips with the rise of mega-scale data centers in ways that could be studied by the state’s non-partisan advisory councils between now and when the next governor – Democrat or Republican – takes office. The only Democratic candidate to urge a statewide moratorium on large data centers was Francesca Hong, a state legislator and democratic socialist who has criticized other state policies or laws she believes are harming local governments and public schools.

“This moratorium is necessary so we can responsibly put in enforcement mechanisms to protect communities,” Hong said.

Others seemed more willing to let communities protect themselves through existing zoning, planning and other rules with help from the state as needed.

Joel Brennan, a former state Department of Administration secretary, said he hasn’t called for a state moratorium but favors a 100-day construction “pause” starting early in 2027. Kelda Roys, a current state senator, said she doubted a moratorium bill

could pass the Legislature, but urged other safeguards and creation of an on-call, state “negotiating team” to assist communities. Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley said he doubts a moratorium would address long-term concerns, adding he would rather focus on making data centers pay for their use of clean energy and power grid upgrades. Mandela Barnes, who dropped out of the race Thursday, talked about building more “guardrails” for local communities.

No matter who wins the Aug. 11 Democratic primary, he or she will face a presumptive Republican nominee whose data center stance isn’t all that different. Republican Tom Tiffany opposes state subsidies for data centers, using “productive farmland” for their development and cost-shifting of electricity demands (which the state Public Service Commission already actively discourages).

Large data centers are being built, proposed or operated in 45 states and Washington, D.C. Other than New York, no U.S. state has a ban on data centers. Fourteen other states have considered or enacted temporary construction pauses,

localized moratoriums or stricter utility guardrails. That’s according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In an April report, NCSL said 38 states offer dedicated tax incentives for data centers, ranging from sales and use tax exemptions to property tax abatements. Wisconsin is among the 38 states.

It’s worth noting that data centers – which store and process digital data, as the name suggests – have been a part of Wisconsin’s landscape for decades. Forty-seven smaller data centers are already located in the state; three mega-scale centers are under construction or proposed.

Wisconsin’s data center debate, much like discussions in other states, is far from over. Political candidates in both parties must be careful not to hurt their own constituents – people who work in manufacturing, health care, construction and other sectors – by imposing ill-considered rules. The only winners in that approach will be other states or nations.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago August 10, 2016

Congratulations to Donna Miller, who was selected as one of the 3M Cumberland Above and Beyond Program winners for the month of August. The purpose of the Above and Beyond Program is to recognize employees who have served 3M in Cumberland in an exceptional manner by exemplifying outstanding service through his or her work and exhibiting a positive and supportive attitude.

20 Years Ago August 9, 2006

Cumberland’s US Bank’s personal banker, Craig Severud, was recently recognized as being one of the top four community personal bankers out of US Bank’s 24 states in 1005. Craig was also honored for booking more loans than any other personal banker in US Bank’s Community Division.

Louie’s Finer Meats won national recognition at the American Cured Meat Championships held in San Diego, CA, in conjunction with the 67th Convention of the American Association of Meat Producers. Louie’s Finer Meats was awarded first place, Grand Champion in the Meat Snack Sticks, Second Place, Reserve

Grand Champion in the Cooked Summer Sausage and Specialty Game Meats, featuring Buffalo Salami classes, as well as third place Champion, in the Whole Muscle Jerky class.

30 Years Ago August 7, 1996

The Cumberland Fire Department responded to a fire at the Roy Spande residence, located on the Tiger Bay portion of Beaver Dam Lake. The fire began about 3:30 am. The structure is a total loss and no cause of the fire has been determined. The fire department were on scene about three hours. No one was home at the time of the blaze.

40 Years Ago August 6, 1986

Cumberland Golf Course is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people responsible for vandalism to the golf course on the evening of August 4.

While July closed out last weekend on the normal side, the month itself was anything else. While no weather records were set during the month, July proved to be hotter and wetter than usual. We had rain 14 our of 31 days during the month with a total of

5.96 inches.

50 Years Ago August 5, 1976

Donald Wilson of the Wisconsin Highway Department appeared before the City of Cumberland City Council last week following a request by the city for better traffic control at three points in the city. The first point was at the Corner of Elm Street and Second Avenue. There is a four way stop there now and the city believes stop and go lights would facilitate traffic flow there. The other spots requested was at the corner of Water Street and Second Avenue, and the elementary school crossing.

60 Years Ago August 11, 1966

Airman Gerald A. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar L. Miller of Cumberland, has been assigned to Malmstrom AFB, Montana, after completing Air Force basic training. Miller is a 1966 graduate of CHS, and will be trained on the job as an administrative specialist with the Strategic Air Command.

70 Years Ago August 9, 1956

Nine women are to compete for Rutabaga Crown next week. They are Pat Quinn, Carol

Johnson, Sharon Schalenberger, Ethel Ricci, Sally George, Jane Burton, Barbara Rose, Elaine Gurtner and Evelyn Grant.

80 Years Ago August 8, 1946

On Wednesday morning, a trailer load of new Chevrolets pulled into Cumberland from Janesville. Of the four cars on the load, only one was designated for the Cumberland Motor Company.

RUTABAGA FEST
CUMBERLAND, WI

2026 BAGA

WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
07/28	84	62	0.00
07/29	80	63	0.00
07/30	86	64	0.00
07/31	85	68	0.00
08/01	69	65	0.10
08/02	83	61	0.00
08/03	82	61	0.00

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

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Jesse M. Chartraw, 29, Cumberland, non-regis-tration of vehicle,\$114.50. Alexis A. Oja, 27, Rice Lake, speeding, \$200.50. Stout Trucking LLC., Chetek, violate class A high-way weight limits, \$1,462.65. Colton T. Sweeney, 19, Tony, vehicle tire protrudes >2 inches beyond, \$175.30 and improper display of license plate/tag/decals, \$150.10. Tello Construction LLC., Minneap-olis, MN., brake part missing/ broken/disconnected, \$175.30 and interstate/intrastate driving requirements, \$200.50. Peter R. Thompson, 63, Rice Lake, OWI, \$968.00. Wirth Excavating LLC., Ridgeland, violate class A weight limits, \$318.12.

D.N.R.

Devon J. Osborn, 25, of Weyerhaeuser, has been charged with possession of il-legal size fish. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Cole B. Larson, 40, of Chet-ek, has been charged with jet ski-violate slow-no-wake re-quirement. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Jason D. Buehler, 55, of East Troy, WI., has been charged with riding on boat decks/ gunwales. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Daniel E. Young, 38, of An-dover, MN., has been charged with fail/display certification/ registration decal on boat. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Complaints

Lisa R. Vierling, 54, of Bloomington, MN., has been charged with operate all-ter-rain vehicle or utility vehicle without valid registration. Her court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Michael L. Lariviere, 54, of Stillwater, MN., has been charged with operate ATV without valid safety certi-ficate. His court date is sched-uled for September 16, 2026.

Robert J. Van Erp, 55, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate recreation ve-hicle in unauthorized area. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Todd G. Emery, 54, of Wisconsin Rapids, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for Septem-ber 16, 2026.

Guy D. Kvatek, 49, of Ste-vens Point, has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug para-phernalia. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Christopher S. Medrano, 21, of Minneapolis, MN., has been charged with obstruct-ing an officer. His court date is scheduled for August 12, 2026.

Cara L. Martin, 21, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of marijuana. Her court date is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Brandon M. Crane, 41, of New Auburn, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date was scheduled for Au-gust 5, 2026.

Jay F. North, 63, of Chetek, has been charged with de-posit or discharge solid waste on public or private property.

His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Penny L. Richter, 50, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate UTV without each person wearing required safety belt. Her court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Jessica R. Flener, 40, of Morgantown, KY., has been charged with operate ATV without valid safety certi-ficate. Her court date is sched-uled for August 19, 2026.

Adam J. Nyhus, 25, of Al-mena, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Graydon D. Nelson, 19, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for July 29, 2026.

Tyler S. Dunkel, 18, of Chetek, has been charged with trespass to land. His court date is scheduled for September 2, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

Trevor L. Stoner, 30, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI. His initial appear-ance is scheduled for August 12, 2026.

Joshua J. Myhro, 46, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI, operating with PAC and operating while re-voked. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Timothy C. Tabat, 67, of Cashton, WI., has been charged with operating com-mercial motor vehicle with-out a license. His initial ap-pearance was scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Daniel J. Jurden, 46, of Eau Claire, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance was scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Zachary A. Moltzer, 36, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/ violate court order. His initial appearance was scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

Todd W. Hanson, 44, of Wi-nona, MN., has been charged with disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. His initial appear-ance is scheduled for August 12, 2026.

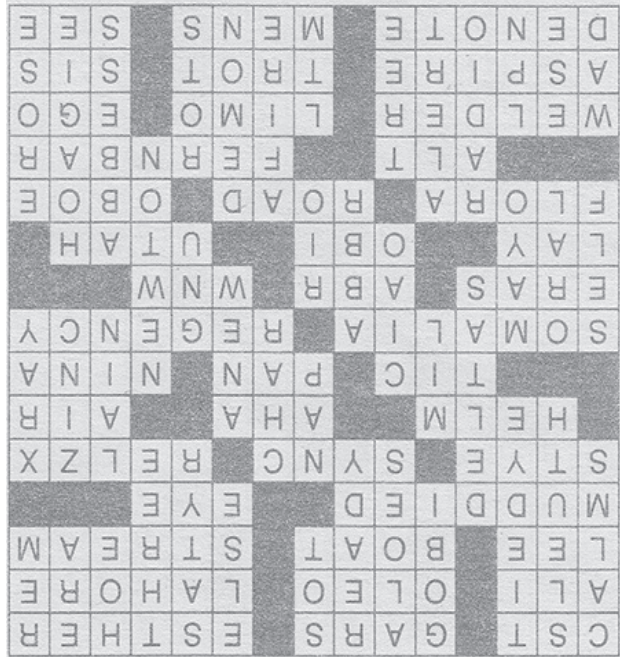
Danielle C. Alinea, 37, of Cameron, has been charged with take and drive vehicle without consent and criminal trespass to dwelling. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 2, 2026.

Joshua J. Myhro, 46, of Rice Lake, has been charged with battery and disorderly conduct. His adjourned ini-tial appearance was sched-uled for August 5, 2026.

Kyler J. Hendricks, 25, of Rice Lake, has been charged with fail/report to county jail. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Joseph A. Rush, 45, of Spooner, has been charged with operating while re-voked. His preliminary hear-ing was scheduled for July 30, 2026.

Samantha J. Rutherford, 35, no address, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her pre-liminary hearing was sched-uled for August 3, 2026.



Accident!



On Wednesday, July 29th, around 10:45 am, a two vehicle crash occurred at the 4 corners. The accident was caused by failure to yield the right of way. One vehicle was towed by Trent's Towing and one was removed by the operator. One operator sustained minor injuries and was transported by ambulance but released shortly after.

Former Cumberland Man Sentenced to More than Two Decades for Child Enticement



Matthew A. Olson

Matthew A. Olson, 41, formerly of Cumber-land, was charged with second-degree sexual as-sault of a child younger than 16 years of age on January 2, 2025 in Barron County Circuit Court. Both charges were later amended to repeat-ed sexual assault of the same child and child en-ticement-sexual contact, which are felonies.

On July 1, 2026, at a sentencing hearing in

Barron County Circuit Court, Olson's lawyer ar-gued that he doubted that Olson had the mental ca-pacity to assist that day. On Friday, July 31, 2026, Olson was deemed competent and was sen-tenced by Judge Samuel Lawton to 25 years in pris-on, with 15 years of initial confinement followed by 10 years on extended supervi-sion. Olson must register as a sex offender for life.



Two Charged after Burglary in Rice Lake

On Monday, July 29, 2026, the Rice Lake Police Department responded to a commercial burglary on N. Wilson Avenue. Offi-cers were provided surveil-lance videos from inside the business which showed three offenders entering the premises and stealing a window air conditioning unit as well as a wheel-chair.

In an effort to identify the offenders, the video foot-age was shared on social media. Thanks to prompt tips provided by citizens, the identities of the offend-ers were quickly deter-mined. The stolen property was subsequently recov-ered and returned to the owner.

The department has rec-ommended charges of bur-

glary, and theft of mov-able property to the Barron County District Attorney's office for the following of-fenders connected to this crime:

Dallas M. Smith, 19, of Cumberland and Malachi R. Trudell, 21, of Shell Lake.

A juvenile referral has also been completed and forwarded to the Barron

County Department of Health and Human Servic-es for a juvenile offender.

All offenders shall be pre-sumed innocent until prov-en guilty in a court of law.

The Rice Lake Police De-partment extends its grati-tude to the community for their assistance in solving this case and for the contin-ued partnership in keeping this city safe.

Rice Lake Man Charged with Stalking Victim He Previously Tried to have Killed

Tyler J. Crotteau, 44, of Rice Lake, has been charged with stalking-previous con-viction within 7 years, do-mestic abuse and repeater.

A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Depart-ment, reports on July 17, 2026, he was advised by jail staff at the Barron County Jail, that the defendant, Crotteau, attempted to mail a letter to a female subject in Beloit. The detective re-ports he examined the letter and envelope.

The detective reports the first two pages of the letter in the envelope were to the female. At the end of the two-page letter, Crotteau

informed the female that he enclosed a letter that he requested the female read to K.S.T. The letter Crot-teau wrote to K.S.T. is six pages long and is signed by Crotteau. In some parts, the letter is accusatory. In other parts, Crotteau expresses a desire to be with K.S.T., and how no one can replace her in his life. Crotteau tells K.S.T. that he is willing to forgive her.

Crotteau's latest attempt to contact K.S.T. by writing a letter to her, placing the let-ter he wrote to K.S.T. in the envelope addressed to the female subject, and asking the female to read the letter

to K.S.T., comes after Crot-teau alleged to have solic-ited the murder of K.S.T.

The detective reports he informed K.S.T. of the dis-covery of the six page letter Crotteau wrote her. K.S.T. said she is fearful of what Crotteau will do to her when he is released from custody. K.S.T. stated the letter he wrote to her after being charged with solicit-ing her murder has added to the daily stress she feels knowing he will never leave her alone. K.S.T. stated she is in constant fear for her safety. Whenever she is out in public, K.S.T. stated she is always looking over her

shoulder. K.S.T. stated she feels unsafe even in her own home.

A timeline of prior inci-dents from Crotteau started in 2022.

On July 27, 2026, Crot-teau was charged in Barron County Circuit Court with a felony count of stalking. If he is convicted, he could be fined up to \$10,000 and be imprisoned up to six years.

A \$10,000 cash bond was set for Crotteau, but he is already serving time in jail for a previous conviction and has a \$500,000 cash bond set for the case where he is accused of solicitation of murder.

Series of Crimes Committed Throughout Burnett County; Four Juveniles Taken Into Custody

During the early morn-ing and afternoon hours of July 30, 2026, the Burnett County Sheriff's Office and Siren Police Department in-vestigated a series of crimes that occurred throughout Burnett County, resulting in the arrest of four juvenile suspects.

At approximately 1:00 a.m., Burnett County Dis-patch received a report of two suspicious juvenile males walking in the Village of Siren. The subsequent in-vestigation determined that

a vehicle was stolen from the Village of Siren shortly after the call.

Surveillance footage later showed the stolen vehicle at a business in Siren with three occupants. Two of the occupants entered the busi-ness and stole alcoholic beverages before leaving the area in the stolen vehicle.

At approximately 2:43 a.m., Burnett County Dis-patch received a report of a burglary at a business in the Village of Webster. Surveil-lance footage from that loca-

tion showed the same stolen vehicle and three occupants involved in the burglary.

At approximately 8:30 a.m., Burnett County Dis-patch received a report of two juvenile males riding an electric tricycle in Danbury while looking into vehicles and garages. At 9:20 a.m., an electric tricycle was reported stolen in Danbury. Later, at approximately 11:14 a.m., deputies located an aban-doned vehicle in Danbury, which was confirmed to be the vehicle stolen earlier in the Village of Siren.

The investigation further determined that between approximately 8:30 a.m. and 11:50 a.m., the suspects were involved in thefts at two additional residences and attempted a burglary at a business in Danbury.

Law enforcement agencies immediately began search-ing for the suspects. Be-tween 11:50 a.m. and 2:40 p.m., a total of four juveniles ranging in age from 14 to 17 years old were taken into custody for their alleged in-volvement in the series of incidents. The investigation remains ongoing, and addi-tional charges may be filed as the case progresses.

Anyone with additional information or surveillance or doorbell camera footage related to these incidents is encouraged to contact the Burnett County Sheriff's Office at 715-349-2121.

**Sheriff Tracy Finch
Burnett County Sher-iff's Office
Chief Trevor Thiex
Siren Police Department**

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Sports

Football Team Begins Practice with Optimism for 2026 Season

The Cumberland Beavers Football Team was back on Endeavor Stadium turf on Tuesday for opening drills for the 2026 season. Almost 40 players looked to be part of practice under first year Head Coach, Richard Lauterbach. The team’s opening contest is scheduled for Friday, August 21 when the Beavers take on Chetek-Weyerhaeuser in a non-conference tilt in Chetek.

Lauterbach is a Spooner graduate who attended UW-Whitewater and has five years of coaching experience as an assistant, four at Beaver Dam and last year with the Beavers. He will be assisted by a staff which includes John Peterson, Chris Berghammer, Ben Gilbertson, Reid Olson, Matt Jungbluth, and Drew Griffith.

The team will look to improve after a 1 and 8 record last fall. Coach Lauterbach is confident that this year’s team will be much improved with a strong staff whose ultimate goal is to, “Become playoff eligible.”

Leading drills this week is two-way standout, Senior Brody Gilbertson, who was a 1st Team All-Conference pick on defense for a second straight season last year. He was also named as a 2nd Team Offensive lineman and spent some time at fullback, where he may end up playing this year. Gilbertson is getting strong interest from a number of college teams to continue his playing career after graduation.

Other top returners include Seniors Max Odden, who caught 25 balls from his tight end position and was second on the team in tackles and Mitchell Monchilovich, who rushed for 321 yards last fall. A much improved Junior lineman Vince Avila-Gonzales also returns as does fellow Junior Alex LaBlanc, who caught 12 passes on offense and intercepted four passes on defense.

The team had a busy summer, winning a 7 on 7 pass-

ing league and attending the “King of the Trenches” competition, where they also did well. This all adds up to a lot of optimism on an improved squad this year.

Coach Lauterbach will bring some changes to the team on both offense and defense. “On defense we will change our look to meet the challenges that each opponent brings with a goal of forcing teams to run east and west, not north and south. On offense, we will run a power running game, complimented by a high percentage passing attack,” he added.

Lauterbach expects St. Croix Falls and Northwestern to vie for first place in the Conference, but sees third place up for grabs, with, “Anyone else in the Conference having an opportunity to finish there.”

Football fans can get a first look at the team in a scrimmage in Barron on Friday, August 14 where the Beavers will take on Colfax and Unity. Following the Chetek-Weyerhaeuser opener, the first home game is Friday night, August 28, when the Ladysmith Lumberjacks come to town on what will be “Military and First Responders Night.”

The Schedule:
August 14
Scrimmage in Barron
TBD
August 21 at Chetek
7:00 pm
August 28 Home vs
Ladysmith
7:00 pm
September 4 Home vs
Barron
7:00 pm
September 11 at Spooner
7:00 pm
September 18 Home vs
Northwestern
7:00 pm
September 25 at Bloomer
7:00 pm
October 2
Home vs St. Croix Falls
7:00 pm
October 9 at Hayward
7:00 pm
October 16 Home vs.
Ashland
7:00 pm
October 23 W I A A
Playoffs
TBD

ISLANDERS RIDE THREE GAME WINNING STREAK IN TO PLAYOFFS

The Cumberland Islanders finished up the regular season with a nice 12-4 win over New Richmond this past weekend. The Club is now set to open up tournament play at Osceola in a 3 team bracket. Cumberland plays the host Osceola Braves on Friday night at 7:30 pm at Oakley Park.

With a win on Friday night, the Islanders would be back in action on Sunday at 11 am vs the Beef River Bullfrogs. With a loss to the Braves, Cumberland would play the same Bullfrog team on Saturday, at 1 pm. All games are in Osceola, with a pool play format. One team will advance to the State Tour-

nament. The 3 teams are Osceola, Cumberland and Beef River (Eleva). There are 8 other sites around the state with 1 team from each site advancing to the State Tournament.

In the Islanders 12-4 win vs New Richmond, Wyatt Jensen had a big game going 3 for 6 at the plate including a grand slam. Wyatt Tift picked up the pitching win with help from Cooper Schramski, Uriah Johnson and Jensen. After trailing early 4-0, Cumberland used a big 6 run, second inning to take the lead and never looked back. Cumberland had 12 hits to go along with nine walks in the route.

Fall High School Sports Practices Begin This Week with Football

This week begins the move back into High School sports with the start of football practice which began on Tuesday. The team opened drills under the direction of new Head Coach Richard Lauterbach with a preview of this

year’s team included in this week’s paper.

Football will be followed by the opening of Girl’s Golf on August 10 and Volleyball, Boy’s Soccer, and Cross Country on August 17. Look for previews in upcoming papers.

PACKERS TRAINING CAMP 2026!



MICAH PARSONS AND DAUGHTER WITH THE “BELT”. PHOTO BY FRANK CIFALDI.



SAFETY XAVIER MCKINNEY HAVING FUN WITH YOUNG FANS! PHOTO BY FRANK CIFALDI.



WIDE RECEIVERS MATTHEW GOLDEN AND CHRISTIAN WATSON. PHOTO BY FRANK CIFALDI.

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Back Country Survival Trip

Hello friends,
With my golden retriever, Red, due to have pups in late July I have to get ahead on my deadlines so I can be home when the golden puppies are born. For this week's column I chose a rather unusual way to spend two nights outdoors. I would call public land on Taylor Counties, Big Rib River home to test my skills at survival or should I say starving and sleeping outdoors without shelter, a sleeping bag, food, carried in water, cooking utensils or bug spray.
I did carry a machete with a saw blade, aluminum foil for cooking trout if I caught some, a spool of monofilament line, split shots and some number 12 hooks. I also had a water filter, a container for water and a hand spade for digging worms and a lighter for what I would find to be my most important tool, a campfire and finally a knife and forceps for butchering and or releasing trout.
Red on the other hand was loaded with a loaf of wheat bread, a bag of dog gumbo made in my slow cooker and dry dog food.

Wednesday, July 15th
High 88, low 55
This adventure took place when Wisconsin was covered with forest fire smoke and that was much of my view as I drove up highway 13 to Medford. I have never seen the land that I picked to hike on or the Big Rib River but was told it was a good trout stream, and I was very excited about my challenge.
I have to be vague, lots to say. I hiked in maybe 500-yards downstream from my truck and I was either in tag alders or dense hemlock and balsam stands, it was late afternoon and I knew I had to be wise with my energy as the only food I was consuming is what I caught or found.
I found a beautiful spot immersed in balsam trees both dead and alive next to the stream and filtered a half gallon of water right away. Next, I collected firewood and started a fire both to keep warm in the night and most importantly to keep insects away. The smell of Canadian and Minnesota forest fires was very solid but pleasant.
Close to dark I put some bigger logs on the fire and laid next to it and Red who had just consumed a thousand calories laid next to me. I was on bare ground wearing a pair of pants and a long sleeve

shirt and I am going to be honest, the moisture from the ground creeped into me and I had not collected enough firewood to stay comfortable.
Thursday, July 16th
High 91, low 61
I was up early and had a plan, find worms, build some sort of fishing rod and catch breakfast. First problem, I could not find a worm and I was using energy as I explored. Then my brain told me to go to the lowest land possible. I used my hand spade, found a worm and felt really good about that. Twenty minutes later I had 30 and was ready to put a hurting on the local herd of trout.
Next I had to build 2 fishing rods; I chose 2 balsam trees that had passed away and dropped them with my saw. I made each rod to be like a cane pole that would be about 15 feet long with about 15-feet of line a split shot and number 12 hook.
While I was doing this Red kept digging at the base of a long since dead but standing aspen tree. She started pushing on it with her hind legs, next a mouse jumped from about 25-feet up in the tree to the ground, Red promptly caught her quarry and ate it.
The next part of my day I collected a half a truck load of firewood so that I would rest peacefully at the end of the day.
The last 8 hours of daylight I did everything I could on this stretch of river to catch my supper and had zero luck, my thoughts were the stream was too low, warm, and my supper was not living here.
Towards dark I fed Red for the 3rd time today and my feelings were that I was hungry, happy but a little weary and at first light I could hike out, drive to Medford and buy the biggest breakfast that I have ever consumed.
Friday, July 17th
High 86, low 55
I slept on the ground very peacefully until 2:00 am. I had a beautiful fire and the moisture that I felt the night before seemed to be gone.
At 2:00 I woke up with a knowing belly, could not fall asleep and looked at the sky through the trees and watched night become day. I did not have a light and when it was light enough to see brush, 4:50 I hiked to my truck. I actually loved this trip and in real-



Mark Walters trout fishing setup did not work out real well as far as catching trout.



All of Mark Walters drinking water came from the Big Rib River and was filtered.

ity, if you feel that you are starving after 2 nights, you really are not.
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100 Years Ago; The 1926 Football Team Goes 5 and 2

by Mark R. Fuller

One hundred years ago, the Cumberland Football Team began practice for their seasons opener just like the Beavers did this week. The fields have changed, but the excitement of another football season was just as exciting then as it was this past Tuesday.
Sixteen boys joined Principal Fred Moser for opening drills which began on September 13. It came as a report from the State's Medical Society said that, "Athletes who keep up with exercise do not die as young as those that don't."
The team had only won a single game in 1925, a 20-0 victory over Amery. Things expected to be better this fall under Moser, a second-year coach, who had been an excellent player in College for River Falls Normal.
The opener was against Barron on September 25. It was the first of a seven-game schedule that concluded in Spooner on November 6. The enrollment of the high school had reached 211, including 42 seniors.
The opener was played at Miller Field (Not far from the site of Moser Field) and ended with a 20-0 Cumberland victory. Quarterback Clarence Alfonse hit end Elling Flottum for the team's first touchdown of the year, while Norman Wearne added two short touchdown runs and an interception. Frank Sirriani and Clarence Hafslund were credited with strong line play.
Alfonse, a junior, would be a key to the season. He would have a big year, but an even bigger senior season in 1927 when he threw an unheard of at the time, 10 touchdown passes. Following his outstanding three-sport high school career, Alfonse would attend college at River Falls,

where he would again play all three sports, becoming a First Team All-Conference fullback in football, a Second Team All-Conference choice in basketball, and letter three times in baseball.
Their second game of the year has to be an all-time Beaver scoring record as they defeated St. Croix Falls, 73-0. It started poorly for the Saints when they fumbled on their first offensive play and it went downhill from there. Coach Moser used his entire 16-man roster in attempting to hold down the score, but the Saint team was unable to do anything as Cumberland continued to roll up points.
The two-game winning streak nearly came to an end a week later, when the Beavers hosted Amery which ended in a narrow 7-6 victory. Trailing 6-0 in the second half, the red and white rallied for a come from behind win thanks to a touchdown run by Norman Wearne and his subsequent successful drop kick which gave them a one-point triumph. This set the team up for a battle against a good Rice Lake squad as the Beavers prepared for their stiffest test of the season.
Unfortunately, the team dropped a 13-12 decision to their neighbors to the East. Approximately 100 Island City fans made the trip to support their team as they watched the Beavers receive touchdown runs from Clarence Alfonse and Ben Sirrianni, but miss two extra-point kicks leaving them one-point short of the win.
The paper gave high praise to a number of players for their efforts, despite the loss, saying, "Clarence Hafslund and Wesley Flannery were powerful on defense, while Grant Lampson and Elling Flottum played their end positions well and Frank Sirrianni and Marvin Dickman turned back the Rice Lake smashes on the line."
After a week's bye, Cumberland played their last

home game on October 23, defeating a previously undefeated Glenwood City team 32-0. The game was played on a wet and muddy field. This was followed by another shutout of Shell Lake, 26-0, giving the 1926 team a record of 5 and 1 going into the final game of the season in Spooner on November 6.
The Beavers dropped the finale, 18-14, in what the Advocate Editor R. B. Hart called, "One of the best games I've witnessed for some time." Trailing 18-0 at halftime, Cumberland played a great second half as Hart added, "Ben Sirrianni went over twice on counters and missed another touchdown by the narrow margin of six inches." Despite the loss, Hart concluded, "Cumberland has a team of which the local people may well be proud. Every man in the line-up is a fighter, as was evident during the game."
For the year, Cumberland outscored their opponents 184 to 37, finishing 5 and 2 and missing going undefeated by six points.
After the season, the team was given a "Very fine dinner" at the home of the Hafslund family, enjoying a meal of mashed potatoes, roast beef, and salads. Talks were given by Captain Wearne, Coach Moser, Teacher Robert Moser, and C. E. Chubb, while Ben Sirrianni was elected as the 1927 Captain.
Yes, 1926 had been another exciting year of Cumberland Football. The only problem bothering our residents seemed to be the high price of gasoline which had hit 23.4 cents in the city, while selling for 21.4 cents in neighboring towns. The Advocate would say of the situation, "When one considers the tank car price is something like 13 cents, one realizes what a neat little profit we are paying the

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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

There were so many things going on this week that I hardly know where to start. I won't even mention the weather because there is nothing to say except that it was way too hot.

Jamie Lee Anderson and her daughters, Kaitlynn and Jessica just returned home from a sight-seeing trip out west. They drove through Minnesota and into South Dakota where they say lots and lots of things. They started with the Corn Palace in Mitchell, then stopped by Wall Drug, saw the Badlands, Mount Rushmore and the Crazy House Monument. From there they went through a little corner of Wyoming, into Montana, where they toured Glacier National Park. Returned home through that little bit of Wyoming, stopped at Glacier National Park in South Dakota and then drove through the Wild Life Loop and headed home. The girls were absolutely thrilled with their trip. They are planning one more to Chicago before school starts again. What a perfect way to spend their summer vacation.

Jamie and the girls came over to the house on Saturday afternoon and brought us a souvenir from their trip. It was a beautiful cribbage board – it is hinged and holds a deck of cards and the pegs in a compartment inside. The outside is decorated with a Native American design. They couldn't have picked out a better gift for us – we love to play cribbage.

Okay, garden talk again. We have way too many cucumbers, so I thought I would take some into the food pantry on Friday. Well, the door

was shut, so I knocked on it, and when it opened, I saw pails and pails of cucumbers. Seems that everyone in our area has an abundance of them this year. I was a little embarrassed and told the volunteer that all I had was cucumbers, and that I was pretty sure he didn't need them. I could tell he didn't want to turn me away, but he said that he didn't know if they would be able to give away all they had already.

Well, I had to run to the co-op for a few spices, and I happened to think that maybe they could use them. I asked, and the worker said that she would be glad to take them. Yea!! I just don't want them to go to waste. Then, on Saturday evening, I picked another bucket and took them to church Sunday morning and got rid of them all. But they just keep coming, so if you need any cucumbers, please give me a call and I will help you pick them. I don't make pickles, just use them for salads, so it's hard to use them all up when it's just Duane and me eating them here.

Kane, Pierce and their friend, George, helped me out with that too. They went into the garden and picked cucumbers for their families. The Thon boys picked them for their grandma Lynn and their mom and dad, and George picked them for his grandpa and grandma. Before they left, I asked George if he had picked any for great-grandma Lois, and he said he hadn't, so I had him come back into the garden and get a couple for her too. They are such nice boys to do all that work for their families.

The green beans look like

Jack planted them and the giant might come down from the stalks at any time. They are so tall that they have overlapped the fence we put them on. However, they are covered with blossoms, but do not have a single bean developing on them. What is going on? Do you think that the smoke from the forest fires up north killed off all the pollinating insects? The beans, although they are beautiful, and the peas, that are doing nothing, are the only failures in the garden. Obviously the cucumbers were well pollinated, and the tomatoes and peppers are covered with ripening vegetables. The carrots and beets were coming along beautifully, but the darn little rabbits have eaten almost every one of them. Please call and let me know if your green beans are ready to pick yet. I'm at a loss to understand this dilemma.

I decided to be a lumberjack this week and clear out all the overhanging branches and brush along the fence on the east side of the garden. Well, I got it pretty well done, and I've got the scrapes and bruises to prove it. However, there was one dead limb way up high in an oak tree that I couldn't reach, so I called Nate Hargrove and asked if he could help me with that. He came right over, cut the limb out of the oak, cleaned up the mess, and then went on to trim a pine tree that we had been planning to take care of for years. He made everything look so easy. He had it done in less than an hour – it would have taken me a week or more to do that. It was great, and we are so thankful that he is so willing to help us out.

This is getting way too long, so I'm going to go – I hope you have a wonderful week. Stay cool and drink plenty of water. See you next time.

OBITUARIES



Joyce L. Flesch

Joyce Lillian Flesch, age 99, of Cumberland, passed away on July 30, 2026 at Dove Healthcare. She was born May 3, 1927 in Cedar Rapids, WI to Oscar and Lillian (Crawford) Pearson.

She was married in St. Mary Catholic Church, Cumberland on April 7, 1951 to William Flesch who preceded her in death on August 9, 2010.

Joyce and Bill spent most of their adult lives in the Cumberland area. During their time together, Joyce managed to be both a successful homemaker - creating three meals a day from scratch (+dessert!) for five kids, as well as a valued em-

ployee, most recently for 3M. No one was a stranger in her home, as she treated all of her in-laws like one of her own. All holidays together with Joyce as their host were special, but Thanksgiving especially was a family favorite.

Her fun side was displayed in her love of dominos, bingo, and trying her luck at the slot machines (of which she never seemed to run out of!). Knowing this fun side, she made friends everywhere she went. She always found time to cheer on the Packers and Brewers, and even remembered them fondly in some of her last moments.

A natural giver, she spent 30 years as a volunteer at the Senior Center in Cumberland.

Needless to say, Joyce was a fantastic mom, a remarkable grandmother, and adored "GG" to her great-grandchildren.

Joyce is survived by her sons, Dan (Joan) Flesch, David Flesch, and John (Abigail) Flesch, two daughters, Karen (Rollie) Torkelson, and Jeanien (James) Ristow; grandchildren, Avalon (Mat-

thew) Ahlers, Emily (Joshua) Weichsel, Philip (Lindsay) Flesch and Phoebe Flesch and partner Logan; and great-grandchildren, Avery and Eliana; and numerous other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William; grandson, Jonathan Flesch; siblings, Gladys, Ivy, Fran, Phil, Fred, Floyd, Dale, and Donna.

A funeral service will be held at 11 AM on Thursday August 6, 2026 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, with visitation one hour prior. Burial will be in Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the Cumberland Senior Center.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to both Dove Healthcare of Rice Lake, and Marshfield Hospice for their excellent care.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

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New Pastor Begins Service at Turtle Lake Parkview Methodist Church



Pastor Don Lee

Pastor Don Lee and his wife have recently moved to Turtle Lake where he will serve as the new pastor of Parkview United Methodist Church. He also serves United Methodist congregations in Clear Lake and Prairie Farm.

He was born and raised in South Korea and spent the first thirty years of his life there. Before coming to Wisconsin, they lived in Atlanta, Georgia, while he completed his Master of Theological

Studies at Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Prior to moving to the United States, Pastor Don served in several churches in South Korea and as a chaplain in the Republic of Korea Air Force. His experiences in ministry, military service, and international travel have given him opportunities to meet people from many different backgrounds and communities.

He and his wife were married in 2020, and their journey together has taken them from South Korea to Georgia and now to northwestern Wisconsin. Although this is their first time living in Wisconsin, they have already been grateful for the warm welcome they have received from people in Turtle Lake and the surrounding communities.

Having traveled and visited more than thirty countries, these experiences have taught

Pastor Don that a place becomes meaningful through the people we meet and the relationships we build. They look forward to getting to know their neighbors, learning more about the Turtle Lake community, and making this area their new home.

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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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Carlene Mary Theresa (Nueslein) Hansen

Carlene Hansen, age 89, a resident of Spooner, died on Monday, July 27, 2026, at her home surrounded by family.

Carlene was born November 6, 1936, in Portland, Maine to Carl J. and Mary Nueslein. She attended high school but did not graduate, instead making the decision to work and help out her family. She met her husband, William (Pete) Hansen, in Portland, Maine on a blind date while he was on leave from the Navy and they were married May 17, 1958, in Portland, Maine. Upon Pete's discharge from the Navy, they moved to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin to begin raising a family. They moved to

Spooner, Wisconsin in 1970 and lived there throughout the rest of their lives raising their five children, working hard, and being thankful for everything they had. They were married for 62 years.

Carlene was a member of St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church and enjoyed being a member of the Servites church group, a member of Prayer Chain, a Eucharistic Minister, and numerous voluntary church activities, including working at funerals, baking for fund-raisers, etc. She enjoyed her many volunteer church activities, bowling league, walking, reading, shopping (mostly window shopping – she just loved looking) and she hardly ever missed an episode of her favorite soap opera "The Young and the Restless". She was an avid QVC watcher and enjoyed collecting and using serving dishes, Lock-n-Lock containers, and various kitchen gadgets. She also enjoyed displaying electric candles, angels, santas, and snowmen. She had a deep faith in God, a generous nature and truly enjoyed helping others.

She is survived by her four children; Bill Hansen (Mary),

Mary Hansen (Jim Rahn), Jack Hansen (Sami), and Dan Hansen, 15 grandchildren: Hollee (Jeremy), Kellee (Brandon), Lexee (Jacob), Jessica (Dan), Erica (Todd), Carly (Matt), James (Jaci), Stephanie (Max), Joe (Manda), Becky (Doug), Opal (Justin), Marcus (Ashley), Alec, Alina, and Nick (Jo Jo) ; 17 great-grandchildren: Raguel, Melia, Evelyn, Hailey, Hannah, Emma, Molly, William, Gavin, Miles, Kloe, Nora, Ana, Lily, Myles, Charlotte, and Jaxson; brother John Nueslein and sister Linda Meserve-Dagnese (Rick).

Carlene is preceded in death by her parents, husband Pete, daughter Susan, infant granddaughter Sarah, 2 brothers, and 1 sister.

A memorial mass for Carlene Hansen was held on Friday, July 31, at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Spooner with Fr. Papi as Celebrant.

Online memories/condolences may be left at www.bratley-nelsonchapels.com.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church or Regional Hospice in Spooner in Carlene's name.



Richard A. Sirianni

It is with profound grief that we share the news of the sudden departure of Richard Alfonse Sirianni, who left this world peacefully on July 25th, 2026, surrounded by his loving family in Eau Claire, WI.

Richard was born on February 16th, 1944, in Cumberland, WI to Francesco Pasquale "Frank" Sirianni and Floriane Filomena "Flora" Alfonse.

Richard attended school in Cumberland and graduated in 1962. Richard had a deep love for his family, but an even bigger love for baseball; he even built a wiffleball field in his family's backyard as a kid so he and the other kids in the neighborhood could play. He worked as a bartender

for the 10-24 Club, now known as Club Cumberland, while his family owned it. He also worked as a vending machine operator with his dad Frank.

Richard married Peggy Fink in November 1967, and they had one child together, his pride and joy Tara. Richard and Peggy divorced in 1975.

Richard moved out to Las Vegas in the late 80's.

Richard met the love of his life and life partner Constance "Connie" Wold in November 1994, while he was visiting family back home, and they have spent the last 33 years together happily.

After Connie moved out to Las Vegas, NV., to where Richard truly enjoyed being, he became a casino sports book ticket writer, went to all the shows, enjoyed fine dining and gambling in the sports. They retired in Pahrump, NV., and Richard spent his time in the garden with his plants and vegetables.

Richard moved home to Eau Claire, WI., 5 years ago due to some health issues, during that time he enjoyed

watching and visiting with the neighbor dog Max.

Richard is survived by his daughter Tara (John) Steinburg, his brother Robert (Bob) Sirianni, his grandchildren Travis (Becky) Moin, Tawni (Mark) Hopland and Jonathan Moin (Lauren), his great granddaughter Hailey Sirek and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Flora, and his two sisters Elizabeth (Betty) Weldon and Mary Lou Thorstensen.

The family is planning a small celebration of life, which will be held at a later date.



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"I Believe (I think!)"

by Deacon Wayne Romsos

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To believe or not to believe, that is the question I want to dwell on today. In Mathew 9: 24 "...I do believe ; help me overcome my unbelief!" Isn't this an interesting statement that was made to Jesus. A father had come to Jesus asking to heal his son from severe convulsions that he suffered with since childhood. There are times that I experience the same belief and at the same time a bit of doubt or lack of "commitment". This is the tactic Satan used in the Garden of Eden when he put doubt in Eve's mind that led to her eating of the forbidden fruit. Did Jesus "really mean" that you would die rather than be enlightened by the knowledge gained? We as Christians do believe in Jesus and his redeeming grace for us as the very basis of our faith. However it is natural to "feel" at times that we are just not doing enough or experiencing a strong enough faith that is expected. I take refuge in the fact that our salvation is not based on our feelings but on our relationship with Jesus. Realizing that we are all sinners, asking Jesus for forgiveness and spending time in His word are assurances that our "belief" is in the one that saves us. Accepting what Jesus offers, not any good deeds that we do, can be summed up in the chorus of that great song, Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe. Sin left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow. Wayne Romsos - Deacon



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PUBLIC NOTICES



Notice of Partisan Primary and Sample Ballots
August 11, 2026

Office of the Barron County Clerk
To the Voters of Barron County:
Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Barron County on August 11, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

- Information to Voters**
Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:
- state their name and address
 - show an acceptable form of photo identification*
 - sign the poll book**
- *If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word “exempt.”

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.
Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.
Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.
A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter’s minor child or minor ward.
An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting
A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter’s employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used
The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “no” if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device ExpressVote to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select “no” if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used
The voter shall touch the screen or us the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at “no” if opposed to the question.

After Voting the Ballot
After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.
After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.
Spoiling Ballots
If a voter spoils an optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.
The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast. The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Jessica Hodek
Barron County Clerk

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Official Primary Ballot
Partisan Office
August 11, 2026

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

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General Instructions

Republican Party Primary (cont.)

Democratic Party Primary

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ●

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Special Instructions for Voting in a Partisan Primary

Statewide

Congressional

In the Partisan Primary:

You may vote in only ONE party's primary.

If you choose a party, votes cast in that party will be counted. Votes cast in any other party will not be counted.

If you do not choose a party, and you vote in more than one party, no votes will be counted.

You must vote for individual candidates

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Party Preference Section

Choose a party in which to vote

Fill in the oval next to your party choice, like this: ● Choose only ONE

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Republican

Democratic

Constitution

Libertarian

Wisconsin Green

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Republican Party Primary

Statewide

Governor Vote for 1

Lieutenant Governor Vote for 1

Attorney General Vote for 1

45

46

Don Raihala

Michael Alfonso

Jessi Ebben

Kevin Hermening

Niina Baum

write-in:

47

48

State Senator District 23 Vote for 1

Romaine Robert Quinn

write-in:

Clerk of Circuit Court Vote for 1

Ann Barnes

write-in:

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State Senator District 23 Vote for 1

Yee Leng Xiong

Dylan Ray Helmenstine

write-in:

Representative to the Assembly District 67 Vote for 1

Indiana Thompson

write-in:

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Republican Party Primary continues at top of next column.

Democratic Party Primary begins at top of next column.

Democratic Party Primary continues on back of ballot.

Typ:01 Seq:0001 Spl:01

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Democratic Party Primary (cont.)

Libertarian Party Primary

Wisconsin Green Party Primary (cont.)

County

Statewide

Congressional

Sheriff Vote for 1

Governor Vote for 1

Representative in Congress District 7 Vote for 1

write-in:

write-in:

write-in:

End Democratic Party Primary

Attorney General Vote for 1

Secretary of State Vote for 1

Constitution Party Primary

Statewide

Congressional

Attorney General Vote for 1

Representative in Congress District 7 Vote for 1

Representative to the Assembly District 67 Vote for 1

write-in:

write-in:

write-in:

End Constitution Party Primary

Wisconsin Green Party Primary

County

Sheriff Vote for 1

Clerk of Circuit Court Vote for 1

State Senator District 23 Vote for 1

write-in:

write-in:

write-in:

Official Primary Ballot
Partisan Office
August 11, 2026
for
Barron County

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Certification of Voter Assistance

Signature of assistor

For Official Use Only

Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here:

If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here:

Libertarian Party Primary begins at top of next column.

Wisconsin Green Party Primary continues at top of next column.

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡

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2026 ANNUAL MEETING SLMD AUGUST 15TH MEETING AGENDA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH, 9:00 - 11:00 AT MAPLE PLAIN TOWN HALL

VIDEO CALL LINK: [HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/CCI-ATQA-IEU](https://meet.google.com/CCI-ATQA-IEU)

OR DIAL: (US) +1 307-800-1226 PIN: 748 470 376#

1. Roll Call & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda and Q2 Meeting Minutes

3. Homeowner Forum & General Updates

4. Buoy Update - Carrie Eggleston

5. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management & Grant Updates – Dan Goetzke

6. Financial Review: Current status, Presentation of Audit Report and 2027 Budget (discussion and approval) – Michael Schwartz

7. Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program Update – Jessica Longtine

8. Communications & Community Engagement Update – Angie Kennedy

9. Board Membership Election – One open position, two seeking reelection

10. Additional Updates & New Business

- Approval item - Authorizing Resolution to name Dan Goetzke as SLMD authorized representative for Surface Water Grant Agreement (Project Number AEPP92026)

- Approval Item - Authorizing Resolution to name Dan Goetzke as SLMD authorized representative for Sand Lake EWM Control Project - ProcellaCOR Application and DASH/Diver Removal Grant # ACEI34724.1

11. Next Steps & Future Agenda Items

12. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

2026 Q3 Meeting SLMD August 15th Meeting Agenda

To follow the Annual Meeting Saturday, August 15, Maple Plain Town Hall

1. Roll Call & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

3. Assignment of Roles & Responsibilities for the Board

Detailed agenda, budget, and past meeting minutes can be found at <https://www.slmd-soundings.org/>

Proposed 2027 Budget – Sand Lake Management District	
Income	2027 Budget
Int/other income	4,250
Tax receipts	25,000
WDNR grant reimbursement	9,726
Total income	38,976
Expenses	
Ag projects	934
AIS CBCW	5,000
AIS management (NAS, divers)	30,000
AIS plant surveys (ERS)	5,500
Buoys	900
Consultant Project Supp	7,500
Insurance	4,000
Mailings/ dues/mtgs	2,000
Shoreland improvement	5,000
Total Expenses	60,834

Cash & Savings	
Checking EOY	4,223
Savings	141,288
Total Cash & Savings	145,511

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BEAVER DAM LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT 35TH ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY AUGUST 8, 2026
CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
CUMBERLAND, WISCONSIN 54829
DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM, MEETING BEGINS AT 9:30 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions – Tom Schroeder
2. Approval of 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes – Tom Schroeder
3. Annual Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Alan Carlson
4. Audit Report – submitted by Mary Biros Rogers, presented by Dr. Carlson
5. Anna DeMers – Tamarack Wetland Services, presentation Native Plantings & Rain Gardens
6. Jay Michels – EOR, update on 2026-2027 projects
7. Present Budget for 2026-2027, discussion, approval – Dr. Alan Carlson
8. Motion to “Approve Commissioners transferring funds within the Approved Budget”
9. Election of Commissioner – Tom Schroeder
10. Review of District Activities – Tom Schroeder
11. Other discussion as needed
12. Adjourn

Note: Contact information for questions regarding the 2026 Annual Letter with the agenda and Draft 2026/2027 budget plus the 2025 Annual Meeting minutes can be found at beaverdamlake.org

BDLMD Board Meeting

Beaver Dam Lake Management District 35th Annual Meeting
Saturday August 8, 2026
CUMBERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

REVENUES	Proposed Budget 2026-2027	EXPENSES
Tax Levy	\$290,723	Mailings, Notices, Mtgs. \$ 4,500
GRANTS REMAINING		Grant Matches
LPT 84424 Lib Lk Storm Constr 3 (40)	9,220	LPT 84424 Lib LK Storm Constr 3 (40) 9,220
Cash Savings	357,146	EWM, weed incl. Barr, Plant Surveys, legal 195,000
Total Revenues	\$657,089	Aquatic Plant Mgmt. Plan-ongoing 5,000
		Insurance 9,800
		Boat Landing Monitors 5,000
		Fireworks 1,500
		Water Safety 1,500
		Website Updates 500
		Shoreline Restoration Site 2,500
		Wickre Harbor (46) 3,536
		Storm Water Pond Maintenance 20,000
		Hwy 63 Bridge Stonework (Non lapsable) 15,000
		BDLMD Lake Planning Project. (38) 100
		Library Lake Completion Plan/Engineer(43) 15,000
		(44) Maple Plain Ravine review 29,500
		Education/Conference. 2,500
		QuickBooks Accounting 1,000
		Avery Wetland development (45) 25,933
		Grove Street Bridge dredging 15,000
		New Bridge/interlake Channel obstr. remv 15,000
		EAST LAKE WATERSHED PLANNING 30,000
		Hwy. 63 Bridge funding 250,000
		TOTAL EXPENSES \$657,089

August 8, 2026
Cumberland Middle school
Approximately 15 minutes following the adjournment of the 2026 Annual Meeting the BDLMD will hold a brief Board meeting with the following agenda.

1. Approve minutes from last meeting.
2. Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Alan Carlson
3. Election of officers
4. Discuss and approve funding for projects approved at the Annual Meeting
5. Set next meeting date
6. Adjourn

Note: additional agenda items may be added up to 24 hours in advance of the meeting. The new agenda will be posted on the BDLMD Website, Cumberland City Hall, Nilsen’s and the City Library.

Beaver Dam Lake Management District
Beaver Dam Lake Management District
Tom Schroeder – President; Alan Carlson MD – Treasurer; John Bavier – Secretary; Commissioners;Tim De-foe and Michael Benjamin, Craig Turcott-Barron County Rep, Doris Laursen, City of Cumberland Rep

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Barron County
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PERSONALS



Weekly Al-Anon Meetings: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Cumberland. 1-651-402-7902 tfn

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Thurs: 4pm - 6pm Fri: 8 am - 6pm Sat: 8 am - 12
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2 miles out
Cumberland-Gagner Residence

Cumberland School District
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
- Middle School Interventionist- Part - Time

Job Title: Part - Time Interventionist

Job Description: Part-time Interventionist position at Cumberland Middle School, effective at the start of the 2026-2027 school year. The successful candidate will provide explicit, systematic instruction to students in grades 5-8 to improve their academic achievement. The individual will complete student progress monitoring and maintain records by following the district Multi-Level Systems of Support (MLSS) protocol.

The ideal candidate is a dynamic, innovative middle school teacher with a strong background in RtI, Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), Science, Reading, and the use of FastBridge Learning as a universal math and reading screener and progress-monitoring tool. Candidates must be passionate about supporting student academic achievement. This teacher will work with individual students and small groups to close achievement gaps and help students become proficient in English/Language Arts and Math.

The district's MLSS process for providing systematic interventions to improve academic achievement for students will be followed. Interventions will be primarily focused in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Qualifications: A Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Certification/Licensure 1088 Pre K-8 or 1777-Regular Education. Additional certification(s) desired: Reading Specialist 1317 and Reading Teacher 1316.

How to Apply: If interested in this position, applications can apply via the WECAN website: <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu>.

Isaac Lundquist, Principal
Cumberland Middle School
980 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
ilund@csdmail.com

Deadline: Until Filled
Website: www.cumberland.k12.wi.us
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Cumberland School District
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
- School Psychologist- Full Time

Job Title: Full Time School Psychologist

Job Description: Desired candidates will have strong leadership and communication skills. Candidates should be student-centered and able to conduct educational evaluations, consult with staff and parents, provide psychological counseling, and provide leadership in school-wide educational interventions, including Response to Intervention, social-emotional learning, trauma-focused care, and school based mental health services. Candidates will work collaboratively with general and special education staff to help address the needs of our students. Experience in progress monitoring, completing functional behavior assessments, and creating behavioral intervention plans is desired.

Qualifications: Must be Wisconsin DPI certified for School Psychologist (7062).

How to Apply: If interested in this position, applications are submitted through the WECAN website: <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu>.

Dr. Barry Rose
Cumberland School District
1010 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
mweav@csdmail.com

Deadline: Until Filled
Website: www.cumberland.k12.wi.us
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

The regular meeting date of the Town Board, the second Tuesday of the month, conflicts with the Partisan Primary held on August 11, 2026. Therefore, the meeting was set for **Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.**

The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and can also be found on the Town's website, www.townoflakeland.wi.gov

Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk

Town of Lakeland
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NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF WISCONSIN
SS
COUNTY OF BARRON
Appeal # 3981
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, August 24, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, relative to a proposal for a variance to the terms of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance as follows:

This is a remanded hearing from Circuit Court for the purpose of reviewing the request for a variance to allow a retaining wall constructed within the 75' setback to the OHWM of Beaver Dam Lake, in a Residential-1 district on property described as part of Govt. Lot 5 in Doc #862099, located in Section 36, T36N, R14W, town of Maple Plain, Barron County, Wisconsin.

The Board of Adjustment reserves the right to view the property and may convene in executive session prior to rendering a decision. Contact Zoning Office staff at 715-537-6375 with questions regarding this appeal.

Property owners: Nel Nordic Trust

Property address: 547 24 ½ Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 5th day of August, 2026.

Barron County Board of Adjustment
Gary Nelson
Chairman
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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 61

In the Matter of the Estate of Kathleen Bekkum, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 61.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 12/21/1942 and date of death 01/29/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 70 25 1/2 Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 2, 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
July 21, 2026

Andrew J. Harrington
Liden, Dobberfuhr & Harrington, S.C.
PO Box 137, Barron, WI 54812
715-537-5636
Bar# 1061492
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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
CASE NO. 2026CV000212

In the matter of the name change of Melanie Kay Miller.

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above from: Melanie Kay Miller To Melanie Kay Hollister. Birth Certificate Melanie Kay Hollister

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Barron County, State of Wisconsin by Honorable Judge James C. Babler, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI 54812, on August 31, 2026 at 11:00 am.

By:
Barron County Clerk
Sharon Millerman
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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 65

In the Matter of the Estate of Robert Curtis Borglund, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 65.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/07/1944 and date of death 01/01/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 510 24th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is November 12, 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
July 30, 2026

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Town of Cumberland
Notice of Location and Hours of Polling Place

For the Partisan Primary Election to be held on August 11th, 2026, in the Town of Cumberland, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
Town of Cumberland Town Hall 902 20th Avenue, Cumberland WI 54829	1

All polling places will open at 7:00 A.M. and will close at 8:00 P.M. All polling places are accessible to elderly and voters with disabilities*.

*(Note: This notice must contain a statement about accessibility. For the elderly and people with disabilities at each polling place. If any polling places are not accessible or in compliance with federal law, contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission.)

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Sara Mathison
902 20th Avenue, Cumberland WI 54829
(715)-520-0435
Available By Appointment Only

Notice of Meeting of the Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Sara Mathison
Clerk

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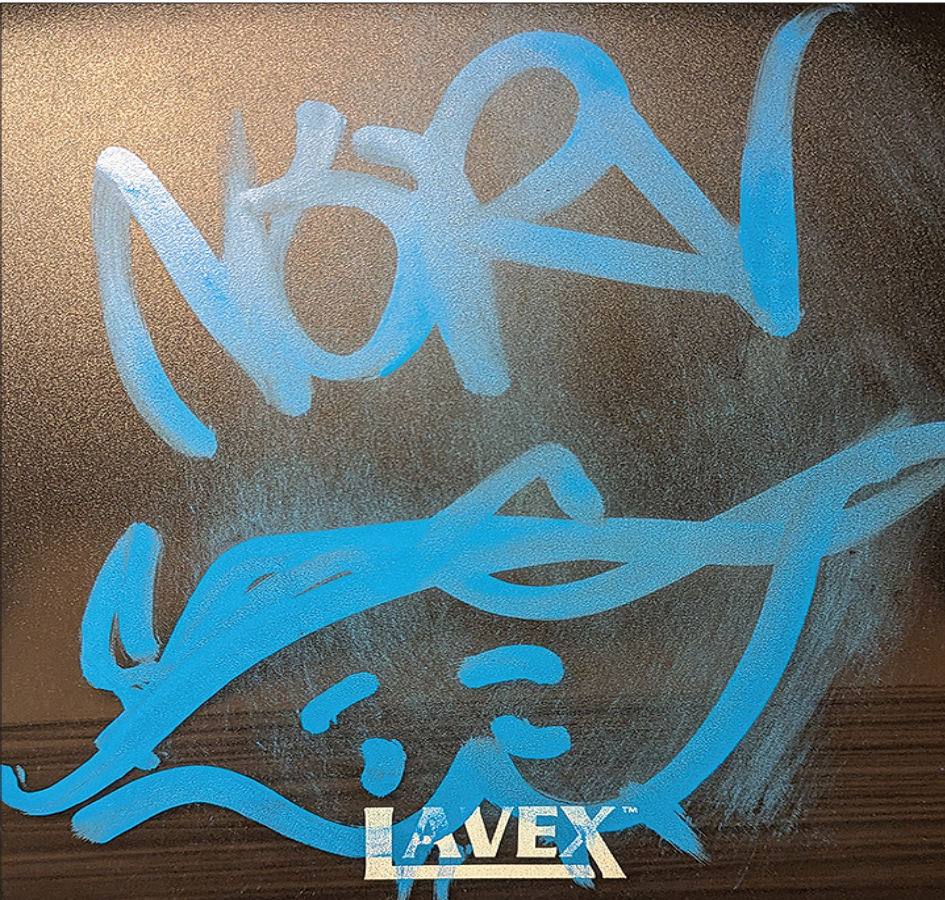
IT COULD HAVE BEEN SO MUCH WORSE, DJ CIFALDI IS RECOVERING NICELY AFTER BEING IMPALED BY A TREKKING POLE.

ROGERS AMPHITHEATRE...

Community member-Charlie O’Brian helped with the construction and Stacy Tift cut all of the lumber. The Scoutland Trails were mowed, and buildings were cleaned up by Laura Schmid-Tyler, Claire Janty, and Jason Genatempo. Brent Knutson also did an upgrade on the road system. Special thanks to these four people, we now have a park line setting for Foundation Camp and our dedication to Roger. Also in attendance were the Scoutland Board of Directors and our special guest Barb Wistrcill and family. Roger was a great educator and because of his leadership and out of the box thinking, he made Cumberland a better place to live.

On behalf of the Cumberland area Friends of Scouting Board of Directors

Not Cool!



VANDALS HIT SEVERAL AREA BUSINESSES AND MORE WITH GRAFFITI OVER THE WEEKEND OF JULY 25TH. PICTURED HERE IS JUST A SMALL PORTION OF THE DAMAGE DONE AT CLUB CUMBERLAND. POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING. MORE DETAILS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

American Legion Post 98 Annual

FUN GOLF TOURNAMENT

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19TH

CUMBERLAND GOLF CLUB

9 HOLES | 2PM SHOTGUN

Members and Non Members Welcome!

\$25 ENTRY FEE

INCLUDES PRIZES AND DINNER AT THE LEGION
(DOES NOT INCLUDE GREEN FEES)

LEGION OPENS 4PM | DINNER AT 5PM

Call Jim to Register
(715) 243-9959

HIKING ACCIDENT...

assessed calmly: no bleeding, full feeling, no light-headedness, nothing vital hit, and the pole stable in place. Given his condition, he made the call to self-rescue rather than wait for extraction — hiking 10 miles back to the trailhead with a trekking pole still through his body. We used a Garmin in-Reach to alert Stillwater County Search and Rescue, who staged a team in case his condition changed, and checked in every 30 minutes the whole way out. David navigated the plateau’s snowfields and boulder fields, made his way down past Mystic Lake, and reached the trailhead entirely under his own power — never once complaining, staying in remarkably high spirits. Near Mystic Lake, he even asked one of us to hike ahead and warn other hikers, so no children would have to see the wound. From there, he was driven two hours to the ER in Billings — the nearest hospital equipped to remove the pole. All told, it was in place for 8–9 hours from the fall to removal. David is now receiving ongoing care, with the possibility of surgery still to come. Between the ER visit, possible surgery, follow-up care, and time missed from work while he heals, he’s facing significant medical bills for an injury that hap-

pened while doing something he loves. Any help — toward medical bills or a new hiking vest to replace the damaged one — means a great deal to David and to all of us who were up there with him. Funds will go toward: ER visit and hospital costs Possible surgery Follow-up care during recovery Lost wages while he’s out of work A new hiking vest Thank you for reading this far, and for anything you’re able to give. Please visit www.gofundme.com and search for David Cifaldi.

“I Spy you Fly” Campaign Presented 32 Merchants with Certificate of Appreciation

There were many red, white and blue decorated store fronts in Cumberland this past month as the Cumberland American Legion Auxiliary Unit #98 initiated an “I Spy you Fly” campaign. The Auxiliary encouraged businesses in Cumberland and a 5-mile radius to fly the American flag to celebrate America’s 250th birthday. During the campaign, the unit members scouted the town, in search of flags that were posted on the grounds, on building exteriors or in windows. As part of the campaign, 11 Auxiliary members presented 32 merchants with a Certificate of Appreciation for being patriotic. We thank all who participated in the Endeavor! Community members were encouraged to look for a certificate when shopping locally. Government facilities and city owned businesses were excluded. The following is a list of those presented with a certificate: J & A Construction, Paw’s Metal Works, Lakeland Co, Country Quiet Campground, Louie’s Finer Meats, 3M, US Bank, Island City Food Coop, Noah Insurance, Toftness Chiropractic, Salud Salt & Spa, Cumberland Advocate, Re/Max Realtor, Years Ago Antiques, Crystal’s Club Cumberland, Cumberland Chamber of Commerce, Cumberland Dock & Lift, Hammer Bar, Bourbons Bar, Cumberland Care & Rehab, Forest Ridge, Island Wines & Ice, Marshfield Clinic, Cumberland Healthcare, Ginnys Amoco, Ardisam, Don Johnson Motors, Pete’s Auto & Customs, Jackie’s Fireworks, Northlake Campground, STIFEL and Seneca Foods.

If we overlooked your business, we apologize and please let us know, so we can present a certificate. Contact Mary at getmet77@hotmail.com. Auxiliary Unit #98 is dedicated to serving veterans, military and the community through civic outreach and patriotic education. Contact us about being a member at email listed above!

PAUL BUCHER FROM THE CUMBERLAND ADVOCATE ACCEPTS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBER TONIANN KNUTSON.

THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE

Barron Electric Cooperative

2026 Vegetation Management

Cyrstal Lake and Maple Plain Townships

Contractors for Barron Electric Cooperative will be clearing and trimming trees around power lines in Crystal Lake and Maple Plain Townships in Barron County. Every Barron Electric member in those townships received a postcard with their November 2025 Barron Electric bill providing notification of the Vegetation Management Program. Please e-mail operations@barronelectric.com if you have questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Winter Open House Days

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS! -

- October 10, 9am-6pm: Fall Open House
- October 24, 9am-5pm: Halloween Sale
- November 14, 10am-4pm: Thanksgiving Sale
- December 5, 10am-3pm: Christmas Sale
- January 16, 10am-3pm: Preorder Sale
- February 13-14, 10am-3pm: Valentine’s Sale
- February 27, 10am-3pm: Winter Open House
- March 13, 9am-6pm: Easter Preorder
- March 20, 9am-6pm: Spring Open House
- March 27, 9am-6pm: Easter Sale
- April 3, 9am-6pm: Open House
- April 10, 9am-6pm: 2027 Season Opener!

Growing Wishes

Greenhouse

Hours:

July-August: Daily 9am-6pm

September: Fri-Mon: 9am-6pm

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Turtle Lake, WI 54889

2026 Fall Mum Prices

8” Pot: \$11.99/each or 3/\$31.99

10” Pot: \$13.99/each or 3/\$38.99

Tri-Color Pot: \$15.99/each or 3/\$45.99

Hanging Pot: \$17.99/each or 3/\$50.99

Hanging Tri-Color: \$20.99/each or 3/\$60.99

-Bulk Discounts available for 10+ Pots-

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