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A Wisconsin Tradition!



Griffin, Anna, Tom and Greta Weaver celebrate the Wisconsin tradition of the annual 9 day gun deer hunting season. Congratulations on a nice opening weekend buck Tom!

Man Charged with Drug Trafficking held on \$1M Cash Bond

A Cumberland man, Cyrus H.Z. Albright, 37, of Cumberland, is being held in the Barron County Jail on a \$1 Million Cash bond for one of the largest amounts of methamphetamine ever found in Barron County.

The warrant search involved officers with the Cumberland Police Department, the Barron County Sheriff's Department and the federal Drug

Enforcement Administration. The criminal complaint states federal agents entered the home first. A sheriff's deputy went inside after the premises was occurred.

Officers found more than 1,200 orange pills, one of which was sampled and tested positive for methamphetamine.

In total, the pills weighed more than one pound, or 583

grams.

Albright is being charged with possession of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine with intent to deliver, a state-level offense that carries a maximum sentence of 40 years in prison and/or a \$100,000 fine.

On Monday, November 24, 2025, there were no further details.

Cumberland School Board Holds November Meeting; District Report Cards Out

The Cumberland School Board met for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, at 6pm in the Middle School commons. With a light agenda, the meeting moved quickly.

Director of Learning Isaac Lundquist spoke on the District's report card that was just issued. He stated there were some changes to the way schools are graded, but overall Cumberland scored well. The overall score for the District was 70.8, which falls into the meets expectations category, but was just .2 from reaching exceeds expectations as a district. All of Cumberland Schools scored well with the Elementary and High School exceeding expectations with the Middle School meeting expectations. Cumberland performs well when compared with other schools in the area. With the high school a leader in the area. When asked about the score at the high school, Principal Dan Hopkins said

"it was a team effort, we have exceptional teaching staff, a terrific administrative team and a committed board. We all support high expectations and rigorous curriculum and that makes all the difference." Detailed information regarding accountability report cards can be found at dpi.wi.gov/accountability/reportcards. With no one wishing to speak, Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose spoke on the Library Media Plan. He stated the school has a great relationship with the Public Library. There is a lot going on there, and was in favor of a five year plan. The board voted unanimously on another five years.

Next on the action items discussion was to consider approval of hiring Abigail Henke as assisted softball coach. Athletic Director Lorne Majewski said Abigail has some college softball experience and recommended her as assistant coach. The board voted

unanimously in favor.

In discussion items, the board tabled the First Reading Neola Policies until the next board meeting with some changes that were not in this meeting's packet.

Next on the agenda Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose spoke about the construction updates. He stated as with most projects, there have been a few time line set backs, but things have been going well and are back within the established timelines. There have been a lot of moving pieces, but Mother Nature has been helping out. He also stated we hope to have full use of the gymnasium by January 5th and there has been no new financial surprises.

In administrative reports, High School Principal Dan Hopkins stated we are in the application process for National Honor Society and will be making selections. The Fall Formal was a big success with over 100 stu-

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Boyle Seeks Third Term as Barron County Branch 3 Circuit Judge

Rice Lake — Branch 3 Circuit Court Judge Maureen D. Boyle announced today that she is seeking a third six-year term. Judge Boyle was first appointed

to Branch 3 by Governor Walker in 2013, was elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2020. The spring election is slated for April 7, 2026.

"I am proud and humbled

to serve the citizens of Barron County in this position," said Boyle. "Working alongside my fellow judges

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Tis The Season!



Cumberland Municipal Utility workers take the time to decorate not only the Christmas Tree but also all the light poles that make our Main Street look fantastic. This year there is 7,000 feet of new lighting with 7,000 bulbs. There is 3,000 bulbs on the tree and 4,000 on the light poles. Workers also put up 4,000 feet of fresh garland on the new light poles. Thanks to the Utility and its workers!

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Card of Thanks

Our family would like to THANK all First Responders, Police, and Fire personnel who came to our aid on November 7, 2025

The compassionate and professional care from 911 operator to the EMTs during transport to various hospitals was fantastic. The Cumberland Fire Department was exceptional, even carrying out our old Labrador Retriever. All should be Commended.

Everyone, please check your fire and carbon monoxide detectors today!

Unfortunately, we learned carbon monoxide is truly, a silent killer!

Claude & Linda Matula & Family of Glen Feilen

Native American Heritage Month Display

November is Native American Heritage Month and the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland is honored to feature a unique display of art and culture by local Native American artist Melissa Fowler. Melissa Nigaaniigaabowikwe Fowler, Anishinaabe birchbark and beadwork adornment artist, has displayed her beautiful work in the library's two large display cabinets. She has also loaned the library a jingle dress with information for the patrons to read and learn about its cultural history. Her business, Creatively Indigenous, has received many state and national awards and distinctions. She is a Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa tribal member and a St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin community member who resides in the Maple Plain Community of Cumberland. Melissa is planning to lead a youth birchbark in program in the winter. You can see more of her artistic creations on her website: www.CreativelyIndigenous.com or on Facebook and Instagram @CreativelyIndigenous.



Local Native American Artist Melissa Fowler stands by her beautiful displayed work at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever Brings Hilarity and Heart to the ETC

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever will open on Thursday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m. at the Cumberland ETC. Chris Hopkins-Hile and Diane Thorp return to co-direct this production after nearly 20 years.

The production tells the story of the Herdmans, who are “absolutely the worst kids in the history of the world,” said Hopkins-Hile. “They lie and steal, smoke cigars, talk dirty, hit kids, and even set fire to things. Certainly, no one is prepared when the Herdmans invade church one Sunday and take over the annual Christmas pageant, especially not Mrs. Bradley, who just got coerced into directing it for the first time.”

Additional performances will be held Dec. 5 and 6 at 7 p.m., with matinee performances Dec. 6 and 7 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for students and are available online at cumberlandetc.com or in person at Peter and Annie’s Coffee Shop and Cafe. This show is appropriate for all ages.

“It’s Christmas with kids,” said Thorp. “It doesn’t get any better than that.”

The production is a blend of chaotic mayhem with a lot of heart.

“The true essence of the season is love,” said Thorp. “There is a transformation that happens in the play, and it hits every character in some way.”

This is the third time Cumberland ETC has brought The

Best Christmas Pageant Ever to its stage, first in 1999, then in 2006, and now in 2025. Reviving the production has given the director duo a chance to work with a whole new generation of kids each time.

“The work ethic these kids have demonstrated is incredible,” said Hopkins-Hile. “They come to rehearsal ready to focus, they memorized their lines early, and they have had a positive attitude every minute they have been at the theatre.”

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever was the first production to take place in the ETC’s current location.

“This show is an important part of the history of Cumberland community theatre,” said Hopkins-Hile. I had the honor of directing the first play here, which was The Best Christmas Pageant Ever in 1999. It worked without a stage because it was a church and that is where most of the action of the play happens.”

Hopkins-Hile brought the production back in 2006, this time co-directing with Thorp. And it’s not just the directors returning this year. Actor Zoë Hopkins-Hile was a Baby Angel in 1999, played Imogene Herdman in 2006, and is serving as the musical director in the 2025 production.

For Thorp, being able to direct the production with her son and granddaughter in the cast has been exciting.

“I hope a new generation is being sprouted with this cast,” said Thorp.

This year’s cast includes students from Cumberland Elementary and Middle School, Shell Lake School District, Ascension Academy, and homeschooled families.

“I think it is so cool that this is a place all these kids can come together, make friends, and create this art together,” said Hopkins-Hile.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit cumberlandetc.com. Tickets are also available for pickup at Peter & Annie’s Coffee Shop and Café.

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Monday, December, 1st
BBQ Pork Riblet Sandwich, Fries, Carrots.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd) Option
ES: Uncrustables (2nd Option)

Tuesday, December 2nd
Mandarin Orange Chicken, Brown Rice, Corn.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd option)
ES: Uncrustables (2nd Option)

Wednesday, December 3rd
ES: Tater Tot Bar
MS/HS: Baked Potato Bar, w/ diced ham, cheese, broccoli, homemade bread.
MS/HS: Pizza (2nd Option)
ES: Uncrustables (2nd Option)

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pint of milk, fresh, frozen and canned fruits and vegetables.
MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO VENDOR AVAILABILITY.

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, NOV. 27: •NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING VACATION•
• 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball •

FRIDAY, NOV. 28: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit •

SATURDAY, NOV 29: • 11 am-1 pm Pickleball ES Gym •

MONDAY, DEC. 1: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit •

TUESDAY, DEC. 2: • 6:30 am-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 5:45-8:45 pm HS Girls Basketball Home vs Spooner • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 3: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball •

Let's Get Creative.....

Come make a Christmas Porch Pot @Growing Wishes Greenhouse!
Sunday, November 23, 2025 @ 1:00 pm
Cost with everything included \$45

MAKE A CHRISTMAS WREATH: Saturday, December 6 - 10 am-3 pm
Cost \$50 please register in advance.

Please register and pay in advance by mail or stop in and pay your fee at the Cumberland High School 8am - 4pm Monday-Friday.

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(Enter through the Gym doors) Monday -thru- Friday
*Gym Door will be open from 6:30 a.m.-7:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evening: 6:00 p.m - 8:00 p.m.
*November and December - Saturday - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
(Exception will be 12/7-1:00p.m.-3:00 p.m. - Cost: Free -

ADULT VOLLEYBALL
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COST: FREE

It's the Season... Let's Make a CHRISTMAS WREATH at Growing Wishes Greenhouse

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	6				7			8
	2		3				4	
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6			9				8	
4	8		1			2		
	1				5	3		

PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Speak without preparation

6 Dog food brand

10 Stacked mattresses

14 Wake up

15 Severe

16 Afresh

17 Incite (2 wds.)

18 Looked

19 Prefix ten

20 Appear

21 Child

23 Mama

24 Swiss-like cheese

26 Egyptian paper (plural)

28 Abbreviate (abbr.)

31 Ballet skirt

32 Summer month

33 Gems carved in relief

36 Nails

40 School subject

42 Bullfight cheer

43 Snare

44 Tub spread

45 Plainly

48 Boxer Muhammad

49 Religious group

51 Verse meter

53 E. China tree

56 TV award

57 Vane direction

58 Powwow

61 Rodents

65 Brews

67 Definite

68 Afloat (2 wds.)

69 Cincinnati baseball team

70 Great

71 Layers

72 Eye infection

73 September (abbr.)

74 Thousands of sheets of paper

DOWN

1 Greek god of war

2 Former magistrate

3 of Venice

4 Toboggan

5 Chemical compound

6 TV lawyer Matlock

7 Right angle to a ships length

8 "You can't eat just one" brand

9 V.P.'s boss

10 Sophocles' doomed protagonist

11 Unpleasant

12 Opposite of ally

13 Decoration

15 Religious teacher

21 Volcanic rock

22 Munch

25 Last month of year

27 Parlay

28 Bullets

29 False bible god

30 Computer memory unit

31 Has toed

34 Trench

35 Wing

37 Middle East dweller

38 Indonesian island

39 ___ and span

41 Prison

45 Women's shirts

46 Flavor of sherbet

47 Root vegetable

50 Expression

52 Shiny evergreen

53 What you shift

54 Cove

55 Homeless

56 Make a choice

59 Delude

60 Leaky faucet noise

62 East

63 Swarm

64 Back talk

66 South southeast

68 Rainy month

School Board...

dents in attendance. He also spoke of an Academic Pep rally this coming week to celebrate students accomplishments. Middle School Principal Colin Green spoke about the 5th grade Parent Teacher Conferences with this year being a little different with parents having an option of in person, email or phone conversations. The Beaver Bash was held on Endeavor Field with kids having a good time winning some awards. He also stated the 8th grade will be heading to Chippewa County to hike a section of the Ice Age Trail. Finally he stated he thought the Veterans Day Program went very well. Elementary School Principal Abe Ferguson said we have wrapped up the 1st quarter and celebrated with a Beaver Bash Monster Mash on Halloween. With 50 days of school behind, the students and staff dressed like the 1950's. It was an awesome day. Ferguson also stated the Veterans Day Program was excellent. Finally Athletic Director Lorne Majewski said winter sports are now rolling and all is going well. With only two gyms, there has been some adjustments and it has been a little hectic. He also spoke of some changes to scheduling by the WIAA. We will see how it goes. With that, the meeting came to a close with December's meeting set for Monday, December 22nd at 6pm.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) has released the school and district accountability report cards. These report cards evaluate schools based on Achievement, Growth, Target Group Outcomes, and Graduation Metrics. Schools earn a score ranging from 1 star (Fails to Meet Expectations) to 5 stars (Significantly Exceeds Expectations).

Accountability Rating Category	Accountability Score Range	
	Minimum	Maximum
Significantly Exceeds Expectations (5 stars)	84.0	100
Exceeds Expectations (4 stars)	71.0	83.9
Meets Expectations (3 stars)	60.0	70.9
Meets Few Expectations (2 stars)	49.0	59.9
Fails to Meet Expectations (1 star)	0	48.9

All of Cumberland's Schools scored well. The Elementary and High School earned 4 stars (Exceeds Expectations) while the Middle School earned 3 stars (Meets Expectations). When making comparisons, Cumberland consistently outperformed area schools and the HON. The contrast was even more significant when comparing High Schools.

2025 State Report Card Results HON and Neighboring High Schools		
Cumberland HS	76.0	Exceeds Expectations
Hayward HS	75.9	Exceeds Expectations
Shell Lake HS	75.9	Exceeds Expectations
St. Croix Falls HS	69.0	Meets Expectations
Ashland HS	68.3	Meets Expectations
Northwestern HS	66.4	Meets Expectations
Spooner HS	65.3	Meets Expectations
Bloomer HS	65.0	Meets Expectations
Turtle Lake HS	64.9	Meets Expectations
Unity HS	63.5	Meets Expectations
Cameron HS	63.9	Meets Expectations
Chetek W HS	60.2	Meets Expectations
Rice Lake HS	59.4	Meets Few Expectations
Ladysmith HS	54.4	Meets Few Expectations
Barron HS	53.6	Meets Few Expectations

When asked about the score at the High School, Principal Dan Hopkins said it was a team effort. "We have an exceptional teaching staff, a terrific administrative team, and a committed board". "We all support high expectations and a rigorous curriculum, and that makes all the difference".

Information regarding accountability report cards can be found at dpi.wi.gov/accountability/report-cards

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Thanksgiving week is here! Yea! It’s kind of a unique week with an early deadline here at the Advocate. I actually really like it. When the paper is done on Monday, it gives us a nice week to enjoy deer hunting, start doing some shopping or whatever. I think we will close for Black Friday this week. It will be super quiet anyway and give us a nice long weekend. Hopefully you all get together with family and friends and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday. Just my sister, her husband, Grandma Kate at our house this year which will leave lots of free time. Happy Thanksgiving!

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The opening weekend of deer season was like most openers, it depends on who you talk to. It was pretty quiet in my woods, but not far away I heard positive reports with quite a few deer. I know a little snow is always nice for hunting, but man it was nice to be outside this late in the year and not freeze. Sunday was just awesome. Jeans and a sweatshirt were enough to get the last of my fall projects done. Not gonna complain as it looks like this week the temps head south and some white stuff is on the way. I finally broke down and put the boat in storage after the morning hunt on Sunday. Hopefully we get some good early ice, fingers crossed.

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The Island City Sipper had a great turnout with over 120 people signed up. It was a little breezy on Saturday, but the temps were great. Sounds like the ladies had a good time while the guys were in the woods. The next event for the Chamber of Commerce comes on Saturday, December 6th, with Movie with Santa at noon. Make plans to bring the kids down for an afternoon of fun. You can even get your picture taken with Santa!

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Well the Packers handled the Vikings as expected on Sunday in Lambeau. It was one of those games as a Vikings fan, it didn’t really bother me as the writing is on the wall for this season. What is starting to be a concern is the lousy play of Quarterback JJ McCarthy. You expect to take your lumps when playing a guy with six career starts but he has looked awful and doesn’t seem to be getting better any time quickly. They let a couple of Qb’s walk out of the building who are looking pretty good. Sure hope the “quarterback whisperer” Kevin O’Connell and staff know what they are doing. As they say, patience is a virtue, but its no fun! Have a great Thanksgiving week!

LETTERS

America at a Crossroads

To the Editor:

America has always been a land of opportunity—a place where faith, family, and hard work could overcome any obstacle. But today, our nation is being torn apart by a dangerous lie: that everyone is a victim, and that government—not God, not family, not personal responsibility—holds the cure.

That lie now marches under the banner of “compassion.” The new socialist movement, embodied by mayor-elects like Mamdani in New York and Wilson in Seattle, preach that food, rent, and healthcare should all be “free.” But nothing

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Modernized state tax credits can help young technology firms”

MADISON, Wis. – Successful tech-based companies become so in different ways, a phenomenon on display of late with the announced \$23 billion acquisition of Wisconsin’s Exact Sciences by Illinois-based Abbott Laboratories.

Born in the Boston area and already a public company when it was moved to Madison by Kevin Conroy and Maneesh Arora, Exact Sciences was financially distressed in the early 2000s but held potentially powerful technology tied to cancer diagnostics.

Conroy and Arora saw that promise because they had been among the leaders at Madison’s Third Wave Technologies, also a genetics diagnostic company. When Third Wave was acquired by Hologic in 2008, the duo levered money from that exit to move Exact Sciences to Madison – a risk based on their belief that academic research and other community resources would help them turn promise into reality.

It’s an unusual success story but it worked. For many other young firms in Wisconsin, progress has been aided by the state’s Qualified New Business Venture tax credit program. In today’s startup world, as some entrepreneurs and their investors testified Thursday in the state Capitol, a few tweaks to that 2005 law would help even more.

Here’s how the QNBV law works: It provides tax credits to eligible angel investors and venture capital fund investors who make cash equity investments in qualified early-stage businesses headquartered in Wisconsin. If all other eligibility requirements are met, investors receive a state 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. Some 700 young tech-based firms used the law to attract \$882 million in private investment through 2024, according to records kept by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.

Two provisions have outlived their effectiveness after 20 years. One is a requirement that least 51% of startup employees must live in Wisconsin, which ignores the advent of remote work as well as the need to find specialized talent that may not be available in Wisconsin.

Employees of state-based companies still pay Wisconsin income taxes if they live in states with a reciprocal revenue agreement. Plus,

the companies pay applicable state taxes.

The other provision is a \$12 million cap on total eligible investment in any one company. Inflation alone has changed that threshold. A proposal heard Thursday by the Assembly State Affairs Committee would raise that limit to \$20 million, more in line with today’s startup capital needs.

Among those testifying was investor Michael Thorson of Wisconsin Investment Partners, one of the state’s oldest angel funds. He noted 72 of WIP’s 85 investments over time were eligible for QNBV credits, which cushioned that multi-million-dollar risk and made it more likely to pay off. Successful companies backed by WIP have a collective multi-billion-dollar value today as well as at least 1,500 employees.

Max Duckworth of FAR Biotech said revisions in the tax credits program would enhance efforts to move that cancer-fighting company from Texas to Wisconsin, where it already has a relationship with the McArde Laboratory for Cancer Research on the UW-Madison campus.

Abigail Barnes of Amulet Inc., which helps people battle food allergies, said the 51% in-state employee requirement has caused her to delay hiring specific talent needed to propel the state-based company.

Nick Myers of Madison’s Recovery.com said the current QNBV law conflicts with SAFEs, or Simple Agreements for Future Equity, which are commonly executed contracts between young companies and investors. Such contracts provide investors with rights to future equity in exchange for capital, but without the complexities of debt. Because the 2005 program didn’t anticipate the rise of SAFEs, Myers said, it has a “chilling effect” on investors claiming tax credits for money put into companies with SAFE contracts.

Others told lawmakers how state tax credits have been put to work far beyond Wisconsin’s largest cities through companies based in Green Bay, Eau Claire, Janesville-Beloit and beyond.

Wisconsin’s tech-based companies have followed different routes to success, helping the state’s overall economy along the way. Some updating of the Qualified New Business Venture law would pave the road for others to follow.

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

A Look Back

**10 Years Ago
December 2, 2015**
The All American Jersey Show was held in Louisville, KY., in conjunction with the North American International Livestock Exposition. On November 7, the Junior Show was held, and Alleah and Jordyn Anderson, granddaughters of Roger and Darice Riebe both showed. Alleah won first place with her fall calf then went on to be named Junior Champion. Jordan’s winter calf placed third and her summer yearling placed second in their respective classes. Alleah’s winter yearling placed third.

**20 Years Ago
November 30, 2005**
Mark your calendars to attend the “John Schell Court” dedication ceremony at Elmer Beran Gymnasium on December 9. Schell led the Beavers to a 3rd place finish in the 1965 State Tournament. In Schell’s junior and senior year, the Beavers were 41-2. Schell received many honors during that time.

Winners of the 5 O’Clock Gingerbread House Contest were: Lois Jacobson, first place; Sue Kemper, second place; Krissy Schaffer, third place; and Katy Gotch, fourth place.

**30 Years Ago
November 29, 1995**
Hunters in the area had a good season, if the reports are correct. In 1994, hunters in Barron County registered 5,648 deer. This year, hunters registered 7,872 deer, up 2,224 over last years total. Smokey’s Pit Stop was the number one registration station in Barron County as the good folks at Smokey’s tagged 2,046 deer. Last year Smokey’s registered 1,446 deer.

**40 Years Ago
November 27, 1985**
Sixty two suspected rabies cases have been handled at Cumberland Memorial Hospital during the past three years, according to information from hospital pharmacist Dick Nerbun.

Brad Sirianni, son of Joe and Lynda Sirianni of Cumberland, was one of three recipients of the 1984 Morning Glory Farms scholarship. The scholarship, a \$250 award, is available to sons and daughters of Morning Glory Farms farmer member owners to finance a part of the tuition expense for the second year of study in an agriculture related field.

**50 Years Ago
November 27, 1975**
The theft of two snowmobiles, accessories and trailer was reported to Cumberland Police this past weekend. The two JD machines were on a double-wide trailer at the

home of Ray Wisner when they were stolen. The loss was put about at \$3,400.00. The theft is still under investigation.

**60 Years Ago
December 2, 1965**
Cumberland rural firemen received a call at 7:02 am on Saturday morning from the Comstock Bar. A fire, of undetermined origin, started in the living quarters at the rear of the tavern. The flames partially gutted the brick building with extensive damage to the upstairs living quarters and the tavern. Damage is estimated at \$15,000.00.

A rash of accidents occurred in the area, most of them caused by slippery roads this past week. The mishaps were considerable property damage and hospitalized two persons.

**70 Years Ago
December 1, 1955**
The State Highway Commission, in a legal advertisement appearing in the Advocate, reveals its intention to relocate highway 48 from the junction with highway 63 west of the Cumberland city limits in a northwesterly direction towards McKinley.

**80 Years Ago
November 29, 1945**
Hoyt W. Johnson Sr., former CHS Band Director, has accepted a position as instrumental music teacher and band director for the Rice Lake High School.

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LETTERS

Editor

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ing is free when govern-ment writes the check—it only means someone else loses the right to earn, own, or choose. It’s Marxism dressed up as mercy: the promise of comfort in exchange for control. Once the state provides every-thing, it also decides every-thing—where you live, what you earn, how you think. The result is always the same: poverty, repres-sion, and despair. History has proved it—from the Soviet Union to Cuba to Venezuela—every socialist experiment ends with citi-zens standing in lines for bread while elites live in luxury.

What’s most alarming is how deeply this ideology has infiltrated the Demo-cratic Party itself. It’s no longer confined to cam-pus protests or fringe ac-tivists—it now sits at the highest levels of power. Kamala Harris advances the same redistribution-ist agenda under the lan-guage of “equity,” trading merit for quotas and inde-pendence for dependency. Mamdani’s election isn’t

an outlier; it’s a sign of a party transforming from liberal to Marxist in both philosophy and practice. The indoctrination begins early, in classrooms where children are taught that capitalism is greed and government is good. By the time they reach college, dependency feels like vir-tue, and freedom feels like privilege. That’s not educa-tion—it’s conditioning for control.

But victimhood doesn’t end in pity—it festers into resentment. When people are taught that their strug-gles are someone else’s fault, the natural result is hatred toward those who succeed. From that hate comes retribution—the im-pulse to tear down, silence, and destroy what others have built. And when poli-tics fuels that bitterness, it erupts as violence, turning neighbor against neighbor and corroding the very spir-it of community that once bound this nation together. We saw its ultimate expres-sion in the assassination of Charlie Kirk—a man tar-geted not for wrongdoing,

but for what he represented: faith, independence, and the conviction that Americans are victors, not victims.

President Trump and the MAGA movement called this out from the start. Trump reminded Americans that we are not victims—we are victors. He spoke direct-ly to the forgotten men and women who still believe in God, hard work, and love of country. That’s why he was attacked so viciously—be-cause his message of inde-pendence and pride threat-ened the Left’s machinery of control.

At the heart of it all is a spiritual void. When faith is abandoned, government be-comes the new god, promis-ing to fix every injustice—but only if you surrender your freedom in return.

If America is to endure, we must reject the politics of victimhood and the cul-ture of hate it breeds. We don’t need handouts, but we do need heart. Above all, we must remember who we are—not victims, but Americans.

Rick Bland
Barronett

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

We have a precious new great-granddaughter!! Chi-ara (pronounced Key are ah) Marie Caracappa ar-rived on November 19th at 8:16 p.m. to proud par-ents Alex and Sanara Ca-racappa. Auntie Savanna Marsh arrived from San Diego at almost the exact moment that Chiara was be-ing born. She had come to help when Mom and baby come home. Grandpa Jerry Marsh flew out of Minne-apolis the evening of the 19th, spent the night at Alex and Sanara’s house, and was on hand when Alex, Sanara and Chiara arrived home from the hospital. We are so excited about the new baby – Our Labor Day weekend in Hayward is go-ing to be pretty chaotic and lots of fun with both (al-most) three-year-old Avana and (almost) one-year-old Chiana toddling all over. It’s a good thing there are plenty of other great-grandchildren who are a little older that will want to be spending lots of time with them. Did you ever notice how much kids love little cousins – until the little ones get to be old enough to be a bit pesty.

Miriah and Jeremy Ol-son took a week-long va-cation to Anson, Texas to visit with Jeremy’s mom and dad, Jackie and Shaun. They took four of their horses and two dogs with them –Whew! They spent lots of time practic-ing roping with Shaun. Actually, it was mostly Miriah and Shaun doing the roping, while Jeremy manned the chute and did lots of coaching. Shaun roped on his new mare, Tootsie Roll, and did have a roping competition to

go to over the weekend. (He ended up placing a few times there.) Jackie spoiled everyone with their favorite home-made meals and desserts. Jack-ie, who is very talented in leather crafting, sent two hand-tooled rope-can cov-ers and a custom-made saddle phone case, which matched Miriah’s Faith saddle, home with the kids. The weather was perfect, in fact, Miriah spent some time in the out-door pool one day – but said that, even though the sun was nice and warm, the water was still pretty cold. She decided that Shaun and Jackie should put some kind of a tank heater in so that she will be able to enjoy it even more if they go out at this time of year again. It was a bittersweet moment when time came to pack everything up and head north. The animals were all good during the long drive out and back, which made the drive even better.

Miriah and Jeremy stopped by our house for coffee hour on Thursday morning and told us all about their trip. Actually, when Miriah and Jeremy or Jerry Marsh and Jodi Ladd stop by for coffee hour, they always bring their own coffee. They like the fancy, very strong stuff, and ours is just plain old coffee. We don’t care – It’s always about the vis-iting, not the coffee, that we like.

I absolutely love the weather we have been having so far this month. There haven’t been too many years that we have been comfortable going outside with just a sweat-

shirt for a jacket. The hunters are probably not as happy about it – It’s so much easier to track a wounded deer if there is snow on the ground. Ah well, that’s the way it goes. I hope, if you are a hunter, you either bagged a very nice deer, or you had a lot of fun at the hunting shack.

Jamie Lee Anderson gave me the joke for this week. It goes like this – Do you know why the Norwegian Navy put bar codes on the sides of their ships? That’s so ports can scan da navy in. You will probably laugh about that later.

Jamie’s daughter, Jes-sica Holmen, was one of the band members chosen to participate in the 2025 Lakeland All Conference Honors Concert, which was held at the Shell Lake Middle School on No-vember 17th. The kids, who were from twelve area schools, spent all day Monday practicing. The director was Chief Warrant Officer 3 James Baxter, from Princeton, MN. The kids played four songs, and, let me tell you, they were absolutely amazing. Lynn Thon and I met Jamie and Jessica’s sister, Kaitlynn there. Jes-sica’s other grandpa and grandma, Jay and Debra Holmen traveled from ru-ral Colfax to attend, and we all thoroughly enjoyed the evening.

I better run -- I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and that you get to spend lots of time with family and friends. And I hope you had a great hunting sea-son. See you next time.

Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

The center wants to thank everyone for all the help we had for our first annual craft sale.

We had a very successful turn out and thank you to all the vendors who rented tables.

Its been very busy also as we cleaned out our garage sale items and starting over. We have and on going sale all the time, just one table to put things on and free will donation .

Feel free to donate items. No clothes please. We don’t have space for them. Wel-come slightly used or new items .

I’m sure everyone is busy now with holidays coming up. Our annual Christ-

mas dinner is coming up, December 10th starting at noon. Call the Senior Cen-ter 715-822-8794 or Gloria 715-822-8241 or Katherine 719-351-7818.

If you want to come to our senior center for our Christmas dinner Dec 10th we will reserve a place for you. We need to know ahead so we don’t run out of food. Thank you Members eat free and non members it will cost 15 dollars and then you can eat and also will be a member for 2026. Pick up envelope at center and fill in and drop in membership box and sign up for our din-ner. There is a sheet on desk in center. My advice is for everyone is sign up soon as

we need to know how much food to order and can only seat so many people.

Once again thank you to all who spend their time helping us its greatly appre-ciated.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of two of our members who passed away recently Dorothy (Angel) Johnson and Bob Schaghy They will be missed.

Wishing everyone a Hap-py Thanksgiving.

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James “Jim” M. Huebner
James Michael “Jim” Huebner, 53, of Cumberland passed away unexpectedly on November 19, 2025, at his home. He was born February 7, 1972, in Shell Lake, WI to Lee Duane and Gloria Ines (Ladd) Huebner. He graduated from Cumberland High School in 1990, and went on to join the U.S. Marines and served for five years. He enjoyed working in his garden, attending various car shows, riding roller coasters, and writing. Jim wanted everyday to be an adventure but also found joy in the simple

things in life. He liked playing video games and streaming. This joy expanded into his passion of programming, investing, and passing on his knowledge to anyone who would listen. Jim was self-less; willing to help anyone in need without question. He truly cherished the time spent with everyone in his family. Jim made a point to attend as many of his grandson’s various events as he could. His charismatic personality will be deeply missed by family, friends, and colleagues alike. He is survived by his beloved daughter, Kessa Huebner of St. Paul; grandson, Adonis Rodriguez; brother, Jeffrey Huebner of Cumberland; sisters: Tammy (Steven) Mehalek and Tanya (Jason Genatempo) Huebner, both of Cumberland; nieces and nephews and many other family and friends. Jim was preceded in death by his mother Gloria Huebner; father, Lee Huebner; brothers: Lee and Jody; niece, Sanay

Hemingway. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025, at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland with Pastor John Meils officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery. Pallbearers are Tyler Genatempo, Logan Genatempo, Jason Genatempo, Jordan Paffel, John Holub, and Jarett Dowd. Military honors were accorded by Anderson-Thomson Post #98 American Legion, Cumberland and the Wisconsin Military Honors Team. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 AM. A Celebration of Life will be held at the American Legion in Cumberland from 1-4pm on Saturday, December 20th. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



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“It’s in the Asking” by Pastor Tim Schmidt First Lutheran Church

And when Jesus came near, Jesus asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?” He replied, “Lord, please let me see.” Luke 18:41
This is from the story of Jesus healing a blind beggar. Jesus is walking down the road and this blind beggar keeps calling out to him, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stops and heals the man, and he commends him for his faith. He tells him, “your faith has saved you.”
But what is so interesting here, I think, is that before he heals the man, Jesus asks him, “what do you want me to do for you?” It seems like kind of an odd question. Anyone can probably tell that the man is blind. And Jesus would have known more than that, and would have been able to see what was in the man’s heart. But yet, he has the man ask for what he wants.
There is something in the asking that is meaningful. And it somehow makes what Jesus does for the man more powerful. Because not only does it allow the man to express what he desires, but it also witnesses to his faith. After all, if he asks Jesus to heal his blindness, he – on some level – believes he can heal him.
I think of that with prayer as well. We too could say that God knows what we need and what is near and dear to us in our hearts. And that would be true. But there is something in the asking. There is an importance to approaching God and saying what it is that we want to ask of him. And is also an expression of faith to approach God and to witness to how we believe that God both hears and answers our prayers.
Prayer: Loving God, help us to bring what is on our hearts to you in prayer and to trust that you respond to our prayers in love. For we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



CITY OF CUMBERLAND NOTICE OF BUDGET ADOPTION
2026 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

On November 18, 2025, the Common Council of the City of Cumberland adopted the 2026 General Fund Summary Operating Budget.
A complete copy of the budget is available at City Hall during regular business hours.
Questions can be directed to the City Administrator at (715) 822-2752.

City of Cumberland 2026 General Fund Summary Operating Budget

	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	% change
Taxes	\$ 2,087,734	\$ 2,154,350	3.2%
Special Assessments	\$ 2,234	\$ -	-100.0%
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 1,156,601	\$ 1,205,722	4.2%
Licenses & Permits	\$ 64,456	\$ 66,302	2.9%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 20,220	\$ 19,051	-5.8%
Public Charge for Services	\$ 155,929	\$ 163,028	4.6%
Special Funds	\$ 4,500	\$ 7,201	60.0%
Miscellaneous	\$ 119,095	\$ 168,720	41.7%
Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Total Revenues	\$ 3,610,769	\$ 3,784,374	4.8%
Other Funds Applied			
Transfers In		\$ -	
Total Funds Allocated	\$ 3,610,769	\$ 3,784,374	4.81%
Gen. Gov./Administration	\$ 563,955	\$ 647,754	14.9%
Public Safety	\$ 1,134,329	\$ 1,236,397	9.0%
Public Works	\$ 536,946	\$ 557,822	3.9%
Health & Human Services	\$ 7,125	\$ 8,308	16.6%
Culture, Recreation & Education	\$ 148,836	\$ 154,499	3.8%
Conservation & Development	\$ 7,167	\$ 6,667	-7.0%
Capital Improvement	\$ 369,297	\$ 287,401	-22.2%
Interest/Debt	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 843,114	\$ 885,527	5.0%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,610,769	\$ 3,784,374	4.8%
Property Tax Levy included above:	\$ 1,709,542	\$ 1,755,589	2.7%

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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 Thursday, December 4, 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

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BARRON COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) CASE NO. 2025 PR111
In the Matter of the Estate of Chance D. Farlow, deceased, Case No. 2025 PR 111.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03-02-1975 and date of death 9-08-2023, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 705-27 1/2 Avenue, Barronett, WI 54813.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 19, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.
/S/ Deanne E. Larson Probate Registrar November 6, 2025
Anthony K. Berg, Attorney at Law LLC 1344 Second Ave. PO Box 877 Cumberland, WI 54829 715-822-3455 Bar # 1077438
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CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES Monday, October 20, 2025 Regular Board Meeting Middle School Commons, 7:15 p.m. Open Session, Closed to Follow

Present: Board – Gideo, Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone Administration - Rose, Ferguson, Green & Hopkins
President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
2. a. Isaac Lundquist, Curriculum update
b. Tami Bowman, Special Education update
c. Lorne Majewski, Athletic update
3. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Gideo, to approve the 2025 – 2026 budget. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve the 2025 - 2026 school levy. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve Early College Credit Program for second semester 2025-26 school year. All voting aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Start College Now Program for second semester 2025-26 school year. All voting aye, motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Gideo, seconded by Rieper, to approve Brent Sellent's resignation as Girls' Assistant Soccer Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
8. Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.
Motion made by Gideo, seconded by Skinner, to adjourn to closed session. President Stone requested that the clerk conduct a roll call vote to adjourn to a closed session for the purpose of considering employment and compensation, performance evaluations, and discussing negotiations per Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (1)(c), specifically to discuss District Administrator evaluation. By roll call vote, all voting aye, motion carried to immediately adjourn to closed session.
A motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to reconvene to open session to adjourn the meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.
Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Gideo, seconded by Rieper. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.
Jennifer Hyatt, District Clerk
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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

There will be no parking on any city street between the hours of 2:30 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. on any day between November 1 through April 1. Violators may be ticketed or towed.

12 Wednesday, November 26, 2025

2025 Veterans of Foreign Wars Essay Competition; Island City VFW Post 6769

Each year, the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) sponsors a nationwide youth essay competition that provides students with an opportunity to express their views on democracy and patriotism. Participants compete for U.S. Savings Bonds and scholarships. The program is officially endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Two competitions are held annually: Patriot's Pen for middle school students and Voice of Democracy for high school students. Each contest features a specific theme, along with established guidelines for length and presentation. Essays are evaluated at the local level and may advance to District, State, and National competitions.

The 2025 Patriot's Pen theme was: "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

Entries were judged on Knowledge of the Theme, Theme Development, and Clarity of Ideas.

At Cumberland Middle School, Mr. McCreary and Ms. Cifaldi incorporated the essay as a classroom assignment. A total of 103 seventh and eighth-grade students submitted entries to Post 6769. After careful review, the Post advanced three essays to the District level. The selected submissions were from: Molly Peterson, Carter Haber and Charlie Lehmann.

The 2025 Voice of Democracy theme was also: "How Are You Showing Patriotism and Support for Our Country?"

Essays in this division were evaluated based on Originality, Content, and Delivery.

Mr. Fennern facilitated participation among high school history and English classes, resulting in 43 student submissions. Each student recorded their essay, which Post members reviewed and scored. Three of these entries were selected for advancement to the District competition. The selected essays were from: Jena Schwarz, Alicia Jungbluth and Miranda Shock.

All students who submitted essays were treated to donuts during morning homeroom as a token of appreciation for their participation.

This year marks the 11th consecutive year of collaboration between Island City VFW Post 6769 and local school faculty and administrators in conducting these meaningful essay contests. To date, the Post has served over 2,700 donuts, awarded 78 gift cards, and contributed 12 scholarships through its scholarship endowment program.

Although the coordination and evaluation process can be challenging at times, the Post finds immense value in reading and listening to the students' reflections on patriotism and democracy. The experience remains deeply rewarding for all involved.

(Special thanks to Kwik Trip for their continued support of the recognition program.)

Maureen Boyle...

tence, but I was privileged to serve in a leadership role helping to ensure that citizens could continue to access the courts and exercise their constitutional rights."

Boyle still serves as the Chair of the statewide Criminal Jury Instruction Committee, which ensures the instructions used in criminal trials are accurate and up to date and was recently elected to serve on the Juvenile Jury Instruction Committee, which provides the same service for cases involving children. "Serving on statewide committees always reminds me of how good it is to be in Barron County where folks are open to collaboration and innovation," said Boyle.



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Pictured from left to right are Middle School Teacher Mrs. Cifaldi, Essay Winner Charlie Lehmann, VFW Member Arnie Dirks, Essay Winner Molly Peterson, VFW Member Dave Christensen, Essay Winner Carter Haber and Middle School Teacher Mr. McCreary.



Pictured from left to right are Mr. Fennern, VFW Member Jerry Severson, Essay Winners Alicia Jungbluth, Miranda Shock, Jena Schwarz and VFW Member Dave Christensen.

DHS Tracking Respiratory Illness Activity Ahead of the Holiday Season

With the holiday season around the corner, cold weather, increased travel, and gatherings with family and friends tend to lead to increased respiratory illness activity. With increased flu activity abroad, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is closely monitoring data trends

for what may be a severe flu season. DHS has expanded wastewater testing for respiratory viruses and updated respiratory virus data dashboards to help Wisconsinites stay informed and protected throughout the holidays and the remainder of the

respiratory season. "In public health, data is our alert system. Our data show that on average, cases of respiratory viruses increase late fall and early winter as the weather gets colder," said DHS Respiratory Disease Epidemiologist Tom

Haupt. "This is a great time to get vaccinated to prevent illnesses for you and those around you. Vaccination takes less than 30 minutes, which is much shorter than the time you could miss from work, school, or holiday gatherings if you get sick."



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Sports

Girls Drop Opening Pair Of Contests

The Cumberland Girls Basketball team kicked off its season on Tuesday, November 18th, with a home tilt against the Webster Tigers. The Cumberland girls started off slowly, falling behind the Tigers 33-11 at halftime, but did play much better in the second half. Webster won the contest 56-28, but only outscored the girls by six points in the second half. Anahi Gonzales led the Beavers with eight points, followed by Lily Murphy with seven and Raegan Beecroft with six. Murphy also added a team leading 10 rebounds with Abby Schultz grabbing seven and Beecroft 5. Cold shooting hurt the Beavers as they shot 22.2% from the field and made only 6 of 15 from the stripe. Reese Grindell led the Tigers with 11 points, six rebounds and two assists.

Thursday night saw the

Amery Warriors come to Cumberland to take on the Island City girls. The Warriors dominated the contest leaving them with a 73-19 win. Amery started fast and never looked back. The warrior defense was a problem as they had 23 steals in the contest. After leading 42-11 at half, the club cruised to the win. Once again the Cumberland girls shot only 25% for the game and attended seven free throws. Coach Obr stated, “They are working hard and getting better.” Raegen Beecroft and Lily Murphy led the Beavers with six points each, while Wren Ruppel added four. Murphy, also had six rebounds with Abby Schultz pulling down five boards and Ruppel four. The girls will be back in action next Tuesday, December 2nd when they host Spooner at 7 pm, in the Elementary School Gym.

Sports Look Back, November 27, 1975

Recently three CHS football players were named to the Heart O North All-Conference team for 1975. Four more received Honorable Mention.

To be selected for all-conference honors, the player had to receive a majority of votes, while to receive honorable mention, he must have received at least one vote for the top spot. The selection was made by the various news media from the communities making up the Heart O North Conference.

With the help of Jack Walsh of the CHS faculty, the following information was given for those Beaver players.

All Conference:

Barry Zappa, senior defensive back. One of the five boys that were unanimous selections to the all-conference team.

Greg Ricci, senior offensive tackle. Ricci didn’t play in the first few games due to a knee injury, but by the end of the season was one of the leaders of one of

the best offensive lines in the conference.

John Walsh, junior offensive quarterback. Took over the quarterback spot for the Beavers midway in the season after turnover problems. Cumberland then won its final four games with ease.

Honorable Mention:

Bruce Meyer, senior offensive fullback. One of the hardest runners in the conference as can be seen by his 726 yards gained in 152 attempts for an average of 4.8 yards.

Vince Gunderson, senior offensive halfback. Very difficult to stop without a gain. Rushed for 338 yards in only 31 attempts for an astounding average of 10.9 yards. Also had 61 tackles.

Paul Nelson, senior offensive halfback. Became one of the most elusive runners in the conference. Had an amazing average of 11.3 yards in 50 attempts for 563 total yards.

Shawn Warwick, senior defensive linebacker. Led his team with 96 tackles for the season.

UMD Football’s DaShaun Ames Honored with 2025 NSIC Elite 18 Award



DaShaun Ames

The University of Minnesota Duluth’s DaShaun Ames was named the 2025 NSIC Elite 18 Award winner for football as he held the highest cumulative grade point average from student-athletes competing on an NSIC Championship football program. Ames is a senior majoring in physical education and holds a 3.96 cumulative grade point average.

UMD won its 22nd NSIC Championship and 13th North Division title this season after finishing with a 9-1 NSIC record and a 5-1 mark in the North Division.

A team captain and native of Cumberland, Wisconsin

and Cumberland High School grad, Ames was awarded his second career all-conference selection this season. The wide receiver earns the honor after gaining 238 yards on 23 receptions. He scored two touchdowns and returned seven kickoffs for a combined 151 yards. He has earned the D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award and has been named to the NSIC All-Academic Team of Excellence and the CSC Academic All-American Second Team. For his career, he has played in 39 games for UMD with 98 receptions for 1,648 yards and 16 touchdowns.



Raegan Beecroft looks to pass the basketball Thursday night vs Amery. Photo by Greta Weaver



#11 Wren Ruppel and #14 Liliana Murphy play "D" Thursday vs Amery. Photo by Greta Weaver.



Alezae Gonzalez passes the ball vs tough defense Thursday vs Amery. Photo by Greta Weaver.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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11/30	Sun 12:22	6:34	12:46	6:58	07:27	04:25	1:40p	1:54a	8:18p	7:54a	
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

A Unique Bow Hunt

Hello friends,
I have been writing this column for 36 years and one of the most important things that I have learned is that it is not whether I harvest fish or game as it all adds up with time, but how hard I try and that I am still enjoying this way of life that I created back in 1989. I think you will find this week's rapid paced column unique and fun.

Wednesday, November 5th
High 54, low 26

I have been home for 48 hours from a hardcore trip where I lived in the Montana mountains with my daughter Selina for 10 days. No elk or deer were harvested, I am worn out and headed to the Tiffany Bottoms which is a vast river bottom, wetland area that runs from about Durand to the Mississippi River. My goal, shoot deer with my compound bow, no cares on age, size or sex. I have tags and freezers to fill.

I was here in September and passed up several does that would have been fun to whack and tasty to eat. I passed because I had a bear tag, an elk tag, and plenty of deer hunts on the horizon. My plan for this hunt, no tent, sleep in the marsh, roll up in a tarp and hunt literally from my canoe where I noticed deer following a very wet trail that has no trees. On the shoreline it is all tag alders, very poor visibility and I feel just too tight to the trails to sit.

First I made my camp, then I paddled to the wetland, marshy trail where I would hide my canoe, but hunt in it. I have to admit; I was very excited. A little sidebar story, I am worn to a frazzle from 7 months of running about as hard as a buck in rut, but my ez season starts in December.

First hunt, I checked out the trail where it leads to the flooded tag alders and it was amazingly beat

to heck, I figure I will canoe back to camp with a load of deer. I sat for 4 hours and watched 2 bald eagles building a nest which is quite the project, long flight to a select oak tree, back to nest with a branch, repeat process. At dark no deer had been spotted. I canoed back to my tarp, drank a beer and there was a solid frost on my tarp before I finished my PBR.

Thursday, November 6th
High 52, low 25

My tarp was not the perfect home. I paddled in the dark to deer paradise, was attacked by the local flock of beaver and saw no deer as I sat in my canoe till noon and watched the nest builders. At that point I moved to the area where I passed up the deer in September and prepared to make "lots of meat." I did not see a deer and paddled my butt to my truck as I literally had another trip to go on.

Monday, November 17th
High 43, low 32

Lots has happened in the last 12 days. I became pretty sick, lost more weight but had a heck of a lot of fun for being sick (stomach, body pain, weak as a kitten). I am back with my trusty compound bow and confident I will make hundreds of pounds of venison. When I get home, I have 2 days and I head to Red Brush Gang Paradise, "deer camp." I would have an afternoon and morning hunt for this experience. First hunt and this is on land. I watched the eagles, still building paradise.

I saw no deer but sure felt I should have. I did not bring a beer on this adventure, and it rained much of the night which turned to a wet snow. Oo yeah here is a sidebar story. I foolishly let my canoe get away from me when I put it in the water, I was wearing cowboy boots and had to get wet. Next, I



MGW hopes that all hunters have a safe and enjoyable deer hunt.

put on knee boots, I started loading in the water and realized that both of them leaked. I put on my chest waders, waded in and both of them leaked.

Back in the early 90's more than one outdoor tv show spoke with me about hosting their program. I knew I was too "Redneck" and it went nowhere. I made it clear, I was not giving up this column.

Long story short, I seem to be on a dry spell when it comes to whacking game. Long story real. Just before the dry spell, my buddy Moll and I won a very fun musky tournament and I am well aware that meat making is on the horizon.

Still love this way of life!

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14 year old Griffin Weaver with a dandy opening weekend buck.



Dennis Jenkins with a nice 10 pointer shot on Sunday of opening weekend.

All Conference Soccer!



Pictured from left to right are Braden Johnson Honorable Mention, John Richter Honorable Mention, Calvin Cunningham First Team and Ian Sellent First Team. Congratulations guys!

Sports Calendar

- Friday, Nov. 28
Girls Hockey @ Mosinee 3:00
- Saturday, Nov. 29
Girls Hockey @ Mosinee 1:00
- Tuesday, Dec. 2
Girls BB home vs Spooner 7:00
Boys Hockey vs Luck @ Barron 7:00
- Thursday, Dec. 4
Boys Hockey @ Somerset 7:00
Boys BB @ Spooner 7:00
Girls Hockey @ Stillwater 7:00

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

- Team Standings**
Spare Time - 61
Austad's Super Valu - 53 ½
Dane Arthur Real Estate-51
Bowlin' Buddies - 48
Clear Lake Self Storage - 47
Big Bear Express - 42 ½
Northwoods Septic - 30
Becker's Trucking - 25
- 5 High Scratch Games**
Patty Kalkbrenner - 194
Donna Berquam - 177
Heidi VanHeuklom - 176
Sheila LaBlanc - 167
Jeannie Glasscock - 164
- 5 High Scratch Series**
Patty Kalkbrenner - 522
Brenda Levine - 484
Donna Berquam - 481
Sheila LaBlanc - 476
Debbie Anderson - 476

1st Team

Abdirahman Adan	Mid	12	Barron
Braydon Roberts	Mid	11	Barron
Calvin Cunningham	Def	12	Cumberland
Ian Sellent	Mid	12	Cumberland
Charles Egger	GK	12	Hayward
Troy Isham	Def	12	Hayward
Nate Lindsay	Def	12	Hayward
Zander Walt	Mid	12	Spooner
Connor Mc Nerney	Mid	12	Washburn
Logan Roush	Forward	11	Washburn
Kaeden Werner	Def	12	Washburn

2nd Team

Cooper Todus	Mid	11	Ashland
Braiden Eraquam	Def	11	Barron
Brady Frandsen	GK	12	Barron
Salmaan Mohamed	Def	12	Barron
Nolan Kane	Mid	10	Hayward
Brody Garrett	Forward	12	Spooner
Sam DeSmith	M/F	11	Unity-SCF
Carson Marks	Def	12	Unity-SCF
Macklin Prokop	M	9	Unity-SCF
Sam Cablk	Mid	10	Washburn
Will Vasser	Def	11	Washburn

Honorable Mention

Karsten Traaholt	Def	9	Ashland
Abdirahman Ali	Mid	12	Barron
Jeremy Flore-Diaz	Forward	10	Barron
Fuaad Hassan	Forward	12	Barron
Cole Rindsig	Def	10	Barron
Braden Johnson	Forward	11	Cumberland
John Richter	GK	10	Cumberland
Dylan Lobitz	Forward	11	Hayward
Trace Marino	Forward	11	Hayward
Simon Hedlund	Mid	12	Spooner
Noah Smith	GK	11	Spooner
Jonny Undem	Forward	10	Spooner
Boe Carlson	Mid	10	Unity-SCF
Cameron Kemp	Forward	9	Unity-SCF
Miles Klema	Mid	10	Washburn
Kaleb Ray	Forward	9	Washburn

**GO
BEAVERS!**

Reminder that all Cumberland High School Varsity and some lower level home events will be live streamed via YouTube, search Cumberland School District or go to the Athletics Page under High School on the District Website. Away events can also often be seen using the visiting school website.



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2025 Cumberland Advocate Football Contest

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Hometown Banking with your neighbors & friends

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Super Prize: 1 yr Subscription to The Advocate *

*Awarded to anyone who selects all correct winners in a week.

Prizes awarded are "Football Bucks" and can be used the same as cash at participating businesses.

MUST BE USED BY MARCH 1, 2026

ENTRY FORM

CLIP THIS OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK
(Reasonable Facsimile Accepted)
AND MAIL TO "FOOTBALL,"
P.O. BOX 637, CUMBERLAND, WI 54829

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Dairy State Bank _____

Cumberland Chamber _____

Nilssen's Foods _____

Get-Er Gone Auctions _____

Cumberland Federal Bank _____

Auto Value _____

Island Wines & More _____

Louie's Finer Meats _____

Cumberland Ace Hardware & Lumber _____

Louie's Lodge _____

Spot Bar & Restaurant _____

Nezzy's Sports Bar & Grill _____

Peter & Annie's _____

Corner Bar _____

TIE-BREAKER (Please indicate game score)

Carolina _____ **VS** **LA Rams** _____

Entries Must be postmarked, dropped off at the Advocate
or emailed to: news@cumberland-advocate.com

(please mark "Football" in the subject line) by Friday of each week.

ONE ENTRY PER PERSON! TWO ENTRIES PER SUBSCRIPTION!

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

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Week # 12

1st Place
Nicole Jackson
13

2nd Place
Jim Ellis
12

3rd Place
Don Gray
11*

WINNERS!