



Two People Dead, One Injured after Tragic Shooting in Barron

On October 1st, 2025, the Barron County Sheriff's Department, Barron Police Department, Cameron Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations (DCI) and the Rice Lake Police Department responded to a shots fired call at the address of 650 Candy Lane in the City of Barron. Upon arrival officers located a deceased male and a wounded female at the residence. Officers secured the residence and located the suspect with what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officers and Emergency medical personnel attempted life saving measures on all parties. The female victim was transported to Barron Mayo Hospital and her is condition is unknown. The suspect was also transported to a medical facility and his

condition is unknown. We are aware of a disturbing SnapChat video involving this homicide and are working with SnapChat to remove this video. There is no threat to the public. Other agencies that responded to the scene included Barron Mayo Ambulance, Barron Fire Department, LifeLink Helicopter and area first responders. Our thoughts are with the families and everyone involved with this incident. UPDATE: The suspect has been identified as Marcus Hinojosa, 17-year-old of Almena. Hinojosa died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. The condition of the juvenile female victim is hospitalized and stable at this time per her family. According to law enforce-

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Scouts honoring Steve Thoe for his impact on Cumberland at upcoming annual Leaders of Character Banquet

Steve Thoe will be honored with the Good Scout Award at the annual Leaders of Character Banquet on October 23 for his lifelong commitment and dedication to the Cumberland community. The Chippewa Valley Council, Scouting America will be recognizing Steve at the event which will be raising funds to support Scouting programs for youth in the region. Steve spent more than three decades with Cumberland Federal Bank, serving as President for nearly 20 years. After receiving the Eagle Rank in Scouting, Steve has been dedicated to living his life by the Scout Oath and his Christian faith. Now retired, he enjoys time with his beloved family. He and his wife, Ruth, have four daughters—Heather, Heidi, Leah, and Rachel—and eight grandchildren. "Steve's leadership and commitment embody what it means to be a Good Scout," said Cumberland Eagle Scout Louis Muench, of Louie's Finer Meats. "Steve is proof that the lessons learned in Scouting stay with you for a lifetime. From his professional career to his community service, Steve has always



Steve Thoe

been the kind of role model Scouting hopes to create." Throughout his life, Steve has been deeply involved in the Cumberland community. In 2015, he was named Cumberland Citizen of the Year. He has held leadership roles with the Cumberland Kiwanis, Cumberland Education Foundation, Hope Community Church, Cumberland Federal Foundation, Cumberland Federal Bank Board, Cumberland Area Friends of Scouting, and the Cumberland Chamber of Commerce. Scouting programs provided by the Chippewa Valley Council serve youth in 14 counties in northwestern Wisconsin, including more than 475 youth in Barron County. Scouting teaches important life skills such as leadership, communication, teamwork, outdoor skills, goal setting, and community service. The annual Leaders of Character Banquet, sponsored by Cumberland Federal Bank, will be held on Thursday, October 23, at Turtleback Golf Course in Rice Lake. The evening will include a guest speaker, dinner, live auction, and raffle. Proceeds benefit Scouting programs in Barron County and surrounding areas. "This banquet is not only a chance to honor Steve, but also to support the Scouting programs that shape future leaders in our communities," says Mr. Muench. "Your support will give youth the opportunity to build character, strengthen family values, and reach their full potential." All are welcome to join in celebrating Steve the impact he has had on Cumberland!

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2025 CHS Homecoming Court!



Presenting the Cumberland High School Homecoming Court 2025 from left to right are: Alexis Peterson, Audrina Garling, Alexis Witthoft, Brook Colburn, 2025 Queen Addison Effertz, 2025 King Troy Majewski, Logan Peterson, Billy Hillman, Ian Sellent, and Calvin Cunningham.

Community Safety & Fun Day at Cumberland Healthcare Next Wednesday October 15th

Join us for an exciting and engaging free family event that brings safety, learning, and loads of fun all in one place! Here's what's in store:
Meet Your First Responders – Connect with Life-Link, Fire Department, Police, and Ambulance teams.
Bike Rodeo – Test biking skills, race through obstacle stations, show off your moves!

Car Seat Safety – Get expert tips to keep your precious passengers secure. Safety checks take about 30 minutes and its recommended to make an appointment or pre-register. Please email info@cumberland-healthcare.com to do this.
Milestone Station – Celebrate developmental achievements and grab some keepsake memories.
Scavenger Hunt on the

Walking Path – Adventure awaits along the walking path—perfect for explorers of all ages.
Vaccination Station – Information for peace of mind.
Lactation Station – Information and assistance on breastfeeding for moms and expecting moms.
Bike & Helmet Giveaways – Score free gear while supplies last!

...Plus refreshments!
When & Where: Cumberland Healthcare: 1705 16th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829. Use the employee parking entrance. Wednesday, October 15th.
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 PM
Bring the whole crew and wear your walking shoes! Let's learn, play, and stay safe together. See you there!

Town Boards Still Waiting Legislator's Action on Statewide Wake Boat Laws

By Wisconsin Outdoor News contributing writer Dave Zeug

The following article ran in the September 19 edition of Wisconsin Outdoor News. With 55 lakes within a short distance from Cumberland the Advocate thought readers would find this story interesting. From the arrival of summer a few short months ago to these closing days, silent sport enthusiasts and high-powered motorboat owners have enjoyed Wisconsin lakes. As these activities wind down, the unanswered question is when

do the rights of one group infringe on lake health and the enjoyment by others? This question centers on wake boats and is still unanswered since the expected legislation wasn't introduced. Local government has been forced to step in to fill that void. "Wisconsin's legislature enacted statutes years ago that gives local units of government the ability to pass ordinances their constituency supports," said Richard Phillips, president of The Last Wilderness Alliance Board of Directors, a non-

profit located in Vilas County. The LWA spearheaded efforts allowing local government to create these ordinances. "The DNR does an advisory review of proposed ordinances, but they don't need to approve it," Phillips said. "Wisconsin has always been supportive of local government control and this is a good example." Wake-enhanced boating as it's called in the industry, involves powerful motor boats with ballast tanks capable of holding up to 5,000-pounds of lake water. These boats can average

close to \$100,000 and can have hydrofoils to enhance these wakes even more. These cause the back of the boat to sink deeper into the water, creating a much bigger wake. The objections of those opposed to wake-boating are the damage these large waves cause by eroding shorelines and when used in shallow water, the disruption of fish habitat and spawning areas. Damage to docks and boats, including reports of boaters in

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PUMPKIN DECORATING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
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- Ages vary -

FALL FESTIVAL

Cumberland Senior Center
1255 Webb Street

Saturday, Oct. 11
9am - 2pm

SILENT AUCTION (Pick-up at Center)
RAFFLES (Need not be present to win)
GARAGE SALE (Free-will donation)

Chili - Sweet Treats - Coffee

Questions...
Call Gloria at 715-822-8241 or 715-822-8794 and leave a message for a return call.

ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

Christ Lutheran Church (Pipe Lake) of Comstock

Sunday, October 12th • 11am-1:30 pm
Tickets will be \$15.00

DINE IN OR TAKE-OUT

The Church is located at 1994 20th St. rural Comstock/Polk County T & G

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Location: ETC, 1595 2nd Ave. Cumberland, WI

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Those interested in attending or sponsoring pre-registration is required by October 9th. Registration information can be found online at <https://bsa-cvc.org/event/530/leaders-of-character-banquet> or by calling (715) 598-9719.

2025 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.
09/30	83	50	0.00
10/01	80	58	0.00
10/02	75	57	0.00
10/03	82	57	trace
10/04	84	58	0.00
10/05	85	64	0.00
10/06	75	47	0.18

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

RED CEDAR WOODWIND QUINTET CONCERT

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Any questions, contact Alyson Lundegaum at 715-419-1858.

CORN Hole

SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, October 9
Chicken nugget mashed potato bowl with gravy, whole wheat bread, broccoli.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd option).
ES: Uncrustables (2nd option).
Friday, October 10
Personal pizza, coleslaw, applesauce.
MS/HS: Uncrustables (2nd option).
ES: Uncrustables (2nd option).
Monday, October 13
Hamburger/cheeseburger, fries, baked beans, green beans.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd option)
ES: Uncrustables (2nd Option)
Tuesday, October 14
Taco tater tots, corn, peaches.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd option).
ES: Uncrustables (2nd option).
Wednesday, October 15
Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, broccoli, peaches.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd option).
ES: Uncrustables (2nd option).

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MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
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The Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland was pleased to present computer tablets to the officers of the Cumberland Senior Center. We are grateful to AT&T and the Public Library Association Digital Learn Grant for making it possible to provide both equipment and training support to our community partners. Pictured: Gloria Lindemann (president), Rob Ankarlo (library director) and Tom Hodgson (vice president).

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FRIDAY, OCT. 10: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit • 7-9 pm Varsity Football HOME vs Hayward •
SATURDAY, OCT. 11: • 9 am-2 pm HS Volleyball Invite @ Home •
MONDAY, OCT. 13: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit • 5-8 pm Boys Varsity Soccer HOME vs Somerset • 5-7 pm MS Volleyball HOME vs Rice Lake • 6-7:30 pm JV Football Game @ Hayward •
TUESDAY, OCT. 14: • 6-7 AM CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball -ES Gym • 8:30 am-12 pm PreSAT • 4:30-8:00 pm HS Cross Country Conerence Meet @ HOME • 4:30-7:30 pm Boys Varsity Soccer HOME vs Washburn/Bayfield • 5-8:30 pm MS Football @ HOME vs Hayward • 5:30-9 pm HS Volleyball HOME vs Hayward •
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 15: • 6:30-7:30 am & 6:30-8 pm CCE Pickleball •

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This class is offered as a fundraiser for the Island City Food Coop.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025 @ 4:30 PM @ THE ISLAND CITY FOOD COOP.
To register for this class or for more information contact: Susan Bridger; CCE Director HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403/sbrid@csdmail.com OR Island City Food Coop 715-822-8233. Email: icfoodcoop@gmail.com

THE CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER

Come & Check out the NEW Cumberland Fitness Center! Located in the west wing of the newly remodeled Cumberland High School. (Enter through the west door of the High School).
STILL FREE!
OPENING MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH!
Mornings: Monday-Friday 6:00 - 8:00 am
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Wednesdays: 4:30 pm (will use bench, chair and bands)
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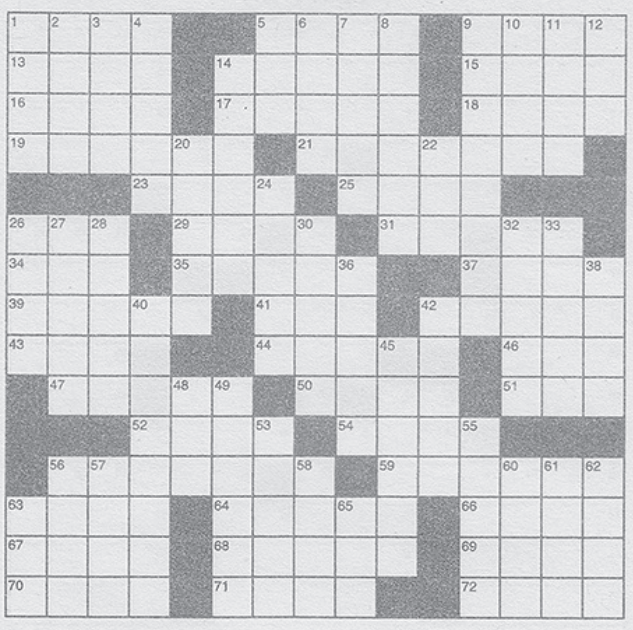
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Sudoku Puzzle #4151-M

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8	9		1		3		2	
6	3				7		5	

PUZZLE



ACROSS

1 Can

5 Like a wing

9 Goad

13 Bone

14 Mustang

15 Hour

16 Docile

17 Top level

18 Staff

19 City

21 Inclining

23 Insightful

25 Otherwise

26 Been

29 Removes the water

31 Book of facts

34 Skit

35 Gyroscopes

37 Declines

39 Sculpt

41 Time period

42 Pancake need

43 South American nation

44 Small Mediterranean boat

46 Flightless bird

47 Dales

50 Do it again

51 Fox hole

52 Prick

54 Revel

56 Both lane driver (2 wds)

59 Newly washed window blemish

63 Government (abbr.)

64 "Remember the ____"

66 Bunsen burner

67 Fencing sword

68 Hot sandwich

69 Hormone

70 Fix

71 Association (abbr.)

72 Skinny

DOWN

1 Acting (abbr.)

2 Nail

3 Dalai ____

4 Better

5 Creative work

6 Gobs

7 Senile

8 Cola brand

9 Awkward to carry

10 Colored horse

11 Chinese chime

12 The ____ (final word)

14 Bread factory

20 Grassy marsh plant

22 Pacific Standard Time

24 Glass kitchenware

26 Hornet

27 Hurt

28 Gaze

30 In more pain

32 Uttered

33 Froth

36 Sword

38 Made a web

40 Contracted rhythmically

42 Scud

45 Phonograph inventor

48 Type of partnership

49 Famous desert

53 Orb

55 Give a present

56 Strong cord

57 Baker's need

58 Scads

60 ____a-sketch

61 Opposed

62 Genghis ____

63 Pearl

65 Women's partners

Wake Boat Laws...

smaller crafts being thrown out of them have also been documented. Perhaps even more concerning is the potential introduction of invasive species into uninfected lakes. Although these ballast tanks can be pumped before leaving a lake, they can't be completely drained due to their design. This leaves other lakes vulnerable to invasives.

Due to wording in state statutes, Wisconsin's become ground zero for this conflict between the boating industry and those concerned about damages to lakes. Years ago, our legislature gave local government authority to create ordinances governing boating activities. These can be more restrictive than state statutes, but not more liberal.

Since the state legislature hasn't taken action regulating these boats, local units of government have through ordinances. Currently over 50 local municipalities have passed ordinances limiting the use of wake enhancement boats on lakes in their jurisdiction. Burnett County's Township of Scott is one of these and destined to become a state and possibly, nationwide test case.

The 32.5 square mile township has 25 named lakes, making up nearly 20% of the surface area. The new ordinance allows the use of wake boats, but not with their ballasts full. This means these boats could still be used to pull water skiers or wake boarders, but not in the wake enhancing mode. Besides the 25 lakes in the township, the ordinance includes 3 lakes in adjoining townships that have 60% or more of their shoreline in the Twn of Scott. These include Big McKenzie and Middle McKenzie lakes in Washburn County's Twn of Casey and Birch Island Lake in Burnett County. Many lakes in the Twn of Scott are shallow, making them more vulnerable to damage from wake enhanced boats. "We're not opposed to wake boats with full ballasts on big lakes that make it possible to operate in deep water and far enough from shore to not cause damage. This simply isn't possible on smaller lakes where studies have shown how much damage they can cause. Lakes like (Burnett County) Birch Island Lake, with a maximum depth of 13-feet and an average depth of 6-feet is an example," said Phillips, adding "the LWA will help any local unit of government draft a plan that would protect their lakes from wake boat damage."

A coalition of 80 statewide organizations, including the Wisconsin Lakes Association, Wisconsin Green Fire, Lakes at Stake, Trout Unlimited, Walleyes for Tomorrow, River Alliance and the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation support the work of LWA. "The coalition's rapid, organic growth shows just how deeply Wisconsinites care about the health of our lakes. Thousands of voters across the state want to ensure these natural treasures are preserved for future generations," said Cody Kamrowski, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

In May, a group of wake boat owners hoping to overturn the prohibiting ordinance filed suit against the Twn of Scott, by challenging the ordinance's constitutionality. Their argument is based on their freedom to enjoy public water provided they abide by state law. Those opposed say state laws don't protect lakes from wake boat damage, so these ordinances are needed. No date has been set for the Burnett County case.

The state legislator's reluctance to address this is what prompted local governments into action. State Senate President Mary Felzkowski (R-Tomahawk) acknowledged meetings between "stakeholders from all sides of the wake boat issue. The conversations will continue as there is no initial general consensus."

Recently an alert went out to all the organizations opposed to damaging wake boat operation,

saying a bill that could favor the wake boat industry and users would likely be introduced by legislators on August 25, with a hearing held the following day, giving members of the coalition short notice to voice opposition. The bill wasn't introduced however, generating speculation why. "I know some of the pro-wake boat legislators have been criticizing our coalition for manufacturing an emergency as there was no bill, but a bill only needs 24-hours to have a hearing. This makes planning very hard and by all indications from the other side, a bill could be dopped anytime," said Kamrowski via an e-mail exchange. "A bill drop was referenced in a Water Sports Industry Association news letter stating the bill drop was only 'two weeks out,' and lobbyists for wake boats have been telling dealers to get ready for Madison hearings," Kamrowski said, explaining why notice was sent to coalition members.

Phillips indicated most local governments would prefer voluntary compliance instead of direct enforcement. An example of this is the 2,800-acre Shell Lake in Washburn County. The city of Shell Lake is urging wake boat operators to use the lake's main basin where there's sufficient depth and room to stay away from shorelines. "So far this strategy has been working for us," said Shell Lake Mayor Rowie Hansberger. "We want everyone to enjoy the lake as they like, but not in the vulnerable shallower parts of the lake."

State legislation mandating lake size and depth would seem to be the solution, but with so many small lakes, this would be difficult. Enforcement would also be challenging for an already undermanned warden service that enforce state boating laws, but not local ordinances. For now, it appears local government leadership is taking the needed steps to protect the states vulnerable lakes.

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Cumberland Area Trails Alliance Hosting group bike ride October 11th

On Saturday Oct 11th the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance is hosting a group bike ride and color tour around Beaver Dam Lake beginning at Louie's on the Lake at 10 AM. This is a leisurely paced, free biking event and open to all ages! Bikes, trikes and Ebikes are welcome! After the ride, we will meet back at Louie's on the Lake for food, drink and camaraderie. Louie's on the Lake is donating a \$25 gift certificate for one of our lucky participants!! We will be having our 50/50 raffle drawing in which one lucky winner will receive over \$5,000 cash. Half of the 50/50 raffle ticket sales go to our winner, the other half are earmarked for funding of a lighted crosswalk at 5th Ave. This crosswalk will provide a safe crossing for children coming down from the middle school and high school. This crosswalk will also be an invaluable connection of our biking/walking routes! The raffle ticket sales end on 10/10/25 so get your tickets NOW! Tickets can be purchased on our website at www.CumberlandAreaTrailsAlliance.org

, Louie's Lodge, Comstock Cheese & Sausage, from one of our Board Members or by calling Laura Schmid-Tyler @ 989-329-9394. ***Need NOT be present to win. Rain Date: October 25th.



CumberlandAreaTrailsAlliance.org

Rotary Club Upcoming Events

The new Cumberland Rotary Impact Club is planning two events in October. October is Polio Eradication Month. Rotary has worked on polio eradication for many years with the Bill Gates Foundation and World Health Organization to provide polio vaccines in developing countries. At this moment polio is found only in countries undergoing conflict. Polio can cause temporary or permanent paralysis causing mobility issues. For this reason we are launching a campaign to collect mobility devices for Crutches for Africa who distribute them to developing countries. Mobility devices such as walkers, scooters and crutches will be collected in Cumberland at Cumberland Healthcare on Saturdays in October, 8 am til noon. Also during business hours you can drop them off at Jacobson Advanced Eye Care during business hours. Crutches from Africa is a non profit founded by a US polio survivor. If you need a device picked up call 715-822-2569.

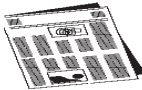
On Wednesday Oct 15 Cumberland Rotary Impact Club is sponsoring business

after 5 at Nezzys's. This event will be a chance to meet club members, discuss what the club is doing and also participate in a mini-service project. We will be packing baskets of personal hygiene products for middle and high school students in need coordinated by the guidance counselors and school nurse. Bring a personal hygiene product to this event or make a monetary donation in order to purchase such product. Please RSVP at our club email address Cumberlandrotaryimpact@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Last Week to Purchase Tickets for the Hall of Fame Banquet

On Saturday, October 18, at the Post 98 American Legion Building, the Cumberland school District will be holding their 12th annual Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet. The induction Class for 2025 includes athletes

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The Advocate



Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

As I write this, I’m looking out of my office window at backed up traffic. Work crews are pouring concrete around manhole covers up and down Main Street. Hopefully we are about done looking at orange barrels for a while. All of the upgrades are fantastic and were much needed, but it will be nice to get back to normal for a while. It is also nice to see some new blacktop on Babcock Ave and Hines Lakeview Drive. With two clean water tests complete on Hines Lakeview Drive, lines can now be connected to houses. The work is expected to be complete by Friday the 17th, with blacktopping immediately thereafter.

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Next Saturday, October 11, from 9 am til 2 pm, the Cumberland Senior Center will be hosting a Fall Festival. There will be all sorts of fun stuff including a silent auction, numerous raffles, a garage sale and more, including chili with various treats and coffee, not to mention great camaraderie. The garage sale is a free will donation, so some super bargains can be had! Hope you can make it.

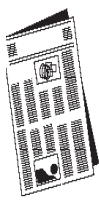
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The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce has some fun things happening this month, including the Scarecrow Contest. Scarecrows need to be up by October 15th, there are always some good ones. The annual Pumpkin Giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th at 10:00 am in front of the Chamber office on Main Street and the annual Safe Trick or Treat is to be held on Saturday, October 25th from noon til 2:00 pm. Contact the Chamber office at 715-822-3378 with any questions. Also happening this month, on Friday October 17th is the annual Fall Fest sponsored by the Main Street Collaborative. Tons of great food, shopping, giveaways and more. See the ad on page 12 for more details. All sorts of fun stuff to do this month!

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As you read this, I will be hopefully catching some fish. I have been going on a fall trip with the same group of guys for 12 or 13 years and a couple guys for 35 years. It is always a highlight of my year. The fishing is great, the food is awesome and relaxing by a campfire every night. As the old saying goes, “it just doesn’t get any better than this” certainly applies. Have a great week!

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“State tax credits for investors in start-ups have paid off; updates should, too”

MADISON, Wis. – Not all government programs aimed at spurring business and job growth are successful, to say the least. However, those initiatives that spur private investment and multiply public seed dollars can work well for taxpayers.

One example in Wisconsin is the 20-year-old Qualified New Business Venture tax credit program, which has enhanced growth of young technology-based companies by making it easier for angel and venture capital investors to take the risk.

It’s time for an update in the law, which has levered \$882 million in private investment since taking effect Jan. 1, 2005. With two timely updates, it could become an even bigger success for Wisconsin.

Here’s how the program works: It provides tax credits to eligible angel investors and venture capital fund investors who make cash equity investments in qualified early-stage businesses. If all eligibility requirements are met, investors receive a Wisconsin income tax credit equal to 25 percent of the value of the investment made in the certified company.

In other words, it offers \$1 in tax credits for every

\$4 invested.

The investments provided by the QNBV program provide the capital necessary for emerging growth companies to develop new products and technologies, move products to market and provide high-quality jobs.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation administers the program and certifies how investors can qualify for tax credits. Under current rules, those investors must put money into companies headquartered in Wisconsin; that have fewer than 100 employees; have strong potential to create jobs and to attract more capital; and have been in operation for 10 or fewer consecutive years.

Two other provisions have outlived their effectiveness over time. One is the requirement that at least 51% of employees live in Wisconsin, which ignores the advent of remote work. Employees of state-based companies may still pay Wisconsin income taxes if they live in states with a reciprocal revenue agreement.

The other is a \$12 million cap on total eligible investment in any one company. Inflation alone has changed that threshold. A proposal making the rounds in the Wisconsin Legislature would raise that limit to \$20 million, more in line with

today’s capital needs. That same bill draft (LRB-4913 in the Senate and LRB-4809 in the Assembly) would eliminate the 51% requirement.

Republican Sen. Dan Feyen of Fond du Lac and GOP Rep. Robert Wittke of Caledonia are the sponsors thus far, but if history repeats itself, they will find support across the partisan aisle.

Supporters of the original law, passed as Act 255, included then-Commerce Secretary Cory Nettles, then-Financial Institutions Secretary Lorrie Keating Heineman and the late Sen. Ted Kanavas, R-Brookfield. Nettles and Heineman were part of Democratic Gov. Jim Doyle’s administration.

The law is most often used by homegrown angel investors, although investments made by venture capital firms with Wisconsin tax liability can qualify, too. Total QNBV tax credits claimed in 2024 rebounded sharply to \$16.75 million, nearly tripling the prior year’s total and representing one of the highest levels in the program’s history. Those credits levered more than \$67 million in total investments.

From just a handful of early stage investors in

2005 to about 45 today, the law has helped build the base of Wisconsin risk-takers.

About 700 early stage companies in Wisconsin have been certified over time, which is one reason why eight state cities showed up among the top 64 in the Midwest in rankings by M25, a Chicago venture firm. Madison was ninth on the list and Milwaukee 14th.

Because the company vetting process is so rigorous, it’s the early stage investment equivalent of a “Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval” for young companies. Potential investors in Wisconsin often won’t consider companies that are not QNBV-certified because they trust in the process enough to know it’s worth taking a closer look.

When it was enacted as Act 255 in late 2003, the Qualified New Business Venture law was a leader among states. Today, it is time for Wisconsin lawmakers to update the law to ensure the state remains competitive as a place for early stage companies to launch, grow and do business.

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

A Look Back

October 1982

Cumberland’s first Scout Troop was formed in 1924 when Ernest Wright organized Troop 24...at that time “Mail Order” troop, because it was serviced by mail from National Scout Headquarters in New York. “Ernie” Wright preferred to be known, served as Scoutmaster in that period.

In 1928, when the Chipewa Valley Council was formed, Troop 24 received a charter. The Troop, with 17 boys, was sponsored by Homer L. Anderson Post, American Legion. According to the data supplied by the council, Wright was Scoutmaster and A.R. Amundson was Assistant Scoutmaster. Committee-

men were George Poukey, Robert Moser, F.L. Lampson and Lee Hines. For three successive summers, the Scouts camped at Phil Young’s Resort near Cable. Ben Connor often went along as camp cook and counselor.

In 1932, the first Sea Scout Ship was chartered here, marking the start of a senior scout program in Cumberland. George Poukey owned an 18-foot sailboat named Skipper. Again, the Legion sponsoring this group. Members of this ship were Fritz Hines, Lester Tappan, Earl Thompson, John Miller, M.P. Nelson, Ralph Hopkins Jr., Fred Jacobson, George Hopkins

and Bob Lund. In 1933, the Sea Scouts took their boat and went to camp. Camp Director at that time was William Hoffman, who went on to become International Director of the Boys Scouts of America. Later Fritz Hines, Earl Thompson and John Bauman Jr., all built boats of their own. Hines later had the honor of being the Troop’s first Eagle Scout, and became an executive for the National Boy Scouts of America office in New Jersey - a professional Scouter.

Scoutmaster Wright died in 1936. George Poukey then served as Scoutmaster until 1943. During this period, two CHS teachers served as assistants, Carlin Dollar and Marvin Olson.

During World War II, the scouts in Cumberland, with the help of the Legionnaires, salvaged and sold 41 tons of waste paper in 1942 alone.

In 1943, with the pressure of wartime, the troop failed to re-register for the first time since its beginning. It was revived again in 1946 by Sam Hines, Harold Johnson, Dave Chartraw and J.P. Anderson.

Finally in the fall of 1947, Dr. Gordon Toftness asked this question, “How come in a town like this there are no Boy Scouts?” He was told that the reason was that at that moment there was

no Scoutmaster, whereupon Dr. Toftness said that although he knew very little about the job, he would be glad to help. He was named Scoutmaster, and George Poukey agreed to be assistant. “Doc” was soon to become one of the best Scoutmasters and head one of the most successful and active troops in the nation. When Dr. Gordon Toftness “retired” as Scoutmaster in 1974 after 27 years of service, he had a total of 36 boys to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. He himself received many prestigious scouting awards, including the Vigil Honor of the Order of the Arrow, the coveted Silver Beaver award made by the local council and the most impressive, the Silver Antelope award-he being the first Scoutmaster in the Nation to receive this. In 1969, Toftness was one of 24 Scoutmasters selected from the country to convene in Chicago to assist in rewriting the Scoutmasters handbook.

Many boys from Troop 24 have attended National Boy Scout Jamborees. In 1953, five boys attended the National Jamboree in California. In 1957, 24 boys went to Valley Forge, PA., in 1960, 22 boys went to Colorado Springs and Troop 24 was represented at Jamborees in 1964 and 1969 in Idaho.

In 1974, after “Doc’s” well deserved “retirement”, the troop was taken over by Craig Ruschoff. While Craig was Scoutmaster, the troop was to take an active role in campouts, particularly canoe trips on the Namekogan and St. Croix Rivers. In 1979, after five years serve to the troop, Craig’s job took him to Michigan. The troop was then taken over by Louis Muench Jr., who is currently Scoutmaster. Jim Schullo and Art Yousten are currently assistant Scoutmasters. Art was Scoutmaster in Almena for many years, and he made the Troop famous for its Indian Dancers who have performed over a wide area.

The American Legion has been the sponsor of the local troop since it started in 1924, which is a fine example of its concern for the youth in our community.

Past records show that the following men have served as Scout leaders: Ernest Wright, A.R. Amundson, George Poukey, Robert Moser, F.L. Lampson, K.E. Neby, Fred Moser, C.L.Hines, Herbert Ewald, John Bauman, C.E. Dahler, George Kellerman, H.H. Hines, Preston Lampson, A.B. Clock, Mel Olson, Charles Algeo, Don Pfeiffer, Robert Kellerman,

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OBITUARIES



Carlotta A. (Tichy) Romsos

Carlotta Ann (Tichy) Romsos 86 passed away peacefully on October 5, 2025 at home on Long Lake with her family at her side. She was born on October 3, 1939 in Black River Falls WI, daughter of Steve and Margaret (Newton) Tichy. Carlotta was raised on a farm, attended a one room country grade school, Loyal High School and University of Wisconsin Stout, Menomonie where she earned a BS degree in Home Economics Education. She married Eugene Romsos on June 23, 1962. They celebrated 63 years of wonderful marriage last June.

After graduating from Stout in 1961 Carlotta became the Home Economics teacher in Barron WI and taught 3 years while Gene

completed his college education at River Falls. She also taught Home Ec. in the Sun Prairie School system. Carlotta often said she should have gotten a degree in packing and unpacking moving boxes as she moved many times for Gene's work.

During her various careers she worked in County Extension (4-H clubs), was an interior designer, owned a marketing company that supplied in-store product demonstrators, owned a party planning/catering business, and managed the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers booth at the WI State Fair for 20 years. She earned and retained the title of "Cranberry Lady" for her exceptional knowledge and enthusiasm about cranberries.

In 1995 Gene and Carlotta purchased 65 acres of land "up north" on Long Lake where they would eventually built their dream home in 2002. Their home on the lake became the gathering spot for many family reunions and celebrations. Together they enjoyed gardening, landscaping, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and water recreation activities along with campfires and picnics. They enjoyed many snowmobile trips including two "out west" near Jackson in NW Wyoming with sons,

relatives and friends. Carlotta is survived by her husband Gene, sons Jeff (Jaime) Hayward, Dale (Carrie) Shell Lake, and Kurt (Linda) Pewaukee, One sister Elvina Thompson Rochester MN. Sister-in-laws Carol Romsos, Barron, Karen Mangelsen Shell Lake, and Marie (Wayne) Romsos Barronett. Seven grandchildren – Sydney, Blake, Zachary, Taylor, Skylar, Morgan and Riley, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents Steve & Margaret Tichy, brother Robert, brothers-in-law Richard Thompson, Calvyn Romsos, and Hank Mangelsen, and Gene's parents Erling & Marie Romsos.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Saturday, October 11, 2025 at Shell Lake United Methodist Church with Pastor Chris Van Beek officiating. Visitation will be from 4-7 PM Friday October 10, 2025, at Skinner Funeral Home in Shell Lake and one hour prior to service at church. Burial will be in the Shell Lake Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hunt Hill Nature Center and The International Crane Foundation would be appreciated.

Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



Frank "Bud" Ranallo

Frank "Bud" Ranallo of Cumberland died peacefully on Tuesday, September 23rd at his home in Cumberland, WI. He was born December 8, 1931 in Comstock, WI to Sam and Maggie (Caliguire) Ranallo. Bud graduated from Cumberland, WI in 1949 and secured a job at 3M Company as a belt maker and was later promoted to Supervisor and held this position until his retirement. Bud served his

country with the Army's 4th Infantry Division from 1952-1954. He was married in St. Anthony Catholic Church on Feb 1, 1957 to Barbara Adascheck.

Bud was friendly and full of life and always had a silly joke to share. He was loved by everyone and his favorite days were when the whole family was present to celebrate life with him.

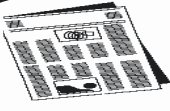
He is survived by daughters: Rebecca (Charles) Burke of Greenville, SC, Elizabeth (Donnie) Lambright of Austin, TX, Cara Hill of New Caney, TX, and Barb (Doug) Janeway of Flower Mound, TX; 10 grandchildren Erin Flamm, Cameron Hill, Lauren Hill, Kristen Skiles, Nick Hill, Ian Moreno, Abby Fitzgerald, Sam Janeway, Ryan Burke and Emma Janeway and 10 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Barbara Ranallo

and two grandchildren, Ellie Albrecht and Stevie Moreno.

Visitation will be from 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, October 19th at the Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland and for one hour prior to the Mass at the church. Funeral Mass is 11:00 AM on Monday, October 20, 2025 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Cumberland with Father Jayanna Kaana officiating. Pallbearers are sons-in-law Charles Burke, Doug Janeway, Donnie Lambright and grandsons Ian Moreno, Sam Janeway, and Ryan Burke. Honorary pallbearers are nephew, Gary Margotto and sister-in-law, Bev Thomas. Military Honors accorded by Anderson-Thomson Post #98 American Legion, Cumberland and the Wisconsin Military Honors Team.

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derson, Roger Solum, Robert Hegg, Wayne Erickson, Richard Johnson, Brandt Ritchie, Rev. Erling Carlsen, Don Wasilensky, Steve Wickre, Craig Ruschhoff, Lee Jacobson, Clarence Boehm, Alex Friess, Paul Ostrum, Tim Schell, Louie Muench Jr., Jim Schullo and Art Yousten.

The following scouts have been ranked as Eagle Scout, the highest rank of advancement in scouting: Fritz Hines, Ralph Hopkins Jr., John Bauman Jr., George Lund, Robert Talbot, James Talbot, John Hines, John Jacobson, Jay Holmes, Lee Jacobson, Vernon Jensen, Paul Weimar, Donald Alfonse, Kenneth McClaine, Terry Momchilovich, James Toftness, Charles Toftness, Robert Toftness, Robert Wasilensky, John Tappan, Donald Wasilensky, James Donatelle, Robert Donatelle, Gary Thorp, James

Cotone, Greg Miller, Richard Ritchie, Jerry Ritchie, Steve Wickre, Jon Mathwig, Steve Thoe, Steve King, Sam Donatelle, Mark Nelson, Tom Toftness, Louis Muench, Bill Whalen, Brian O'Hern, Barry Williamson, David Wilhelm, Tom Wasilensky, Terry Nesvold, Shaun O'dil, John B. Ellis, Robert Boehm, James Muench, Tim Walsh, Jeff Mayer, John Muench and Tom Walsh.

If the past performance and success of Troop 24 is any indication of its future, the local scouts will have many rewarding experiences ahead of them. All of this has been made possible through the sponsorship of the American Legion, the individual leaders who have given much of their time to promote scouting here in the Island City as well as the Integrity and dedication of the Scouts themselves and their parents.

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Darlene L. Sebens

With profound sorrow and deep love, we announce the passing of Darlene Leona Sebens, a beacon of kindness and grace, who left this world peacefully on September 28, 2025, at the age of 81.

Born on June 4, 1944, in Turtle Lake, WI., Darlene lived a life marked by generosity, warmth, and unwavering love. She passed away in Cumberland, WI., following a courageous battle with cancer.

A proud graduate of Cumberland High School, Darlene carried the spirit of her small-town roots throughout her

life. On September 22, 1962, she married her high school sweetheart, Richard Sebens, beginning a lifelong journey of love and partnership. Her early career began with her welcoming a smile at Hill Top Restaurant in 1972, and she later worked at Falcon Drill starting in 1980. After retirement, she and Richard enjoyed traveling together, making memories on the open road.

Darlene was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Her legacy lives on through her loving children: Tammy Sebens, Lisa (Jan) Mattys, Rick (Jesse) Sebens, Jason (Terri) Sebens, and Jamie (Becky) Sebens. She was blessed with 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, each of whom she cherished deeply. She is lovingly remembered by her sisters: Bev Davis, Sharon Pearson, and Brenda (Chuck) Ofelt. Darlene was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Richard Sebens; her parents, Alfred and Leona

Erickson; and her brother, Wayne Erickson, with whom she is now reunited.

Darlene found joy in life's simple pleasures. Her flower gardens were a reflection of her nurturing spirit, and her entrepreneurial heart shone through her passion for Scentsy, bringing warmth and fragrance to many homes. She treasured camping trips, which offered cherished moments with family and friends. Her life was a testament of love, generosity, and kindness. Darlene touched countless lives with her caring nature and will be deeply missed. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, a lasting reminder of the beauty and impact of a life well lived.

As we say goodbye, we celebrate Darlene's remarkable journey—a life that was truly a gift to us all. May her spirit continue to guide us with the same love and light she so freely gave. Please join us in a Celebration of Life on Friday, October 10th, 2025 at Augustana Lutheran Church in Cumberland, WI. Visitation is from 10:30 am -12:00 pm. Funeral service will begin at 12:00 pm with a lunch to follow.



Norma J. Gohl (Schade)

Norma J. Gohl (Schade), Age 96, of St. Paul, passed away on September 30, 2025.

Born on December 2, 1928 in Cumberland, WI to parents, John & Emma (Erfert) Schade.

Preceded in death by loving husband of 70 years, Alvin; sister, Marge Ackerson; brothers, Virgil & Glen Schade; and nephews, Larry Ackerson & Richard Schade.

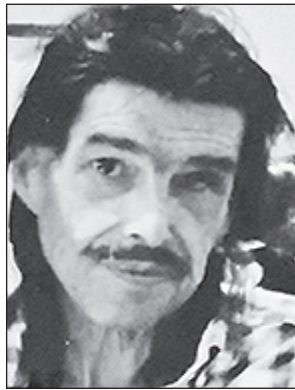
Survived by many loving nieces, nephews & friends.

The family would like to thank the staff at Lyngblomsten Care Center and Allina Hospice for their kindness, care, and making her last days peaceful and pain free.

Private interment at Elm-hurst Cemetery.

Memorials preferred to the Allina Hospice or Lyngblomsten Care Center.

To order memorial trees or send flowers to the family in memory of Norma J. Gohl (Schade), please visit our



William (Bill) Bunker

William (Bill) Bunker, age 63 of Woodbury, MN passed away after a long illness on September 11, 2025. He was born in Burlington, WI on November 1, 1961 to Dorothy M. Osborn and Richard D. Bunker.

He loved fishing, being near the water, Harley Davidson's and the Green Bay

Packers. He was able to tour Lambeau Field a few weeks before his passing. It was something he really enjoyed.

He was preceded in death by the love of his life Vicky, his parents Dorothy Osborn and Richard Bunker, brother Richard Bunker Jr, sister Donna Bement and brother in-law Rob Bement.

He is survived by his sister Arlene (Mike) Frisinger, brother Bob (Marie) Bunker, brother Jim (Val) Bunker, brother Tim (Deanna) Bunker and brother Dave (Tracy) Bunker.

Cremation was with Summit Funeral & Cremation in Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Death Notice

Jean F. Beck

Jean F. Beck, age 83, of Cumberland passed away Tues. Oct 7 at Cambridge Senior Living in Rice Lake. Please reference the Skinner website for service details. Full obituary to follow next week.



Church Directory



“The Path to Salvation: Becoming a Christian”

by Pastor Matthew Earls

Northern Lakes Community Church

In a world filled with uncertainty and challenges, the promise of salvation offers hope and eternal peace. As a pastor serving our community in Cumberland, I've seen lives transformed by the simple yet profound message of the Gospel. Salvation is God's gift to humanity, a way to reconcile with our Creator and live abundantly. It's not about earning our way to heaven through good deeds, but about accepting the grace offered through Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us in Ephesians 2:8-9, “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” This truth is universal, open to everyone regardless of your background.

So, what are the steps to becoming a Christian? It begins with recognizing our need for God. We all fall short; as Romans 3:23 states, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Sin separates us from God, leading to spiritual death, but there's good news: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23). Acknowledging this reality is the first step—admitting we're not perfect and need a Savior.

Next comes belief in Jesus Christ. John 3:16, one of the most beloved verses, declares, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” Believing means trusting that Jesus, fully God and fully man, died on the cross for our sins and rose again, conquering death. Acts 16:31 reinforces this: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.”

Repentance follows belief. This isn't just feeling sorry; it's a heartfelt turn away from sin toward God. In Acts 2:38, Peter urges, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” Repentance involves a change of mind and direction, committing to follow Jesus' teachings.

Then, confess your faith. Romans 10:9-10 explains, “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” This can be a personal prayer or shared publicly, affirming Jesus as Lord.

Baptism symbolizes this new life. Jesus commanded in Matthew 28:19, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” It's an outward sign of inward change, uniting us with Christ's death and resurrection.

Finally, live out your faith daily. Christianity isn't a one-time event but a journey. James 1:22 encourages, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only.” Surround yourself with a supportive community, study Scripture, pray, and serve others.

Salvation is accessible to all—young or old, rich or poor. If you're seeking this peace, I invite you to join us at Northern Lakes Church this Sunday at 10 a.m. for worship and fellowship. Come as you are; let's explore God's love together. Your story could be the next one transformed.

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Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.
All Year; Sunday School/Bible Study: 9:00 am. Sept. -May.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
644 South 6th St., Barron
Bishop Jay Jevne
Chapel: (715) 537-3679
Home: 402 677-0574
Sunday Sacrament Meeting: 10-11 a.m.; 11:10-Noon: Priesthood, Relief Society, Primary, Sunday School.

CUMBERLAND BAPTIST
Jared Andrea, Pastor
1225 Hwy. 48
Phone: 715-822-3520
Bible Study: 8:30 a.m.; Worship Service: 10:00 a.m.
www.cumberlandbaptistchurch.com

FIRST LUTHERAN (ELCA)
Elm and Eighth Avenue
Timothy Schmidt, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-4416
Worship Times: Sunday 8 & 10:30 am; Communion 1st and 3rd weeks of the month. Sunday School: 9:15 am

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Adelbert Frejas
Phone: 715-822-4293
Worship Service & Sunday School 8:45 a.m., Worshiping, witnessing, sharing community, Cry room available. Sunday Fellowship following each service. Holy Communion 1st Sunday each month.

GOSPEL MENNONITE
Almena, WI.
Sunday: Sunday School, all ages 10 a.m. Worship Services: 10:45 a.m. Evening services: 7:45 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH
Clayton, WI.
Father Christopher Wojcik, Saturday Vespers, 5 p.m.; Sunday Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.,

HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
1788 Elm Street
Pastor Paul Green
Phone: 715-822-3586
Worship Service: Sunday 9:30 am
hopecommunitychurch.life

HOSANNA FREE LUTHERAN CHURCH
662 20th Ave., Cumberland
Tom Olson, Pastor
Phone: 740-644-0537
1st & 3rd Sundays • 4:30 pm
Worship & Refreshments
www.hosannacumberland.org

LAKE PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH
Shell Lake, WI.
John Sahlstrom, Pastor
Phone: 715-468-2734
Prayer: 9 a.m.; Worship Service: 10 a.m.

NORTHERN LAKES CHURCH
825 8th Ave., Cumberland
Matthew Earls, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-5502
Sunday Morning Service 10:00 am for sermons from the Bible and Contemporary Worship, Children's Church and nursery during service; Wednesday 5:30 pm AWANA for Children and Youth Impact (returning in Sept.); Online services and calendar of events available at www.northernlakeschurch.com

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH
Soo Ave., Almena,
Father Jayanna Kanna
Weekend Mass: Sun., 8:30 am

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH
320 Pine St., Turtle Lake,
Father Jayanna Kanna
Phone: 715-822-2948
Masses: Saturday: 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY ABBOT CATHOLIC PARISH
900 St. Anthony Street
Father Jayanna Kanna
Phone: 715-822-2948
Weekend Masses: Sat. 6:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:30a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
502 Second St., Shell Lake
Father Edwin Anderson
Phone: 715-635-3105
Saturday Mass; 4:40 p.m.

ST. MATTHEWS LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
Almena, WI.
Vacancy Pastor: Isaac Nicholson
Sunday: Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Divine Service: 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday's 6:00 pm-Vesper Service
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN
Missouri Synod
1 mile East on Hwy. 48
John Miels, Pastor
Phone: 715-822-8690
Sunday morning traditional worship: 9:00 a.m.; Wed.evening contemporary worship: 6 p.m..

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH
Rice Lake, WI.
Hwy. SS 1/2 mi. S. of Cedar Mall
Pastor: Scott Manly
Phone: 715-434-7798
Saturday: Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. Worship Service: 11 a.m. Wed. Bible Study:7:15 pm.

SHELL LAKE FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Shell Lake, WI.
Josiah Hodgett, Lead Pastor
Worship Service: Sundays at 10 am; Kids for Christ: Sundays at 10:30 am, Utum Student Ministries: Sundays at 6 pm.
SILVER CREEK LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod (LCMS)
483 7th Avenue, Clayton
Pastor: Rev. Quenten Buechner.
Divine Service: Sunday 9 am; Holy Communion: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month

STANFOLD LUTHERAN
Hwy 48, 9 mi. E. of Cumberland
Pastor John Bergson
Phone: 262-354-4537
Sunday Service: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.; Coffee & bible Study

TIMBERLAND RINGEBU FREE LUTHERAN
12 miles north on “H”
Timothy Carlson, Pastor
Sunday School, all ages 8:15 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion 2nd Sunday of each month.

TRINITY LUTHERAN
10 mi. W on Hwy. 48, McKinley
Pastor Diane Norstad
Phone: 715-822-3001
Sunday Worship and Holy Communion: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10:00 am

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
Blue Hills Fellowship
Phone: 715-234-6337
www.bluehillsuu.org
230 W. Messenger St., Rice Lake
Services Sunday 10 a.m.

ZION LUTHERAN
Wi. Ev. Lutheran Synod
715-641-0945
3 miles NW of Almena
Worship Service: Saturdays 11:00 am; Holy communion first and third Sunday

THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES INVITE YOU TO ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE

CUMBERLAND FEDERAL BANK Your Hometown Bank 715-822-2249 www.cumberlandfederal.com Member FDIC	RE/MAX NORTHSTAR See us for all your real estate needs 800-511-2615 www.remaxnorthstarwi.com	CUMBERLAND MUNICIPAL UTILITY 715-822-2595 Online Payments got to: www.cumberlandutilities.com	CUMBERLAND ACE HARDWARE & LUMBER Home of the <i>Helpful Hardware Man!</i> 715-822-8459	White Electric, Inc. Wiring, Trenching, Commercial, Industrial Residential, Farm 715-822-2147	NORTH COUNTRY PACKAGING Home of <i>North Country Gourmet Cheese Spread</i> 1623 6th St. • Almena 715-357-3080 Retail Store Hours: M-F 8 am - 4:30 pm
Odden's Flowers Open Mon-Fri: 8 AM - 5 PM Saturdays 8 AM-4 PM Phone: 715-822-4835 Cumberland, Wisconsin Cut Flower Arrangements • Perennials Shrubbery & Bedding Plants Big Geranium Pots • Hanging Baskets		CUMBERLAND HEALTHCARE Hospital Medical Clinic 715-822-7500	KINDLED HEARTH FIREPLACE STORE WOOD • GAS • PELLET • ELECTRIC Sales • Service • Complete Installation Downtown Cumberland 715-822-5355 www.kindledhearthfireplacestore.	DAIRY STATE BANK 1405 2nd Ave., Cumberland Phone: 715-822-8316 Member FDIC	
DIRKS Heating & Cooling We service ALL brands! 24 Hr Emergency Service Free Estimates! 715-537-3990	SENECA FOODS CORPORATION “Compliments of Management and Employees” Cumberland, Wisconsin	1268 on Main What are we? Check out Our Website www.1268onmain.com	NILSSEN'S FOODS Groceries • Deli • ATM • Lottery Open 7:00 am - 10:00 p.m. 7 days/week 1170 2nd Avenue • Cumberland 715-822-4541	FARR INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC Farm - Homeowners - Fire & EC Liability - Auto - Commercial Recreation Vehicles Office: 715-822-8151 • Cell: 715-671-8411 Cumberland, Wisconsin	LOUIE'S FINER MEATS “Home of Award-Winning Sausage” Phone: 715-822-4728 Hwy. 63 North, Cumberland
LakePlace.com Brothers Realty 715-822-3303 1345 Elm St. • Cumberland Lake Properties, Cabin Rentals, Family Resorts	BOB & STEVE'S BP AMOCO SHOP BP FUELS • Pizza & Deli Phone 715-822-4202 1633 Superior Ave. Cumberland, Wisconsin		LAKELAND CO., INC Steel Fabricators Factory Direct Trailers Hwy. 63 North • Cumberland Phone 715-822-8748		HAACK ORTHODONTICS Working with you and your general dentist to create healthy, happy smiles. 715-234-9071
	NORDQUIST TRUCKING LONNIE FOREHAND, OWNER 110 Prospect Ave. • PO Box 117 Almena, WI 54805 715-357-3286 or 715-357-3716 nordquisttruck@chibardun.net	MIDWEST MOTOR GROUP Quality Cars & Trucks 715-419-1772 or 715-803-4889 Kevin Monson Matt Torgerson Corner of CTH P & US HWY 8 • Almena	WISCO RV & MARINE Sales • Service • Storage 2236 Hwy. 63 Cumberland, WI 715-822-8714 www.wiscomarine.com	ASPEN ACUPUNCTURE Stacy Rischette, L.A.c, MT Chinese Master www.aspenacupuncture.com mail@ aspenacupuncture.com 715-822-4418 1268 2nd Ave. • Cumberland	



PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
BARRON COUNTY, WI
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Cumberland will be held Monday, October 13th, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Town of Cumberland
Sara Mathison, Clerk
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NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors for Town of Maple Plain will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 393 26th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

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

Danielle Maxwell-Parker, Clerk
Town of Maple Plain
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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 Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons

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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**Barron County**
Tipster Line
1-800
532-9008

TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
SNOWPLOW CONTRACT
Residents of the TOWN OF CUMBERLAND who are interested in having a contract for the 2025-2026 Winter Season may contact the clerk.

Town of Cumberland
Sara Mathison, Clerk
902 20th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829

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Barron County Land Auction
Barron County Real Estate Property will be sold on Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction, Auction Number 25-1156B. Listed below are the parcels that are up for bids. The auction is running NOW through October 20, 2025. Please visit www.wisconsinsurplus.com for registration and bidding instructions along with property information. Information can also be found on the Barron County website at www.barroncountywi.gov under the "News" section or call the Treasurer's office at (715) 537-6280.

Parcel Number	Description	Minimum Bid
038-0600-12-010	0.44 acres Vacant land on 23 1/2 Ave & 18 1/4 St. Rice Lake WI	\$2,200.00
046-0700-20-000	4.74 acres landlocked vacant land near CTH M Rice Lake WI	\$2,200.00
111-1244-11-000	0.2 acres 1109 Ludlow Ave. Cameron WI 3 bed, 1 bath, 1003 sq ft	\$16,600.00
276-2372-48-000	0.015 acres landlocked vacant land near Duke St/Gessell Ave, Rice Lake, WI	\$100.00

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DEADLINE
2:00 Friday
Phone: 715-822-4469

RENTALS

FOR RENT: In Barronett. Storage Unit 10' by 24'. \$50 per month. Please call Duane or Judy at 715-419-4761 or 612-968-3667. 20tfnp
THOMPSON MINI STORAGE, Barronett. 715-822-4933. 4tfnc
WENGER'S FIREWOOD: Oak - Cut, split & delivered to your door. 715.419.3479 26TFN

BUSINESS SERVICES

AUTO INSURANCE after insurance cancellation, OWI, violations, accidents, loss of license. 234-3427 or 800-657-4782. Instant SR-22 filings. tfnc

FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Something good to eat. BEEF! BEEF! BEEF! 1/4's, 1/2's, whole or hamburger! Finished to perfection. 715-205-0357. A12TFN

**THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE**

SUMMARY OF 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR BARRON COUNTY
Pursuant to Sec. 65.90 of the Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed 2026 Budget for Barron County will be held in the Veteran's Memorial Auditorium, at the Government Center at 335 E Monroe Ave, Barron Wisconsin at 9:00 am on Monday, November 3, 2025.
A detailed account of the proposed budget may be viewed at the Barron County Dept of Administration Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.
The following is a summary of the proposed budget for all fund types of the County.

GENERAL FUND	2025 Budgeted	2026 Proposed	% Change
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER SOURCES:			
General Government	\$9,194,879	\$9,349,749	
Public Safety	\$11,169,398	\$11,587,771	
Public Works	\$ -	\$3,600	
Health & Human Services	\$ 304,697	\$315,353	
Culture, Recreation & Education	\$1,546,852	\$1,571,197	
Conservation & Development	\$1,723,861	\$1,770,529	
Contingencies	\$1,390,161	\$1,350,538	
B1 Charitable & Penal Chgs from State	-	\$ -	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	\$25,329,848	\$25,948,737	2.44%

REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES:			
Property Tax Levy	\$4,332,563	\$4,992,509	
Other Taxes	\$ 529,620	\$ 564,120	
Intergovernmental	\$5,205,628	\$5,752,061	
Licenses & Permits	\$ 326,000	\$ 304,500	
Fines, Forfeits & Penalties	\$ 129,100	\$ 133,200	
Public Charges for Services	\$1,021,100	\$1,127,050	
Intergovernment Charges for Services	\$ 263,515	\$ 241,515	
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,889,549	\$ 2,255,594	
Uses of Available Funds:			
Sales Tax Applied-Current	\$4,850,000	\$5,000,000	
Sales Tax Applied-Prior Year	\$1,870,000	\$2,036,000	
Fund Balance Applied - Jail Assessments	\$ 41,650	\$ 41,500	
Fund Balance Applied-Out of Co Prisoner Rev	\$450,900	\$ 615,790	
Fund Balance Applied-unassigned	\$2,333,801	\$1,131,171	
Fund Balance Applied-Health Ins unassigned	\$ 233,000	\$ 278,995	
Fund Balance Applied-Assigned	\$1,853,442	\$1,474,732	
Total Revenues & Other Sources	\$25,329,848	\$25,948,737	2.44%

Estimated Fund Balance December 31:	2024 Actual	2025 Projected
Committed/Assigned/Nonspendable	\$13,058,054	\$10,990,444
Unassigned	\$10,446,890	\$10,172,019
Total Fund Balance 12/31	\$23,524,944	\$21,162,463

ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS COMBINED	Estimated Fund Balance 1/1/26	Total Revenues/ Other Sources	Total Expenditures/ Other Uses	Estimated Fund Balance 12/31/26	2026 Property Tax Levy	2025 Property Tax Levy
General Fund	\$21,162,463	\$25,948,737	\$25,948,737	\$21,162,463	\$4,992,509	\$4,332,563
Special Revenue Funds	\$10,037,882	\$29,665,504	\$29,665,504	\$10,037,882	\$10,876,356	\$9,806,579
Debt Service	\$ 12,968	\$ 2,293,249	\$ 2,293,249	\$ 12,968	\$2,293,249	\$1,996,495
Capital Projects	\$ 8,113,025	\$ 2,287,800	\$ 2,287,800	\$ 8,113,025	\$ 500,000	\$1,909,000
Internal Service Funds- hwy & health	\$ 8,914,839	\$ 19,170,182	\$ 19,170,182	\$ 8,914,839	\$ 4,766,042	\$ 4,666,042
Enterprise Fund-Waste to energy	\$ 2,450,777	\$ 5,144,000	\$ 5,144,000	\$ 2,450,777	\$ -	\$ -
	\$50,691,954	\$84,509,472	\$84,509,472	\$50,691,954	\$23,428,156	\$22,710,679

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed	Percentage Change
Valuation	\$6,413,742,500	\$6,997,611,300	\$7,746,993,400	10.71%
County Tax Levy	\$22,539,673	\$22,710,679	\$23,428,156	3.16%
Mill Rate (Taxes per \$1,000 Valuation)				
Debt Service	\$0.31	\$0.29	\$0.30	3.45%
Library Service	\$0.15	\$0.14	\$0.13	-7.14%
Operating	\$3.10	\$2.86	\$2.63	-8.04%
Total	\$3.56	\$3.29	\$3.06	

****RECYCLING SPECIAL CHARGE: \$32.00 32.00 \$32.00**
**All Municipalities except Town & City of Rice Lake & Village of New Auburn - Improved Parcels Only (per parcel charge)
The 2026 Budget includes the addition of a Saniatrian II position.

Section 65.90(3) Jeffrey S. French, Barron County Administrator

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Advertisement for Bids
TID #9 Street and Utility Extension
Cumberland, Wisconsin
SEH No. CUMBE 187476

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Cumberland until **10:00 a.m., Friday, October 24, 2025**, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of TID #9 Street and Utility Extension.

The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:

TID #9 Street and Utility Extension Bid Opening
October 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (CDT)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone:
<https://bit.ly/42jFe4w>
Meeting ID: 263 490 780 614 8
Passcode: Z7Rq6KV6

Dial in by phone
+1 872-242-7640,,835491729# United States, Chicago
Phone conference ID: 835 491 729#

Any person monitoring the meeting remotely may be responsible for any documented costs. Message and data rates may apply.

Major quantities for the Work include:

Item Description	Unit	Estimated Quantity
Clearing and Grubbing Trees	Ac	1.5
Common Excavation	CY	8000
Stormwater Pond Clay Liner	CY	1200
Rip Rap	CY	100
Crushed Aggregate Base Course	Ton	5500
Granular Subbase	CY	1500
Asphalt Pavement	Ton	850
Concrete Curb and Gutter	LF	1500
Turf Establishment	Ac	2
6- and 8-inch Water Main	LF	850
Fire Hydrant	Each	2
6- and 8-inch Gate Valve and Box	Each	4
8-inch PVC Sanitary Sewer	LF	750
6-inch Sanitary Sewer Service	LF	100
Sanitary Sewer Manhole with Casting	Each	3
18- and 24-inch Storm Sewer	LF	400
12- and 15-inch Storm Sewer	LF	700
4- and 6-inch PVC Drainage Pipe	LF	180
Storm Sewer Inlet with Casting	Each	4
Storm Sewer Manhole with Casting	Each	4
Storm Sewer Pond Outlet Structure with Grate	Each	2

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDocTM Number **9904681** on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com.

For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid **will** be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service **QuestCDN.com**. To access the electronic Bid Worksheet, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted. Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Documents prepared by SEH dated October 8, 2025.

Bid security in the amount of 10 percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The City of Cumberland reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the City.

Randy Reeg, Administrator
City of Cumberland
950 1st Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829

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PUBLIC NOTICES



CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE FOR BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING
WISCONSIN STATUTE 120.08(1)

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the Cumberland School District that the budget hearing and annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business will be held in the Middle School Commons on Monday, the 20th of October, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Budget Hearing Agenda
7:00 p.m.

1. Call to order, Eric Stone, Board President.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation of the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget, Makenna Rademacher.
4. Adjourn Budget Hearing.

Annual Meeting Agenda
Immediately following Budget Hearing

1. Call to order, Eric Stone, Board President.
2. Elect a meeting chairperson.
3. Approval of agenda.
4. Approval of the 10/28/24 Annual Meeting Minutes.
5. Presentation of Treasurer's Report for 2024-2025, Jonelle Gideo, Treasurer.
6. Authorization to levy a school tax to include:
 - A. General Fund Operations \$7,772,760
 - B. Referendum Approved Debit \$1,872,822
 - C. Community Service Fund \$250,000
7. Set salaries of the school board members and authorize payment for travel and actual expenses incurred while traveling outside the district in performance of duties:
 - President - \$100 per meeting
 - Vice President - \$100 per meeting
 - Clerk - \$100 per meeting
 - Treasurer - \$100 per meeting
 - Member - \$100 per meeting
 - Reimbursement \$100 per day plus actual expenses (out of district)
 - Negotiation Committee Members - \$100 per meeting
8. Authorize the Board to pursue cash flow borrowing if needed to maintain current fiscal operations.
9. Authorize the Board to apply any remaining fund balance to be designated for working capital.
10. Authorize the Board to legally defend or prosecute any action or proceedings in which the district deems appropriate and necessary.
11. Authorize the Board to provide school breakfast and lunch programs with appropriate funds allocated for that purpose.
12. Authorize the Board to provide and furnish academic textbooks.
13. Authorize the Board to purchase, operate and maintain transportation vehicles and to purchase liability insurance for such vehicles.
14. Authorize the Board to purchase or lease suitable sites for school buildings, to build, rent, lease or purchase and furnish, equip and maintain school district buildings.
15. Authorize the sale of property and disposal of unused property belonging to and not needed by the district.
16. Establish the date for next year's annual meeting.
17. Adjourn the meeting.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2025
Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk

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Monday, October 20, 2025

BUDGET PUBLICATION, 2025-26
Cumberland School District
Cumberland, WI

GENERAL FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	6,903,580.01	6,708,327.77	5,686,443.32
Ending Fund Balance	6,708,327.77	5,686,443.32	5,430,502.94
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	7,200,936.41	7,473,760.24	8,243,106.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,046,669.00	989,862.00	1,032,892.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	25,211.97	19,559.28	12,705.00
State Sources (Source 600)	5,843,240.30	6,034,667.76	5,294,139.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	995,592.02	438,512.24	412,288.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	865,861.55	34,464.36	34,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	15,977,511.25	14,990,825.88	15,029,130.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	7,002,835.62	7,003,581.83	6,955,012.10
Support Services (Function 200 000)	7,018,793.32	6,499,423.03	5,742,652.28
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	2,151,134.55	2,509,705.47	2,587,406.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	16,172,763.49	16,012,710.33	15,285,070.38

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	2,214,556.50	2,426,482.24	2,783,564.74
Ending Fund Balance	2,426,482.24	2,783,564.74	2,783,564.71
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	3,199,280.47	3,205,588.82	2,734,707.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	2,987,354.73	2,848,506.32	2,734,707.03

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	2,277.34	858,652.18	570,554.70
Ending Fund Balance	858,652.18	570,554.70	756,427.70
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,410,640.69	2,389,863.44	1,937,822.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	554,265.85	2,677,960.92	1,751,949.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	110.34	22,997,592.31	31,275,751.99
Ending Fund Balance	22,997,592.31	31,275,751.99	11,375,751.99
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	22,997,481.97	10,603,649.19	500,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	2,325,489.51	20,400,000.00

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FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	21,737.27	15,002.29	(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	15,002.29	(0.00)	(0.00)
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	770,956.45	757,245.82	781,262.85
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	777,691.43	772,248.11	781,262.85

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	241,990.48	274,995.15	343,729.61
Ending Fund Balance	274,995.15	343,729.61	307,297.12
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	278,023.40	279,794.00	278,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	245,018.73	211,059.54	314,432.49

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
GROSSTOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	20,737,094.23	24,847,974.73	41,267,421.75
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	0.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	20,737,094.23	24,847,974.73	41,267,421.75
PERCENTAGE INCREASE - NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		19.82%	66.08%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
FUND	Audited 2023-2024	Unaudited 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026
General Fund	6,899,536.00	7,020,602.00	7,772,760.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	2,163,000.00	1,872,822.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	7,149,536.00	9,433,602.00	9,895,582.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE --			
TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		31.95%	4.90%

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Sports

Cross Country Team Holds its Invitational; In Amery on Tuesday

The Cumberland Cross Country Team welcomed 13 other teams to its 2025 Invitational held at the Timberland Hills CASTA Ski Trail Course on Tuesday, September 30. Cameron took home the Boy's Title and Bloomer the Girl's Championship, while the Beavers finished seventh and 10th respectively.

Cumberland's Tommy Dettinger continued his excellent fall with a second-place finish in the boy's competition, as he ran the challenging 5,000m course in 17:07, only four seconds behind first place Seth Rogge of Bloomer. Brother Ben Dettinger added a strong 16th place finish with a time of 18:59, while Jayden Eagleman came in 31st in the field of 141 with a time of 20:07.

The girl's race was dominated by Ciara Hartman, who ran an 18:43 to take first by 27 seconds.

Cumberland's contingent was led by Jovina Skinner, who finished the race in 23:55, good for 23rd. Violet Small ran 25:28, good for 39th place, while Levke Wacker ran a 27:17 to finish 56th out of 108 runners.

The Cumberland Middle

School Cross Country Team, meanwhile, held their own season-ending Invite on Monday, September 29. The Cumberland Boy's Team had a strong day, finishing sixth in a 15-team field, while the Cumberland Girl's Team also did well with an eighth-place finish.

Cumberland's Jack Odden ran a strong race, finishing with a time of 12:40 to take fourth out of 179 runners. Finn Corry of Birchwood was the winner with a run of 12:09.

The Beavers Leo Dettinger added a 13th place finish with a run of 13:29, while Jackson DePatto was 52nd in 16:01.

The Middle School Girl's race was won by Trinity Ricci of Osceola in 13:55. The best Cumberland finish came from Riley Muench, who was 30th with a run of 16:24. Elliot Meyer added a 35th place finish in 16:58, just edging out teammate Addalyn Lehmann who was 36th with an identical time.

The High School's race in Amery on Tuesday was its last before the HON Conference Tournament, also at Timberland Hills, next Tuesday, October 14, beginning at 4:30 pm.

Girl's Golf Season Ends at Luck Regional

The Cumberland Girl's Golf Season came to an end last Wednesday at the WIAA Luck Regional, when they finished fifth in the eight-team field. The top three teams advanced to Sectional play, led by Regional Champion Spooner, who took the Regional Crown by 53 strokes over runner-up Hayward. Northwestern was the final team to qualify for the Spooner Sectional by finishing third.

Spooner's Avery Voeltz was the day's Medalist with an excellent score of 77. Cumberland best scores came from Juniors Bella Neitzel and Makenzie Tahtinen, who both shot 105, good for 16th and 17th place. They missed qualify-

ing for Individual Sectionals by four strokes.

Seniors Brook Colburn and Keyra Spychalla added 109's, with Spychalla shooting her personal best score on her last day of high school golf. "Our two seniors were great teammates and will be missed," added Coach Jess Olson. Nautica Ruppel was the team's final competitor at the meet.

Olson added, "Unfortunately, there are only two divisions in WIAA golf, which hurts teams like Grantsburg, Unity and ours, who would benefit from another division. Nevertheless, it was an enjoyable fall as I watched our girls improve and finish fifth in the HON."

Football Team Continues to Show Improvement Despite Loss

Despite a 20-14 Homecoming loss to the 5 and 2 St. Croix Falls Saints, the Cumberland Football team continues to show improvement with another good effort in the loss. They hope this leads to another victory this Friday when they travel north to Hayward to take on

the 1 and 6 Hurricanes.

The Saints were able to take the victory with a late 2nd half touchdown that broke a 14-14 tie.

The Saints jumped out to a quick 14-0 lead before a late first half Beavers touch-

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Cumberland Soccer Team Ties Hayward and Defeats Spooner

The Cumberland Soccer Team picked up a tie and a victory in Conference play last week. The team played in Barron on Tuesday and now looks forward to a road trip to St. Croix Falls this Thursday where they take on the team from St. Croix Falls/Unity at 5:00 pm.

The 1-1 tie came against Hayward, who had defeated the Beavers 2-0 just a couple weeks ago. "We knew this was a game that we needed to win and even though that didn't happen, a tie was almost as good," said Coach Brent Sellent.

The Beavers scored first off a corner kick by Bryan Sonora, which was redirected by Braden Johnson for the goal. Hayward would eventually tie-up the contest off of a beautifully placed cross to the backside of the goal for header past the Beavers goalkeeper Richter.

"Offensively, we passed well and made some runs down the side of the field for several long shots, but unfortunately their defense played well and kept us off the scoreboard. Our defense was equally as good, which kept both teams

scoreless the rest of the contest," added Coach Sellent.

The defense repeated their great effort two nights later, when the Beavers outscored Spooner 2-1 for their fourth conference win of the year.

Again, the Beavers scored the game's first goal on a tip in by Camden Johnson off passes from Ian Sellent and Braden Johnson. The lead was short lived, however, as the Rails tied-up the contest a short-time later.

Cumberland then scored the game-winner at 29 minute mark of the second half on a penalty shot by Sellent. They maintained their lead for the victory, thanks to the strong play of defensemen Cunningham, Rouzer, Santangelo, and Hornstein. "It was a great win for the team, bringing our conference record to 4-2-2 with four matches remaining," concluded Coach Sellent.

Next Monday, October 13, the Beavers return home against Somers and then entertain a very good Washburn Team on Tuesday, October 14. Both contest are at Endeavor Stadium.

Timberland Hills CC Race!



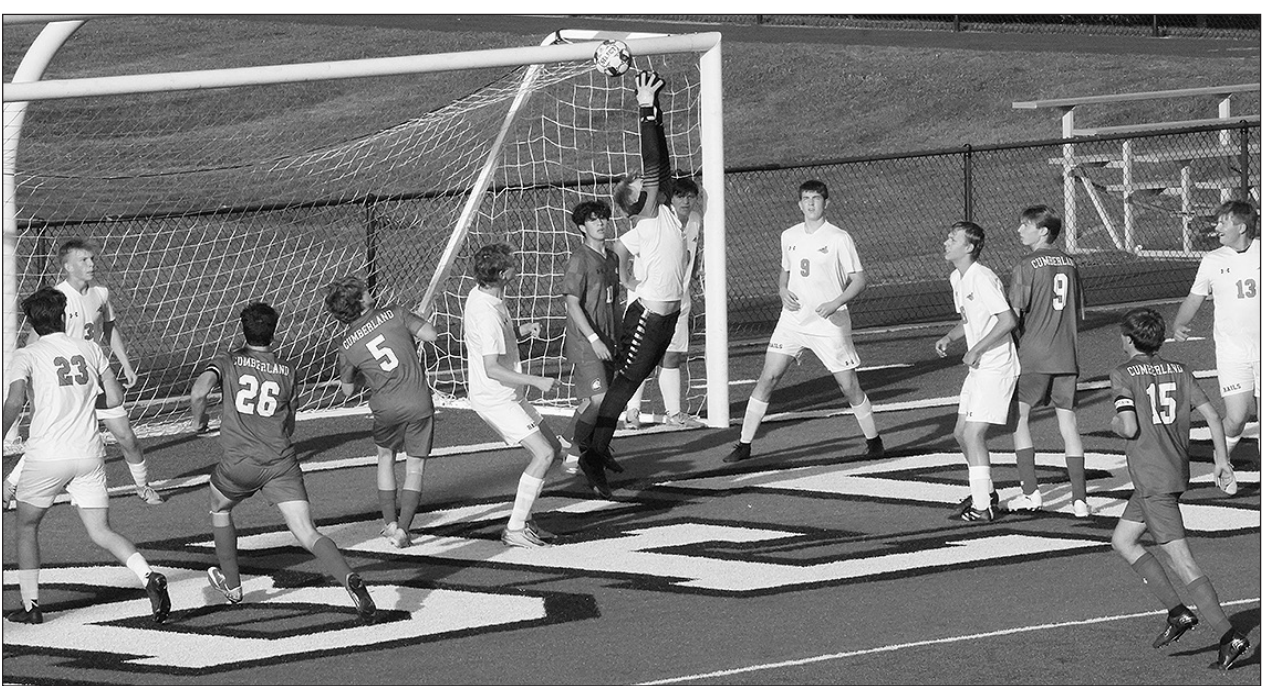
The start of the girls and boys cross country races last week at Timberland Hills



Beaver running back Logan Peterson points across the goal line after scoring a touchdown Friday night vs St. Croix Falls. Photo by Greta Weaver.



Beaver defensive back Alex LaBlanc and a Saints wide receiver fight for ground Friday night in Cumberland. It was a tough hard fought game. Photo by Greta Weaver.



Oh so Close! The boys just missed scoring on a corner kick Thursday night vs Spooner.



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Fun on the Bowhunt

Hello friends,
The Tiffany Bottoms is a wildlife area that covers about 13,000 acres, and is divided by the Chipewa River in Buffalo and Pepin Counties. Much of this property is very difficult on foot due to marshes, flooded and down timber and very few roads. I love to bow hunt it while camping and travel to my hunts by canoe.

Thursday, September 18th
High 83, low 50

The challenges of aging and beating the sun clock can be a constant if you are an outdoor writer. Today would include travel, building a camp, canoeing to the area that I would hunt, setting up 3 climbing sticks and a portable stand and as soon as that those tasks are complete, breathing easy and once again, telling myself that I love this way of life/job.

The hanging of a stand conversation is one that anyone that has hung a portable is well aware that you have to be good and lucky. One stick at a time, climb, hang another and when that is complete, hang the stand. Next you test the stand and then you hunt, simply put, I love it and at 64 I am well aware that someday I will have to hunt the ground.

I have 2 crossbows and do not know how to use them or care. I'm still a compound guy and well aware that will come to an end as well.

My hunt on this given day was perfect and interesting, to describe the lay of the land is like this, dense tag alders on a trail that deer cross coming from a flooded woods that is very difficult to walk. I hunt the tags as there are no other options and, in most cases, I cannot see my quarry until it is 10 to 20 yards away. That game is very cool and often I get busted as I am too close before I realize there is a deer.

My freezer is down to maybe 10 pounds of venison steaks at best. On this annual expedition I like to put an arrow in a doe to make some fresh meat but that was not an option as I am bear hunting and soon will be elk and deer hunting with my daughter Selina in Montana. In other words, I have to think freezer space.

I had a group of 3 beautiful doe come about 25-yards from me which is about my maximum range that I am comfortable. They were given a pass. An hour before dark a large but skinny doe and a fawn came within 8 yards and were also given a pass. Twenty minutes before sunset 2 sumo doe gave me ample time and 14-yards shots and I said it is your lucky day ladies. I did kind of wonder why I only saw one fawn for 6 mature doe.

My canoe trip back to camp often is just as enjoyable as the hunt for me. When I reach a narrow spot in the marsh, I pass a beaver hut and the local beaver family literally gets as close as they can and splashes their tails on the water in warning to others. It's actually hilarious if you do not let it scare you.

Saturday, September 20th
High 84, low 58

Lots of good things happening these days, I passed a father and his daughter in the dark this morning who were set up for the youth duck hunt and we had a nice talk. At the end of the day my stepson Travis Dushek would be successful in helping his 8-year-old stepson Jett Shaban on his first buck which was a 6-pointer. Travis is doing an excellent job as a dad, coaching in wrestling and baseball and teaching lots of outdoor skills.

My deer action would slow down and I kept thinking of an option where I could hunt in this area, the water, mud and task of getting a deer out from most of the spots in this area limit me.

Today I had a serious brainstorm, there is an area on the marsh where on both sides there is dense forest that is all tag alders and you cannot see what is on the ground from a tree. I am well aware that deer cross the open and shallow water between the forests and there sure was a lot of sign. My brainstorm has me hiding my canoe in the cattails and hunting from it. A very unique method of hunting and I could position my canoe according to the wind. To be honest though, this hunt was over, I became very excited and to really make me feel good, later in the adventure I was paddling by this spot and I saw a beautiful buck that was crossing the swamp.



Eight-year-old Jett Shaben with his first buck that his stepdad Travis Dushek helped him to harvest.



For Mark Walters the adventure begins in a canoe.

I'm a canoe guy, does not matter if it's on the Mississippi, Lake Michigan, Green Bay or a swamp. I prefer paddling to a motor, I think I came up with what will be a very fun idea and you will have the chance to read about it in the future.

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Volleyball Team Falls to Spooner and Northwestern; Host Invite This Saturday

The Cumberland Volleyball dropped a pair of contests to HON foes Spooner and Northwestern last week. The team is busy this week as they hosted Cameron for the Annual "Dig Pink" night on Tuesday, before traveling to Ashland this Thursday. Saturday, the team holds their annual nine-team Invitational with play beginning at 9:00 am.

The Beavers played Spooner to a close match, but dropped three straight contests 25-22, 25-15, and 25-15.

Natalie Anderson led the team with 15 assists, while Sara Roff added 13 digs, Haily Paulsen four service aces, Alexis Peterson six kills, Lily Murphy 10 digs and Kaylee Jackson nine digs.

Football...

down drive ended with a Troy Majewski to Mitchell Monchilovich pass covering seven yards. A successful conversion made the score 14-8 at intermission.

The Beavers then took the second half kickoff and tied-up the contest on a seven-yard run over the right side of the line by Logan Peterson. The six-minute drive included several successful third down conversions along the way. Unfortunately, the conversion run was stopped short leaving the score tied halfway through quarter three.

The Beavers had a good chance to break the tie at the end of quarter three following a St. Croix Falls fumble and a subsequent 1st and 10 on the Saints 45- yard line. The drive stalled, however, as a strong pass rush gave Troy Majewski little time to throw the football. A Cumberland punt gave the Saints the ball at their own 11-yard line with 10:39 left in the game.

Once again, the Beavers defense rose to the occasion and forced a punt which gave them the ball at the Saint 43. They would lose three yards over the next three plays, however, forcing the Beavers to return the ball to St. Croix Falls on their own 20-yard line with 7:41 left in the

Two nights later, Cumberland dropped three straight contests to Northwestern. Anderson had another nice night with eight assists and Raegan Beecroft six digs, while Beecroft, Alexis Peterson, Natalie Anderson, and Olivia Villarreal all served at 100 percent.

Cumberland has approximately two weeks before the start of WIAA Tournament play.

2025 Heart O'North Conference Standings

St. Croix Falls: 4 -0
Barron: 4-0
Cameron: 3-1
Unity: 3 -1
Northwestern: 2-2
Ashland: 2-2
Hayward: 1-3
Ladysmith: 1-3
Spooner: 1-3
Cumberland: 0-4

contest. This time the Saints would break the deadlock.

They used the pass to score the winning touchdown. It started with two consecutive completions covering 48 yards and ended with a 15-yard scoring pass minutes later. The conversion run was missed leaving St. Croix Falls with a 20-14 lead with 4:20 to play.

Cumberland's final attempt to win the game ended with a fumble. The Saints then took over the ball and ran out the clock. Despite the outcome, it was a great effort by the Beavers in front of a supportive



#25 Alexis Witthoff pokes the ball past a pair of Tiger defenders Thursday night in Cumberland. #18 Addison Effertz gets ready for the ball to come her way.

Homecoming crowd.

The Beavers offense was fueled by hard-running Lo-

gan Peterson, who rushed for 178 yards in 20 attempts, scoring one touchdown and a two-point conversion. Quarterback Troy Majewski completed five of 10 passes for 40 yards and a touchdown with Max Odden grabbing three of

the aerials for 34 yards.

Defensively, Junior Brody Gilbertson had another big night with 11.5 tackles, while Odden and Peterson added seven each.

The Saints only victory was over Spooner, the same

team the Beavers defeated three weeks ago. The victory in this contest will be the team that has shown the most improvement over the course of the season, with Cumberland excited to show it is the Beavers.

Sports Calendar
Thursday, Oct. 9
Soccer @ St. Croix Falls 5:00
V Ball @ Ashland 7:00
Friday, Oct. 10
Football home vs Hayward 7:00
Saturday, Oct. 11
V Ball home Invite 9:00
Monday, Oct. 13
Soccer home vs Somerset 5:00
Tuesday, Oct. 14
Soccer home vs Washburn 4:30
CC Conference Meet home T. Hills 4:30
V Ball home vs Hayward 7:00
Thursday, Oct. 16
Soccer @ Ashland 5:00
V Ball @ Ladysmith 7:00

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

SOLAR TIMES

LUNAR TIMES

DATE	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Sunrise	Sunset	Rise	Up	Sets	Down	DST
10/08 Wed	> 6:21	12:07	6:49	12:35	07:14	06:35	7:05p	9:16a	1:48a	2:16p	*
10/09 Thu	> 7:23	1:09	7:53	1:38	07:15	06:33	7:37p	10:44a	2:45a	3:15p	*
10/10 Fri	8:31	2:15	9:02	2:46	07:17	06:31	8:20p	12:10p	3:46a	4:18p	*
10/11 Sat	9:40	3:24	10:12	3:56	07:18	06:29	9:17p	1:25p	4:49a	5:21p	*
10/12 Sun	10:48	4:32	11:19	5:03	07:19	06:27	10:24p	2:26p	5:53a	6:23p	*
10/13 Mon	11:51	5:36	-----	6:06	07:21	06:26	11:40p	3:12p	6:53a	7:22p	*
10/14 Tue	Q 12:20	6:33	12:47	7:01	07:22	06:24	NoMoon	3:45p	7:50a	8:17p	*

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



Jasmine Delgado and Ashley Yungco try to chase down a St. Croix Falls runner at last weeks CC meet held at Timberland Hills.



Colin Hagen nears the finish line at the big CC meet held at Timberland hills.



Keyra Spychalla lines up her shot at the Luck Regional held last week. The girls season came to a close.

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Week # 5

1st Place
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2nd Place
Mary Schwanke *

3rd Place
John Schwanke

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