



One Female Deceased after Mobile Home fire in Comstock

On October 30, 2025, at 3:18 pm, the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with the Cumberland Fire Department, Cumberland Ambulance and Wisconsin Department of Justice responded to a mobile home on fire at the address of 1868 US Highway 63 in Comstock.

Once the fire was extinguished, fire fighters located the body of a deceased female inside of the mobile home. The victim was identified as Dawn Allen of Comstock.

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

Per Sheriff Jodi Kummet

Rice Lake Woman Missing

On Monday, November 3, 2025, at approximately 7:10 pm, Rice Lake resident Toni A. Peterson, 60 years old, was reported missing from her apartment. Toni left some letters addressed to her family that have law enforcement and her family concerned for her welfare. Toni also left her cellular phone at her apartment.

Toni is believed to be operating a 2020 Honda CRV, gray, bearing Wisconsin registration AKL4656. Automated license plate reader technology showed Toni driving in Rice Lake at approximately 8:16 am, Washburn County at 8:32 am, and Ashland at 10:59 am on November 3, 2025.

Toni is from the Iron River (WI) area. Authorities between Rice Lake and that area have been notified and continue to look for Toni. Toni has been listed as a missing person.

If anyone has any information that could assist law enforcement in locating Toni, please call your local agency.

Rice Lake Police Department

Fatal Fire!



Emergency personnel were called to lot #31 of the Comstock Mobile Home Park on Thursday, October 30th for a report of smoke coming from the home. After arrival firefighters found the home filled with smoke and snuffed out the fire. Tragically firefighters located Dawn Allen age 48 deceased in the home. According to Cumberland Fire Chief Chad Olson the cause of the fire remains under investigation. Our thoughts and prayers are with family and friends at this difficult time.

News from City Hall

by Mayor Dan Shoemaker

The City of Cumberland's proposed 2026 General Fund Operational Budget (Budget) has been posted in the Advocate. It consists of about 20 lines of revenue and expenditure categories. The bottom of the summary shows the proposed Property Tax Levy of 2.7%. This is virtually the same as the 2025 CPI (Consumer Price Index) change announced by the State of WI. Once again, the City has achieved our objective of limiting tax increases to the rate of inflation. A 20-line summary does not begin to describe the effort behind the Budget and the development of the associated financial controls.

The highest-order part of the finance system is the Financial Management Plan (FMP). First created in 2023, the FMP combines the short-term (12 month) budget with long-term (>5 year) plans. The 2023 FMP was incomplete, but a good start. It included a first cut at a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), established a targeted undesignated General Fund balance, included Tax Incremental District (TID) planning tools and a Debt Plan.

The Capital Improvement Plan contains projects including Public Works (streets, stormwater, bridges, buildings, etc.), and Parks and Recreation (Ea-

gle Point and Tourist Park improvements). Project costs are not reflected in the annual budget. These expenses are typically covered by debt and grants. The Budget contains a line for Interfund Transfers which covers debt repayment.

Added since 2023, is the Equipment Replacement Plan (ERP). This plan itemizes vehicles (e.g. Police squads), heavy equipment (e.g. trucks, snowplows, excavating equipment) and smaller equipment (e.g. lawn mowers). The ERP establishes a theoretical replacement schedule, projected replacement costs and projected trade-in values. The Capital Improve-

ment Plan and Equipment Replacement Plan combined is the mechanism to identify large future expenses.

Debt management is an essential part of the Financial Management Plan. Much like personal mortgages are used for the large expense of housing, City debt is properly used for high-cost projects with long life expectancies (such as infrastructure) and equipment replacement. The Debt Plan seeks to balance the funding for these items while structuring size and timing of debt payments to maintain tax discipline. Additionally, we maintain additional debt

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\$9,000 Grant!



Congratulations to Bourbons Bar for being this quarters 50 People & More winner of a \$9,000 Grant. According to Bourbons owner Kris Zappa, the money will be used for several updates to the building including the front of the business. Pictured from left to right are 50 People and More Who Care members Mike Capuzzi, Jeff Piela, John Chiodo, Laura Schmidt-Tyler, Phil Flottum, Dale Goergen, Tom Hallgren, Bourbons Bar Owner Kris Zappa, 50 People and More who Care member Mark Gargulak, Bourbons Bar Manager Jasmine Newhouse, Ryatt Newhouse, and Misty.

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Thank You

VETERAN'S DAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Assembly at Legion Barracks.....9:00 a.m.

Arrive at Elementary Gym.....9:15 a.m.

The Public Is Invited

Advance Colors

National Anthem

Pledge of Allegiance

Special Talk by Mr. Barry Kuenkel

"Thank You, Soldiers" by Chamber Choir

Face East for 30 Seconds of Silence

Taps by Bugler Mr. Alex Weise

Arrive at Middle School.....9:55 a.m.

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U. S. Air Force Post 98 Officer

Advancement of Colors.....American Legion Honor Guard

VFW Honor Guard

National Anthem.....CHS Band

Pledge of Allegiance.....Led by Mr. Carter Fauske

"Thank You, Soldiers".....Chamber Choir

Veteran's Day Address.....Major James Richie

U.S. Army Veteran, Retired CHS Educator 30+ Years

"Homeward Bound".....Cumberland Choirs

Face The East.....30 Seconds Silence

Taps.....Mr. Alex Weise

"Armed Forces Salute".....CHS Band

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Pat Peichel

Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge Meeting

Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge is meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, 11:30am, Chetek Lutheran. Following a potluck lunch and meeting, the program will feature "Norwegian Christmas Traditions" presented by Shirley Peterson and Florence Weise.

Dovre Lodge is a non-profit fraternal organization, meeting monthly in Barron County since 1928.

Free Winter Coats and Blankets

The parish cluster of St. Joseph, St. Boniface, St. Peter, and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Churches is sponsoring a winter coat and blanket giveaway for the area. New and used winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens

and warm blankets will be given away to all ages.

Those needing a warm winter coat may choose one free of charge at the giveaway Saturday November 8nd from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 827 E. LaSalle Avenue Barron.



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SCHOOL LUNCH Thursday, November 6 Ramen noodle bowl, peas. MS/HS: Pizza. ES: Uncrustables. Friday, November 7 Chicken nuggets, soft pretzel, baked beans, broccoli. MS/HS: Pizza. ES: Uncrustables. Monday, November 10 Chicken wrap, fries, carrots. MS/HS: Pizza. ES: Uncrustables. Tuesday, November 11 Chicken tortilla rice bowl, corn, homemade wheat bread. MS/HS: Pizza. ES: Uncrustables. Wednesday, November 12 Tater tot hot dish, green beans, homemade wheat bread. MS/HS: Pizza. ES: Uncrustables. 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. This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

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Cumberland High School Students Perform at WSMA

The last week of October, nine students from Cumberland High School performed at the Wisconsin School Music Association (WSMA) High School and Middle Level State Honors concerts in downtown Madison and Verona. These students, chosen after intense auditions, rehearse with nationally recognized conductors to prepare and perform challenging pieces of music.

The WSMA State Honors Music Project brings some of Wisconsin's top young musicians together in a highly disciplined, professional setting. Of the 1,500 high school students who audition, 430 of the finest young musicians in Wisconsin are selected. They unite for the first time in June at a summer camp with their conductor, section coaches, and other students to prepare for their final concert in October.

Middle school students go through a similar audition process, where 300 students in grades 6-8 were selected from more than 1,000 who auditioned for the program in April. These concerts are attended by students, parents, teachers, alumni and general public from around the state and beyond, and mark the highest point of the 2025 WSMA High School State Honors Music Project.



High School Honors Students Nadia Benson, Willow Franc, Cash Daniels and Andrew Carlson.



Middle Level Honors students and staff include Lucas West, Reina Furseth, Jovina Skinner, Nathan Pierce, Quinn Fauske, and Elsa Carlson.



Abella Friese standing with previous director, Janet Holdt.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I hope you had a very happy Halloween. We live right on highway 63 in Barronett, so there are lots and lots of cars going by our house, but we didn't have even one little trick-or-treater. That is not good because then I eat way too much of the candy we had in the bowl for the little ones. Dang!

We did get our jack-o-lanterns carved, thank goodness. We had picked up 15 pumpkins from Bob's Barronett Produce, and planned to have a big carving party the Sunday before Halloween, but things kinda went a little sideways and we had to cancel the party. So, we were stuck with those darn pumpkins and I thought we were going to have to do them all by ourselves. I'm one of those "wait to the last minute" kind of people, so, bright and early Friday morning (which was Halloween, by the way) I decided that I would bring the pumpkins into the house and do as many as I could get done by myself. Well - - - Lynn Thon called and told me that she could help at 1:00, and she called Miriah and Jeremy Olson, told them what we were doing, and they said they would like to help. Art Adams stopped by at about noon, and he carried all the pumpkins into the house for me, and then cut the bottoms out so I could scrape out the seeds and stringy stuff. Miriah and Jeremy arrived before I was finished cleaning them, and they helped with that chore. Lynn arrived and she and Miriah started carving faces on them, and, by the time I got started carving there were only two pumpkins left to do. Whew!! It was quite a work-out. Jeremy and Art carried the jack-o-lanterns out and put them on the boards by the flower bed on the east side of our house, and it was perfect. We could have fit a couple more, but, let me tell you, they looked mighty good sitting there with the silly looks on their faces. We put those little battery-operated tea lights under them, and when it got dark it was quite a sight to see. I hope the customers going into Sal's on 63 enjoyed them.

Oh, speaking of Art Adams, you know that he will be a grandpa soon. Alec and Anna are expecting their little boy to arrive the first week of this month. Pretty exciting stuff.

I'm not sure if you heard, but the elusive Barronett couple sold their place just outside Barronett and moved farther north. Anyway, the new owners, Tess and Eric Jahn, decided to have a big party on Halloween evening to meet their new neighbors. Geri Pittman was one of the invitees, and she said that she had a wonderful time. Geri said that the decorations were beautiful, they had way too much great food, a huge bonfire, and had Hocus Pocus playing in the barn. Welcome to the neighborhood, Tess and Eric. We hope you are very happy in your new home.

And, our new neighbor, Zach, has some really neat Halloween decorations in front of the house. If he decorates like this for Halloween, I can hardly wait to see what he does for Christmas.

The Vargo house was beautifully (or scarily) decorated too. And, Lynn Thon

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

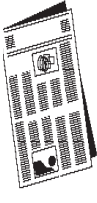
Every now and then a situation will come up here at the newspaper that I’m not quite sure how to handle. I used to call my mom or dad for advice, they would offer an opinion, but also say you know what you are doing, do what you think is right. This week I decided not to run a criminal complaint against Dawn Allen who died way too young in a tragic house fire in Comstock. I don’t know all the details, but what I do know is people are hurting, she had a husband, children and family who loved her and in the big picture I guess in my opinion, what happened days prior to her death is very minor considering she lost her life just a short time later. If you want to read the complaint its easy to find. I’m sure some won’t agree that news is news, but I just couldn’t run a front page story, obituary and a criminal complaint in the same issue.

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How about that game 7 of the World Series? I’m pretty sure most folks around here were rooting for Toronto, but in the end the LA Dodgers found a way to win a thrilling 5-4 game with some late home runs. The Jays had several chances to win the game, but couldn’t come up with a big hit when they needed it. It was a super fun series to watch. Staying with sports, how about those two upsets in the NFC North this past week? The Vikings pulled off a 27-24 win in Detroit, while being a 9 1/2 point underdog and the Packers despite being a whopping 13 1/2 point favorites, fell to the Carolina Panthers. I guess that’s why you play the game. The Pack seems to play to the level of their competition, they can beat anybody but have now lost to Cleveland, Carolina and just snuck by a mediocre at best Arizona team. The defense is superb, but something is a little off on offense, namely Jordan Love making a head scratching throw every now and then. It’s a long season, the Pack will be there in the end.

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Looks like we could see the first flakes of the season this weekend. Its been pretty darn nice minus some wind the past couple of weeks, so I guess we’re due for a little “reminder” of what’s to come. Next week looks to bounce back a bit, so hopefully the boat will get some more use. I caught many bass with a few walleyes mixed in this past Sunday before the wind picked up. If you can, get out and take advantage. It’s as good as it gets. Put on the ice fishing suit, you will likely have the lake to yourself. Have a great week!



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"IF THERE CAN BE A 'NO-MOW MAY,' WHY NOT A 'NO-BLOW NOVEMBER?'"



Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“What makes for a strong startup state? Conference offers ingredients”

MADISON, Wis. – Some cities, states and regions have a healthier technology startup economy than others, as metros such as San Francisco, Boston, Austin and others have shown for decades. How does Wisconsin stack up? An upcoming Madison conference will offer a glimpse at some long-term drivers – and some cautionary views, as well.

The Wisconsin Early Stage Symposium has been around under that name for 20-plus years. At its heart, it is a place where entrepreneurs, investors, researchers and others come together to hear startup company “pitches,” sometimes invest angel or venture risk capital in those nascent firms, examine the latest tech-based trends and hear about policy initiatives.

More on that Nov. 5-6 event at Monona Terrace Convention Center and a related Nov. 4 reception, the Wisconsin Innovation Awards, later in this column. First, how does one knowledgeable outsider view elements of success?

Chicago-based M25, a venture capital firm, issues an annual report that ranks the 64 top startup

cities in a 15-state region. In its August 2025 edition, eight Wisconsin cities made the cut with Madison ranked 9th and Milwaukee 14th.

Among about two-dozen weighted variables were: Overall startup activity based on quantity and “quality” in the sense of successful acquisitions, initial public offerings and other exits; access to resources such as accelerators, skilled workers, universities and government support; business climate as measured by costs of doing business, tax “friendliness” and transportation “connectivity,” such as good highways and even airport connections.

The Early Stage Symposium’s agenda touches on most of those categories.

Three panel discussions will cover topics such as sales strategy, breaking into emerging markets and building market validation without burning too much cash.

More than 60 companies from across Wisconsin will pitch across three sessions.

Investors will hold one-on-one sessions with invited companies in addition to sitting in on the

pitches

Hands-on “office hours” will cover topics such as mastering technical sales; strategies to win over customers; gaining traction through bootstrapping; what happens on the other side of the pitch; building a strong “minimum viable product;” navigating intellectual property in an artificial intelligence world; and what not to do when starting a company.

Such session likely could not take place without a cadre of experienced tech entrepreneurs, investors and others to offer advice – and to display a few scars from deals that didn’t work out. That’s a sign of maturity within Wisconsin’s tech scene.

The Nov. 4 Wisconsin Innovation Awards process began with about 110 entries and was narrowed to 27 finalists including companies, large and small, as well as institutions that help to fuel the startup process.

How does government support fit into that agenda? A bipartisan forum featuring five major-party, announced candidates for governor of Wisconsin is set for the morning of Nov. 6.

Washington County Ex-

ecutive Josh Schoemann is on the Republican side; U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany said he couldn’t make it because he expected Congress to be in session. Democrats are Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley, former Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. Secretary Melissa Hughes; Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez; and state Sen. Kelda Roys. Matt Smith, political director for WISN 12 News in Milwaukee, will moderate.

It’s the first such gathering of candidates in an election season that will lead to primary elections in August 2026 and a general election in November 2026.

My successor, former generator executive Maggie Brickerman, will also talk about where she sees the bipartisan and non-profit Wisconsin Technology Council heading in the future.

As the conference will likely highlight, there’s much work to be done before Wisconsin can play with some of the nation’s bigger tech hubs. At least there’s a running start.

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

A Look Back

Look Back, October 1982

This article originally appeared in the October 30, 1969 issue of the Advocate:

Due to the land fill leading up to them, Cumberland bridges are barely noticeable now except when they give trouble.

In olden days it was different. Cumberland might as well have been called the “City of Bridges”. Five high wooden structures linked island-like Cumberland to the mainland in all directions except southwest where its main artery, Highway 63, now runs. According to one old-timer that area was swampy ground which could be crossed only by wagon teams.

North Cumberland bridge, of wooden planks with iron railings, was high enough to clear the log booms towed under it to the W.L. Hunter sawmill located where Don’s Bait Shop is now. The smokestack of the towing tug “Ralph” (for Hunter’s son) was hinged so the stack could be lowered to clear the bridge and the railroad trestle. At one time, there were three sawmills on Beaver Dam Lake all doing a thriving business.

Floyd Miller, whose parents, the George Millers, owned an ice house located in the present tourist park area, says he can remember how the planks rumbled as Joe Hodge raced his horse,

Frank, north across the bridge. This horse could run a mile in three minutes.

“We kids,” Floyd recalls, “used to jump from bridge to bridge to ride a boom of logs passing underneath, only to be chased off by the ‘jacks.’”

Old-timers will remember that his bridge, the longest of five, was built where the small cement pumphouse bridge is now. The old road angled northeast up what is now Babcock Avenue and Main Street came into town on Second Avenue.

Another city historian, Ben Connors, reminds us that the present cement bridge at the pumping station was built about 1926. The high pilings of the old structure made good standing room for boy bathers and fishermen.

“Before cars,” says Ben, nearly everyone had inboard launches to get around in. The banks of Beaver Dam Lake were lined with wooden frame bathhouses.

Aside from the boats, the bridges were the citizens’ only outlet to places beyond the “island.”

Leading eastward towards Rice Lake was the “cemetery bridge” on what is now Highway 48. It led to a creamery located near the present town hall. The creamery was managed by S.B. Cook and Vic Nevidek, now deceased.

Bob Hegg, whose father owned a carpenter shop, worked there. He remembers that the cemetery bridge was rebuilt three times.

South of the road lay the fairgrounds with the old cemetery just beyond. The graves of Cumberland pioneers who platted the city are fund in the old part. Once the fairgrounds were abandoned, the cemetery spread northward.

This bridge had an unusual burial just south of it where the Stokely pea-viners stand. A circus elephant named Tom-Tom was buried there in June, 1911, by the Yankee Robinson Circus.

Bob Hegg, now 78, remembers watching the circus unload from his job at the creamery.

An old Cumberland Advocate, dated June 30, 1911, gives details on Tom-Tom’s drowning. Soon after the train arrived, the elephants, headed by Tom-Tom, started for the grounds in charge of their keepers.

When near the bridge, Tom-Tom was given a chance to drink from the lake. He was very old and blind. He walked with his huge tusks loosely chained to his front feet.

He apparently decided to take a bath, stepped off the slab fill and began to sink in the mud. When he could no

longer keep his trunk above water, the circus help tried pulling him out with four horses.

A third bridge called Bonett, crossed Hay Creek south of the depot. It was named after a prominent farmer, John Bonett.

The first Bonett owned over 300 acres in the cemetery area east of Kirby farm. John Sr., opened one of Cumberland’s first stores hauling his goods from Menomonie. He also ran a small sawmill in South Cumberland about where Bob Howe’s sign shop stands.

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2025
WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip.
10/28	56	37	0.00
10/29	51	33	0.00
10/30	55	30	0.00
10/31	45	30	0.00
11/01	39	30	0.02
11/02	44	28	0.02
11/03	49	34	trace



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

OBITUARIES



Gary D. Moore

Gary Dean Moore, 64, of Maple Plain died on Monday, November 3, 2025, at Regions Hospital. He was born December 20, 1960, in Cumberland to George and Beverly (Behrndt) Moore.

Gary could often be found either on his Harley, creating trails in the woods, or playing with his tools. He took pride in caring for his property and the log house he built. Gary also enjoyed hunting, canoeing and fishing. Anytime he could spend outdoors was a great time! Even the day he and Brandon spontaneously decided to go skydiving was filled with excitement. He was a leader for the Boy Scouts for several years. One summer, Gary and friends built a paintball course that expanded from the woods to the field of his property. Most of all Gary loved his family. He always made

sure to be there whenever needed. He will be deeply missed. He is survived by his son, Brandon (Amanda) Moore; daughter, Kendra Moore; grandchildren: Brielle, Zane, Wren, and Kaia; mother, Beverly Moore; siblings: David Moore and Bonnie Moore; his love, Jeri Jenkins; and many other family and friends. Gary was preceded in death by his father, George Moore; and sister, Sharon Moore. A Celebration of Life will be held from 12 - 3 PM Friday, Nov 7, 2025, at the Maple Plain Town Hall. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.



Alvin (Alexsi) Currier

Alvin (Alexsi) Currier, of Cumberland, Wis., departed this earthly life at the age of 93 on Monday, October 27th, 2025. Born March 13th, 1932 in Minneapolis, Alvin led a full and adventurous life. In 1956, he graduated from Union Theological Seminary in New York and the Theological College of the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. He was Chaplain at Macalester College

in St. Paul for 11 years, and served various Presbyterian churches in Minnesota and Wisconsin, ministering until 1991, when he was Christmated into Orthodoxy in Finland. In 1975, Alvin established St. Herman's Hermitage in the hills of Colfax, and in 1981, married Anastasia (Nancy) Karis there, where the couple then settled. In 1987 they started Currier Tours together, ushering groups through Germany's Black Forest for 17 years. Alvin's love of travel took him all over the world. Having traveled extensively and lived in Mexico for five years, Alvin and Anastasia eventually nestled themselves into their tiny Cumberland apartment and their home church (Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Clayton) in 2008, where

they have lived happily since, continuing their travels as they were able. Alvin and Anastasia were together for nearly 44 years. Alvin was a talented storyteller and artist, writing prolifically and publishing eleven books, illustrating six of them himself. Alvin was a loving and caring husband, father, and friend to many. He is survived by his wife, Anastasia, his children, Cathryn Layer (Ron), Matthew Currier, Richard Currier (Amy), and Andrew Currier (Cassie), as well as seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son, Christopher Currier. A funeral was held on Friday, October 31st at Holy Trinity Orthodox Church in Clayton. Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.

Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

I want to remind everyone we have a craft vendor sale coming up Saturday, November 15th at our Senior Center from 9am till 2pm. We still have room if you want to rent a table just call me at 715-822-8241. We will set up Friday afternoon at 1. We have quite a few renting tables so lots of things for you to buy so hope you will stop in and see what's for sale. Any questions give us a call.

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SENIOR DINING
Thursday, November 6
Baked fish with tartar sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, assorted bread, jello with fruit.
Friday, November 7
Build your own burger: cheese, lettuce, tomato, bun, baked beans, pickled beets, Cook's choice dessert.
Monday, November 10
Open-faced chicken pot pie with mixed vegetables over a biscuit, buttered beets, fruit juice.
Tuesday, November 11
Baked ham, butter beans, steamed corn, assorted bread, pineapple chunks.
Wednesday, November 12
Beef tips with mushroom gravy over mashed potatoes, maple carrots, dinner roll, pumpkin bar.
Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. (No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

Dawn M. (Gross) Radtke Allen
Dawn Marie (Gross) Radtke Allen 02/09/1977 - 10/30/2025. Beloved wife of Mike Allen of Comstock; mom to Dylan, Mady, and Maylee Radtke of Cameron, WI; daughter of Deb Hedke, Dave Gross and Step Dad, Brad Hedke; sister to Jeremy Gross of Rogers, MN and sister, Heidi Viebrock, who is also in Heaven. She

also leaves behind many friends and other family members. Dawn was preceded in death by sister, Heidi L. Viebrock, who was her best friend; brother-in-law, Leon Viebrock; and grandparents. Dawn loved spending time with family and friends, camping and fishing with family. She had a talent for art and painted many pictures for others. She had a heart of gold. Her life was

filled with love, but she faced tremendous difficulties in life as well. She will be missed so very much. There is a Go Fund Me account for Mike Allen on Facebook. In lieu of flowers, if desired, please send any memorials to Mike Allen c/o Deb Hedke 2568 40th Street Cumberland, WI 54829. Arrangements will be made at a later date.



Tina R. Poznikowich

Tina Renee Poznikowich, 62, of Comstock, died on Saturday, November 1, 2025 at her home. She was born April 17, 1963 in Rice Lake, WI to Thomas, Sr. and Barbara (Kurtzhals) Poznikowich. She graduated from Cumberland High School in 1981. After finishing school she raised her children,

bartended at The Spot and Bourbon's and worked at Nilssen's, Dollar General and for many years at Synergy Co-op. Tina, "Smiley", or "Nana P" will be remembered as a concerned mother and doting grandma, stubborn, but loving sister, and hard worker. She was always on the move and ready for whatever came next. She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth "Beth" Whitt of Laughlin, NV; sons: Jesse (Dana) Whitt of Eau Claire and Josh Whitt of Comstock; grandson, Theodore; siblings: Tom Poznikowich, Jr., Anna (John) Koester, Mary (Bill) Hanson, and Keith Poznikowich; best friend, Mike Stoerberl of Almena; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and

friends. Tina was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law, Bo Gehrman, and niece, Jennifer. A prayer service will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland. Burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland. Visitation will be from 3:00 to 6:00 pm on Thursday at the funeral home. There will also be a celebration of Tina's life on Saturday, November 15, at the Hammer Bar from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

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Peter Mato LaBlanc

Surrounded by love, Peter Mato LaBlanc departed this life peacefully on Sunday, November 2, in Madison, Wisconsin. His passing leaves a profound sense of loss among all who knew him. Pete will be remembered for his steadfast courage, generous spirit, quick wit, and a radiant smile that so often brightened the lives around him.

Pete was born on January 30, 1975, to Barb and Tom LaBlanc. His early years were spent on and near the Lac Courte Oreilles Reservation. In time, Pete’s family made their home in

Cumberland, Wisconsin, where Pete attended Cumberland Junior High and Cumberland High School. A bright student and a natural athlete, Pete excelled both in the classroom and on the field, distinguishing himself in baseball and football. Yet it was his extraordinary voice—warm, rich, and full of spirit—that truly set him apart. Throughout his youth and into adulthood, Pete shared his gift of song generously, leaving lasting impressions on all who heard him.

Pete devoted his life to the advancement and empowerment of Native American people. Much of his professional career was spent in service to the St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, where he was a steadfast advocate for constitutional reform—efforts aimed at preserving cultural identity, strengthening families, and securing the future of the St. Croix Chippewa. In his role within

Intergovernmental Affairs, Pete championed stronger partnerships between Tribal Nations and state and federal governments. His dedication extended across the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council and the Chippewa Federation, where his voice carried weight, wisdom, and conviction.

Over the past two decades, Pete’s contributions to tribal tourism and economic development have been nothing short of transformative. Through his involvement with the American Indian Alaska Native Tourism Association (AIANTA) and the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW), Pete helped to shape a more inclusive and prosperous future for Native communities. A member of the NATOW board since 2003, he served four terms as Chairman, guiding the organization with vision and heart.

In recent years, Pete was instrumental in strengthening relationships between the Tribal Nations of Wisconsin and the State of Wisconsin—most notably through his efforts to host

Governor Tony Evers for Treaty Day and visits to the St. Croix community and the Chippewa Federation. His advocacy for the protection of wild rice, a sacred and vital resource, culminated in the establishment of Wisconsin’s Wild Rice Stewardship Council—an enduring testament to his leadership and love for his people.

Pete’s career and passions carried him far and wide, across tribal lands and nearly every state in the country. Along the way, he formed deep and lasting friendships, his warmth and humor leaving an imprint wherever he went. Beyond his professional achievements, Pete was a man of many joys. He loved music and singing, took great pride in his cooking, followed the Minnesota Vikings with fierce loyalty, and engaged passionately in politics. Yet perhaps nothing brought him more happiness than the simple pleasures—sharing morning coffee with his mother, or the quiet companionship of his beloved cat.

Pete’s life was one of

purpose and service. His unwavering commitment to his people, his community, and the causes he held dear has left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

Pete is survived by his children, Julia and Jackson, his mother Barb, stepfather, Dino, sister Wenona, brother Muzin and sister-in-law Stacie, nephew Alex and niece Arya, father, father, Tom, brothers Matt, Chaske, Sonny, Rob, sister Isabella, his beloved cat Mocha Kitty LaBlanc, and aunts, uncles, cousins, and other family and friends.

Pete is survived by his children, Julia and Jackson, his mother Barb, stepfather, Dino, sister Wenona, brother Muzin and sister-in-law Stacie, nephew Alex and niece Arya, brothers Mat, Chaske, Sonny, and Rob, sisters Isabella and Lyz, and his beloved cat Mocha Kitty LaBlanc.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother Gladys Bearheart, grandfather Ed Kingeagle Sr, aunts Bonnie Bearheart and Becky Bearheart and uncle Ed Bearheart.

Traditional Ojibwe ser-

vices were held for Pete at the Maple Plain Community Center on Wednesday, November 5.

Pallbearers were Michael Decorah, Nate Johnson, Keith Hopinka, Joe Oustigoff, Alvin Oustigoff, Scott Vele, Darrell Sawyer, Charles Peterson, Albin Peterson, and Bob Phelps.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.





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Dear Community,

I’m not sure I’m ready for November and December. It’s a time with so much to do and at times I already find the world a bit overwhelming. With all that’s going on in our communities and our world it seems like peace is a very scarce commodity. At least that’s what our current culture and world look like – anything but peaceful. That’s why focusing on the deeper peace that can come only from Jesus is what I hang on to. I was once taught a lesson about peace that I found very helpful. Imagine the ocean. It is very deep and very different. On or near the surface there is so much activity. There is marine life, boats, waves and even storms. The surface is quite chaotic much like our world. Then, in the deepest parts of our oceans it is calm and stable without the chaos of the surface. This is what our deep peace that comes from God is like. We can go through our day in a flurry of activity yet still be at peace deep down with the peace that only God can provide. That is true peace and often we need to slow down to take that in.

Today, 1st John 4:19 brought that deep peace back into focus. “We love because He first loved us.” In the midst of our busy lives that scripture brings us back to whom we belong and to how we are to live our lives. We are loved by God, and from there we can move forward to love others. In just those few words we can find peace and purpose. I can set aside my highly structured, super bullet pointed weekly planner that tries to contain the chaos of my life and focus, peacefully, on God’s love for me and how I am to love others. No bullet points are necessary. No lists are required. There is just love – and that is enough.

God’s blessings to you all in this month of Thanksgiving.

In Peace, Pastor Diane Norstad

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PUBLIC NOTICES



CITY OF CUMBERLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
2026 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

On Tuesday November 18, 2025, at 4:30 pm, a Public Hearing will be conducted before the Common Council. The Hearing will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 950 1st Ave.

The purpose of this hearing is to obtain citizen input on the 2026 General Fund Operating Budget. A copy of the proposed budget is available at City Hall during regular business hours. Questions can be directed to the City Administrator at (715) 822-2752.

	2025 Adopted	2026 Proposed	% change
	Budget	Budget	
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	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Revenues	\$ 3,610,769	\$ 3,784,374	4.8%
Other Funds Applied	\$ -		
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Funds Allocated	\$ 3,610,769	\$ 3,784,374	4.8%
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	\$ 369,397	\$ 287,401	-22.2%
Interest/Debt	\$ -	\$ -	---
Interfund Transfers	\$ 843,114	\$ 885,527	5.0%
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,610,869	\$ 3,784,374	4.8%
Property Tax Levy included above:	\$ 1,709,542	\$ 1,755,589	2.7%

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NOTICE OF FINAL BOARD OF REVIEW
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, BARRON COUNTY, WI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the final meeting of the Board of Review for the Town of Cumberland will be held Tuesday, November 11th, 2025 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The purpose of this meeting is to consider any motions to adjourn and to hear any property assessment objections properly filed before the Board of Review in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes 70.47. Property owners who wish to file an objection must contact the Town Clerk prior to the meeting to complete and submit the required objection form and schedule an appearance before the Board.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2025

**Sara Mathison, Clerk
Town of Cumberland**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, BARRON COUNTY, WI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, November 10th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue), a public hearing on the proposed 2026 budget for the Town of Cumberland will be held. The Hall is accessible to all persons. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office by appointment. Following the Public Hearing, a Special Town Meeting of the Electors called pursuant to 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin State Statutes will be held to adopt the 2025 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2026, pursuant to 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF THE
ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, BARRON COUNTY, WI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2026 Budget, a Special Town Meeting of the Electors called pursuant to 60.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statutes will be held at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2025 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2026 pursuant to 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 13th day of October, 2025

**Sara Mathison, Clerk
Town of Cumberland**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
before the City of Cumberland
Plan Commission
Thursday November 20, 2025 at 9:00am
Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave.

Public Notice is given to all persons in the City of Cumberland that a public hearing will be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 9:00am at Cumberland City Hall to solicit comments and public input on the following:

An application for a Conditional Use by JARRLL LLC for the property located at 2245 Superior Ave (the Island Inn Motel). Applicant is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for establishing a Recreational Vehicle Park on a parcel zoned C-1 (General Commercial District) per Section 17.29(4)(c) of the City of Cumberland Code of Ordinances.

Copies of documents related to this topic may be requested at Cumberland City Hall during regular business hours. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to: City of Cumberland, 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI 54829.

**Randall D. Reeg
City Administrator**

** Please note that, upon reasonable notice, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information, or to request this service, contact Arlene Frisinger at 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI 54829; (715) 822-2752.*

** Please also note that it is possible that a quorum of the City of Cumberland Common Council could be in attendance at this, or any meeting of city committees, commissions, or boards. No formal action by the Common Council shall be taken should such a situation arise.*

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET
TOWN OF CRYSTAL LAKE, BARRON COUNTY, WI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on **Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Crystal Lake Town Hall, 1876 Hwy. 63, Comstock, WI, a public hearing on the proposed 2026 budget for the Town of Crystal Lake will be held. The hall is accessible to all people. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office by appointment. Following the Public Hearing, a Special Town meeting of the electors called pursuant to WI. Stat. 60.12(1)(c) will be held to adopt the 2025 town tax levy to be paid in 2026, pursuant to WI Stat. 60.10(1)(a).

**Arlene Frisinger, Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Crystal Lake**

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT # 1

Lakeland Sanitary District #1 Barronett, Wisconsin, will be holding their caucus for the office of President and annual budget hearing meeting on **Wednesday, November 19th, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.** The meeting will be held at the Lakeland Township Town Hall in Barronett. Immediately after the budget hearing, the Sanitary District will hold their annual meeting to approve the 2026 budget. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

**Kristine Strom, Secretary
Lakeland Sanitary District #1**

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Plan Commission
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Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave.

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An application for a Conditional Use by Ron Ruppel for the property located at 1461 9th Ave. Applicant is seeking a Conditional Use Permit for establishing a duplex on a parcel zoned R-1 (Single Family Residence District) per Section 17.25(4)(a) of the City of Cumberland Code of Ordinances.

Copies of documents related to this topic may be requested at Cumberland City Hall during regular business hours. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to: City of Cumberland, 950 1st Ave., Cumberland, WI 54829.

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WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

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HELP WANTED

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Lakeland Sanitary District

- * **Part-time Treasurer** for Lakeland Sanitary District (meeting once a month)
- *Budget and Quicken Books.
- * Send quarterly bills.
- * Collect and deposit payments
- * Must reside in the Lakeland Sanitary District.

**Send Resume and personal information to: Lakeland Sanitary District
PO Box 54
Barronett, WI 54813**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY Lakeland Sanitary District

- * **Part-time Certified Sanitary Operator** for Lakeland Sanitary District (meeting once a month)
- *Must be certified specifically for pond system and licensed in the state of WI.
- *Collect samples for DNR.
- *Monitor ponds and septic system.

**Send Resume and personal information to: Lakeland Sanitary District
PO Box 54
Barronett, WI 54813**

HELP WANTED

Nature's Edge Therapy Center is Hiring!

We're seeking a Full-Time Equine Specialist/Barn Assistant to join our dedicated therapy team in Rice Lake, WI. This Monday–Friday position plays a key role in supporting our therapy horses and animals who help patients achieve greater independence.

We do not have the ability for housing.

Position Highlights:

- ❖ Full-time with benefits after 90 days
- ❖ Salary up to **\$36,000/year**
- ❖ PATH CRTI certification reimbursement upon completion
- ❖ Hands-on role in schooling horses (ground and under saddle)
- ❖ Requires excellent animal husbandry, organization, and teamwork

To apply, send your resume, cover letter, and references to **nature@naturesedgetherapycenter.org**.

Join us in making a difference—where nature, animals, and therapy come together to change lives. ❤️



TOWN OF Maple Plain Maintenance Position

The Town of Maple Plain is seeking to fill a full-time (40-hours per week) maintenance position due to an upcoming retirement.

The Town offers a competitive salary and benefit package, including pension via the Wisconsin Retirement System, paid leave, and flexible hours. This position requires a valid CDL, experience operating heavy equipment, and working extra hours outside of the routine work schedule during the winter months for snow and ice removal, as well as periodic storm damage throughout the year.

Qualified individuals are to apply for the position via the online posting found on Indeed.com, provide references, and shall submit to a complete background check and pre-employment drug screening. Town of Cumberland is an equal opportunity employer.

Questions regarding this position and hiring process may be directed to the Town Clerk by phone or email, 715-529-2741 or clerk@townofmapleplain.wi.gov

This position is open until filled.

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court Traffic Court

Devin L. Ekblad, 34, Rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Marisol E. Harro-Sanchez, 25, Almena, operate without a valid license, \$516.00. Nancy C. Ramirez-Raudales, 28, Cumberland, operate without a valid license, \$516.00. Luis S. Sanchez-Hernandez, 30, Barron, operate without a valid license, \$516.00. Nicole M. Simons, 51, Rice Lake, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. David J. Apfel, 46, Cameron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Abby L. Dolsen, 24, South Range, speeding, \$263.50. Saige M. Elbe, 33, Cumberland, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30. Jessica J. Elwood, 20, Balsam Lake, fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30. Joseph C. Harris, 42, Spooner, speeding, \$200.50. Wayne L. Jackson, 25, Chicago, IL., reckless driving-endangering safety, \$999.50 and operate without a license, \$200.50. Richard E. Knutson, 64, Cumberland, speeding, \$175.30. Erik M. Lageson, 31, Apple Valley, MN., speeding, \$263.50. Amanda M. Lay, 34, Rice Lake, operating while revoked, \$200.50. Ricardo Y. Lopez-Leon, 22, Hayward, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Yanelly Nino, 25, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50 and violation of child safety restraint requirements, \$175.30. Joseph R. Perry, 33, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$364.30. Alisha M. Saffert, 33, Cumberland, speeding, \$175.30. Luis S. Sanchez-Hernandez, 30, Cumberland, speeding, \$175.30. Justin L. Schuessler, 42, Rice Lake, speeding, \$263.50. Brandon D. Steinbuch, 26, Rice Lake, operate motorcycle without a valid license, \$200.50. Carter J. Stroik, 18, Cameron, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Vada A. Tulgren, 24, Turtle Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00 and operating left of center, \$213.10. Alyssa K. Wegleitner, 31, South Saint Paul, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Jacob E. Williams, 41, Saint Paul, MN., operating while revoked, \$200.50.

Complaints

Roger A. Groehler, 68, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for December 17, 2025.

Tiffany A. Rathbun, 31, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for October 24, 2025.

Jasmine M. Hightower, 35, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Krystle M. Murphy, 39, of Minneapolis, MN., has been charged with possession of marijuana. Her court date is scheduled for February 18, 2026.

Jessica L. Zemlicka, 41, of Fridley, MN., has been charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her court date is scheduled for March 4, 2026.

Hayden L. Crotteau, 17, of Cameron, has been charged with underage possession of tobacco products/electronic nicotine. His court date is scheduled for November 26, 2025.

Joseph V. Gonzales, 44, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of THC. His court date is scheduled for November 26, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Santos S. Garciaperez, 32, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His court hearing is scheduled for December 8, 2025.

Kyle J. Kasdorf, 31, of Amery, has been charged with operate commercial motor vehicle without a license-WI resident. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 5, 2025.

Dulcie J. Smith, 21, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. Her court date is scheduled for November 12, 2025.

Brenda Y. Thompson, 53, of Gilman, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 5, 2025.

Preston M. Fulwiler, 29, of Stanley, has been charged with operating commercial motor vehicle without a license-WI resident. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 5, 2025.

James A. Baber, 60, of Birchwood, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Brent A. Madson, 55, of Birchwood, has been charged with violate/harassment restraining order. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Shaely E. Duffy, 28, of Barron, has been charged with theft-movable property and party to a crime. Her initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Chad M. Merritt, 30, of Barron, has been charged with theft-movable property and party to a crime. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Brian S. Menter, 53, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 5, 2025.

Ramiro T. Lopez, 29, of Almena, has been charged with OWI. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November

5, 2025.

Courtney R. Vanderwal, 34, of Madison, has been charged with interfere with custody-beyond visitation. Her initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Angel L. Prendiville, 21, of Rice Lake, has been charged with criminal damage to property, resisting/failing to stop and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 5, 2025.

Barronett News...

has all kinds of Halloween things inside and outside of her place. It's fun going around and seeing all the stuff people put up.

Kane and Pierce Thon and I were by the treehouse cleaning up fallen leaves on Saturday. There is just one maple tree close to the treehouse, but it is unbelievable how many leaves there were. The boys helped by raking a bit, and then playing with a frisbee, hula hoops and a soccer ball. I started a bonfire to burn a lot of the leaves, and the boys made smores and, when they ran out of graham crackers, just roasted marshmallows. They went into the garden and found four yellow squash that we had missed, so they kept two and gave us two. We had a fantastic day – and it's amazing how much 10 and 6-year-old boys can be when they set their minds to it.

Actually, I wish they were here again. I still have a few (probably three 5-gallon bucketsful) of apples to pick up off the ground. I think I can get that done this week – the weather is supposed to be nice. I certainly don't want to wait until the weekend because I saw a forecast predicting snow flurries on both Saturday and Sunday. Dang --- It's getting to be that time of year again.

There will be coffee hour after worship service at Barronett Lutheran this Sunday. If you are looking for a church, we would be glad to welcome you – and this would be a great way to get to know our congregation.

I'm going to run – Apples to pick up, leaves to rake, you know the routine. See you next time.

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept.
822-2754

Barron County Sheriff
537-3106

Tipster Line
1-800 532-9008

Polk County Sheriff
485-8300

Emergency 911

Look Back...

John L. Bonett, a son, operated a large sales barn dealing in horses and mules. He was Cumberland's first horse jockey, practicing veterinary medicine and racing some of his horses.

Just west of Bonett Bridge lies Collingwood Lake. The west of this lake a small wooden bridge led south to Comstock.

At that time most of Cumberland's retail businesses went in the south end. Do-

natelle's Grocery was built by Sam Donatelle in 1888. What is now Rye's Furnace Shop was then the Pioneer Meat Market.

A small grocery conducted business across from the old depot, according to museum owner Martin Wick. The former Hines Mercantile was an impressive establishment in South-town.

Still further west there was a long wooden bridge where the cement Grove

Street bridge now crosses Beaver Dam Lake. Cecil Christensen, who lived near the railroad tracks, remembers skating from one part of the lake to the other under this old bridge. The wooden railings were heavily carved with "Who loves who" names.

These bridges were important links that made the original Cumberland expand into the unusual city is today.

WisDOT urges drivers to put safety first on Buckle Up Phone Down Day

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) joins partners across the state and across the country urging drivers to put their seat belts on and put their phones down. Buckle Up Phone Down Day is an annual campaign to raise awareness for the two most important actions a driver can take to prevent deadly crashes.

Today and all week, Wisconsinites will see and hear educational messages and public service announcements on social and digital media platforms, broadcast radio, television and streaming platforms, as well as on digital signs along highways across the state. The effort urges drivers to model safe driving behaviors and commit to the Buckle Up Phone Down pledge to buckle up and put the phone down, every trip, every time.

"Safety is the driving force behind everything we do at WisDOT, but responsible driving is the key to preventing deadly crashes on Wisconsin's roads," WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. "The number of distracted driving crashes and crashes with unbelted drivers in our state is unacceptable. We know folks are busy and technology touches many aspects of our lives but behind the wheel is not the place to reply to a text or read an email. Please buckle up, please put your phone down, that's what it will take to move the needle on reducing deaths on our highways."

By the numbers:

- Distracted driving is a leading cause of traffic crashes in Wisconsin. In 2024, there were 9,068 crashes related to distracted driving across the state, resulting in 44 deaths and 3,530 injuries.
- Buckling up is one of the easiest and most important things a driver or passenger can do to stay

safe in a crash. In 2024, there were 7,648 crashes involving unbelted occupants, resulting in 176 deaths and 2,022 injuries.

"We have to do better for ourselves and for each other, the current culture of unsafe driving in Wisconsin and across the country puts everyone on the road at risk," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Buckle Up Phone Down Day is a great reminder of the lifesaving power of two simple steps that everyone can easily commit to. But it's going to take more than one day to change our behaviors, it has to be a collective effort from everyone, every trip, every time."

Join the effort:

- WisDOT partners with law enforcement, fire departments, emergency responders, school districts, local businesses, residents and community organizations across the state to spread awareness about the dangers of distracted and unbelted driving in Wisconsin. Anyone looking to become a Buckle Up Phone Down partner can visit WisDOT's Zero in Wisconsin website to learn how.

- Always buckle up. Every trip. Every time. Remind friends and family to do the same.

- Put your phone down and avoid distractions while driving. If you must use your phone, pull over to a safe location.

- o Texting while driving is not only dangerous but also illegal in Wisconsin. Sending or reading a text that takes your eyes off the road for five seconds at 55 mph is like driving the length of an entire football field with your eyes closed.

- o Handheld cell phone use is banned within 500 feet of an authorized emergency vehicle or tow truck with its lights on. Wisconsin Act 115 was signed into law in December 2021, creating an additional protection for road-

side workers.

- o It is illegal to talk on a handheld cell phone when driving through a construction or utility work zone in Wisconsin.

- o Hand-held or hands-free cell phone use while driving is against the law in Wisconsin for any driver with a probationary license or instruction permit, except to report an emergency.

Spreading awareness:

- Every driver can help create safer roads in Wisconsin on Buckle Up Phone Down Day and every day by taking the Buckle Up Phone Down pledge.

- o Participants are invited to share a photo with the Buckle Up Phone Down pose (right thumb up, left thumb down) on social media using the hashtag #BuckleUp-PhoneDown, then challenge friends, family and coworkers to do the same.

- WisDOT's new Buckle Up Phone Down public service announcements feature a real family devastated by a fatal distracted driving crash in southern Wisconsin. Told from the perspective of a spouse and father, the videos reveal the heartbreak one traffic crash can cause on the lives of many.

- Each year Buckle Up Phone Down Day is proclaimed by Gov. Tony Evers.

WisDOT launched the Buckle Up Phone Down program in 2021 to educate Wisconsinites about two of the biggest factors that contribute to deadly crashes on Wisconsin roads. The program has grown over the years to include hundreds of residents who've taken the Buckle Up Phone Down pledge and dozens of organizations that've become partners. Other state transportation departments across the country boast a Buckle Up Phone Down program. The Missouri Department of Transportation originated the program in 2017. Learn more about WisDOT's Buckle Up Phone Down campaign at wisconsindot.gov/BUPD.

Bomb Threat at Frederic High School

On Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at 1252pm, the Polk County Sheriff's Office received a phone call indicating there was a bomb at Frederic High School. The Emergency Dispatch Center notified the school district immediately. Emergency Protocols were followed by the Frederic School District. Law Enforcement and the Frederic Fire Department responded to the

scene. Students and staff were evacuated from the school. Bomb detection K9s were called in to do a thorough sweep of the school to ensure the building was safe for students and staff to return. No explosive devices were discovered in or around the school.

This is an open and ongoing investigation into the source of the threat. More information will

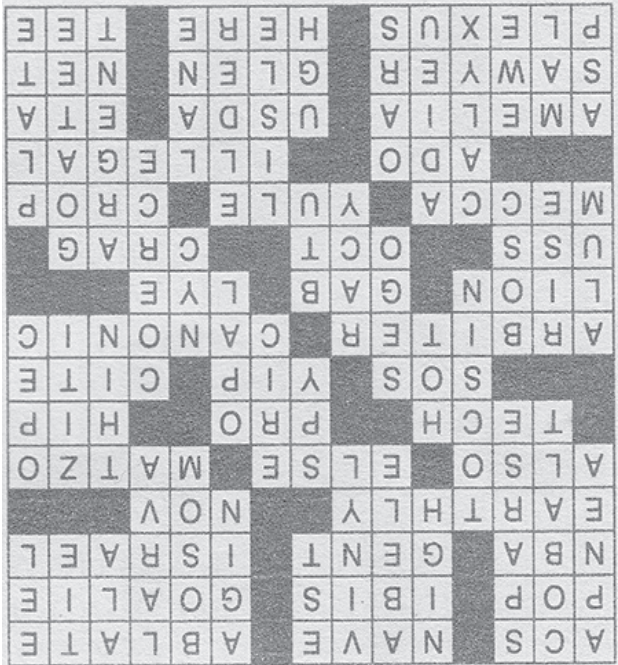
be put out at a later date. School is expected to resume as normal tomorrow. There will be an increased Law Enforcement presence to ensure safety.

Polk County Sheriff's office would like to thank Frederic Fire, Luck Police, Northwestern Municipal EMS, US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and US Marshalls for all their assistance with this incident.



THANKS FOR READING THE ADVOCATE





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Sudoku Solution #4153-M

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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Sports

All Conference!



Congratulations to Alexis Peterson on being named to the 2025 HON Volleyball All Conference Team. Alexis was named Honorable Mention as a middle blocker.

Cumberland Volleyball Names Award Winners

Coach Erin Miller and her staff have announced the Volleyball Award winners for the 2025 season. They include Senior Alexis Peterson, who was named to the HON Honorable Mention list as a Middle Blocker. Peterson was the lone Cumberland player to receive All-Conference recognition. Barron, who has qualified for this weekend’s State Tournament, led the First Team honorees with three players making the squad. Peterson was also honored as the team’s Co-MVP with Junior Raegan Beecroft. Coach Miller praised Peterson for receiving All-Conference recognition, while thanking the entire team for, “Working hard to improve and coming to play every night.” Other Varsity award winners include, Lauren McCreary as “Most Improved,” Sara Roff, who was chosen for the “Hustle Award,” and Raegan Beecroft, who won

the “Heart of the Team,” to go with her “Co-MVP Award.” The Team further recognized players at the JV level. “From our Dig Pink Night to every contest we played, these girls made this year an enjoyable one for our coaches,” concluded Miller. The JV Award winners are listed below. JV Awards: Most Improved: Jordyn Olson Hustle Award: Wren Ruppel Ace Server Award: Andi Olson Heart of the Team: Daleya Bleske & Alezae Gonzalez MVP: Hailey Paulson JV2 Awards: Most Improved: Abby Ritchie Hustle Award: Amy Rodriguez Ace Server Award: Amy Rodriguez Heart of the Team: Anahi Gonzalez MVP: Reina Furseth



Cumberland Cross Country Coach William Rosenow and Cumberland runner Tommy Dettinger at the State Cross Country Meet in Wisconsin Rapids. Congratulations Tommy on a great season and making the podium at the State Meet with an excellent 8th place finish.

Tommy Dettinger Finishes 8th at State Cross Country Meet

Cumberland Senior Tommy Dettinger completed his career at the State Cross Country Meet in Wisconsin Rapids last Saturday, where he finished 8th in the D3 field. It was the third best State finish for a Cumberland runner following only 2000 grad Tyler Odden, who had 4th and 6th place finishes during his career. Dettinger ran towards the front of the pack the entire race in setting a personal best time of 16:31.6. Jona-

thon Simon of St. Ambrose Academy won the Individual State Championship in 16:06, while Dettinger finished .03 of a second from 7th. One hundred fifty-three runners participated in the D3 race. St. Ambrose won the Team Championship, while Cameron finished 7th. Cumberland Cross Country Coach William Rosenow had this to say about Tommy. “I could not be more proud of Tommy and how

he has represented Cumberland. He ran his best race, finishing 8th just behind 6th and 7th in a photo finish with a personal record time of 16:32.6, solidifying his spot as the second-fastest runner in school history. Tommy has fully embodied what our program stands for—hard work, determination, and consistency—and every accomplishment he earned this season was through effort and heart. He’s only the second runner

in school history to medal at the state meet, following school record holder Tyler Odden. I will truly miss coaching him next fall, but his example will continue to inspire his teammates for years to come. Tommy put together a perfect senior season, podiuming at every race, and his determination will carry forward in the energy and drive of the runners who follow him.”

Dettinger adds his Name to Top CHS Distance Runners

By Mark R Fuller

With his 8th place finish at the State Tournament with a time of 16:31.6, Tommy Dettinger adds his name to a list of top distance runners that have been part of Cumberland Athletic history. Four of those individuals, Tim Altmann, Amy and Abby Nelson, and Tyler Odden were honored at the last two Cumberland Hall of Fame Banquets. Cross Country itself has been both a sponsored and non-sponsored sport off and on in the District for years. Most recently, the sport was added to the officially sponsored category in 1988, moving from the non-sponsored category, which at that time was sponsored by Community Ed. Among a few of the early strong distance runners prior to 1988 included Steve Anderson and Ben Lombard. Then in 1990, Ryan Steines joined that group when he became Cumberland’s first male Cross Country runner to reach the State Meet. Steines would go to State three straight years, finishing as high as ninth in 1991, when he ran a 17:30. He

would finish in the top-25 runners each of his three appearances. An excellent distance runner, in track, he would set school records in the 1600 (4:35.4) and the 3200m run (9:58.2). His career along with several others would set the stage for the Beavers best distance runners, Tyler Odden. Odden went to State Cross Country all four years starting in 1996, finishing 16th as a freshman and as high as sixth in 1999, when running a 16:32. His personnel best time was a School Record 15:47. Tyler Odden would play a major role in Cumberland’s only Conference Cross Country Title in 1997 while his final State appearance in the fall of 1999 coincided with Nathan Odden’s first State Meet, where he finished 20th. He would go to State three straight years, with his best finish an 11th in 2001, when he ran a 16:34. The WIAA finally sponsored Ladies Cross Country in 1975 and Cumberland began documenting successful female distance

runner names such as Joan Sundval, Joy Burns, Laila Dierks, Monica Zappa, and Sarah Haverly. Burns was a multiple Team MVP. It was the Nelson twins, however, whose love of running produced the Beavers only two HON Titles in 1999 and 2000. Their exploits included high finishes at the Conference Meet and State appearances. Among those who followed were Liz Braml, who appeared in the 2011 State Meet and ran a 16:27 and Carly McCreary, who was a two-time All-Conference honoree and made a State appearance in 2022. Since the HON has added the sport, Northwestern has dominated Cross Country, taking 14 of the last 17 Boy’s Titles and 14 Girls Championships. Cumberland, meanwhile, continues to work to challenge the top teams, with young runners such as Jovina Skinner, Ben Dettinger, and Jack Odden hoping to become part of the next Conference Title Team and a State participant.

2025 HON All Conference Team

1st Team			
Ava Moravchik	Ashland	Outside Hitter	Senior
Alexis Halverson	Barron	Outside Hitter	Junior
Lillian Harmon	Barron	Setter	Senior
Abby Miller	Barron	Libero	Junior
Shelby Hessel	Northwestern	Outside Hitter	Senior
Britta Olson	St Croix Falls	Outside Hitter/Setter	Junior
McKenna Warner	St Croix Falls	Middle/Setter	Junior
Andrea Erickson	Unity	Outside Hitter	Junior
2nd Team			
Izzy Donica	Barron	Middle Blocker	Senior
Brooklyn (Bea) Antczak	Cameron	Libero	Sophomore
Tatum Shilts	Ladysmith	Middle Hitter	Senior
Sophia Zimmer	Ladysmith	Libero	Junior
Genna Kreuser	Northwestern	Libero	Junior
Devin Danielsen	Spooner	Middle Blocker/OH	Senior
Lucy Braund	St Croix Falls	Outside Hitter/Middle	Senior
Ella Johnson	Unity	Setter/Outside Hitter	Junior
Honorable Mention			
Baylee Shatley	Barron	Outside Hitter	Senior
Addy Ebner	Cameron	Middle Blocker/RS	Sophomore
Alexis Peterson	Cumberland	Middle Blocker	Senior
Melody Isham	Hayward	Setter	Senior
Ila Seiling	Hayward	Outside Hitter	Sophomore
Addie Harms	Northwestern	Middle Blocker	Sophomore
Savanna Moore	Northwestern	Middle Blocker	Freshman
Klhoe Osborne	Spooner	Middle Blocker	Sophomore
Brooke Rangel	Spooner	Outside Hitter	Senior
Faith Allram	St Croix Falls	Libero	Junior
Elizabeth Jerrick	Unity	Libero	Senor
Isabelle Olson	Unity	Middle Hitter	Senior
Player of the Year			
Alexis Halverson	Barron	Outside Hitter	Junior

Sports Look Back, November 4, 2015

Several Cumberland Athletes finished up their fall seasons on All-Conference teams named last week. The first one named was Junior Isaac Bucher, who was named Honorable

Mention goalie on the Middle Border All-Conference Soccer team. Bucher, in his first year out for the sport, showed good athleticism in playing all but a few of the teams minutes in goal

this fall. He had numerous games with 20 or more saves. Senior Annie Larson was named to the Second Team All-Conference squad in Volleyball. A four-year set-

ter, Larson had as many assists in her career as anyone who has played for Cumberland. An excellent athlete, Larson has been an excellent three-sport athlete for Cumberland during her four-career. Junior Payton Rose was named Second Team Defensive back and Honorable

Mention quarterback, while Senior Ethan Roeschlein was Honorable Mention running back on the 2015 HON All-Conference Football team. Rose had two interception returns for touchdowns this fall, while also throwing for 631 yards and eight touchdowns from his quarterback

position during the Conference season. He added 300 rushing yards to his performance. Roeschlein, meanwhile, did a little bit of everything including 478 rushing yards and catching 18 passes for 225 yards. He also returned seven kickoffs for a 22.9 yards per return.



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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Twenty-One Days in a Bear Stand

Hello friends,
My bearbaiting season started on April 15th and ended on October 7th. 176 days after it started and 21 hunts later I had no choice but to throw in the towel as it closed. This week's column is about some of what I noticed and experienced running baits, hunting and talking to other hunters.
Doug Cibulka, my bear hunting partner, and I had 4 trail cameras out and it was by far our best year ever for daytime pictures of big bear. These photos were so common that we did not even talk about them by mid-July. What we did talk about is that out of what was probably thousands of photos, we did not have a single sow come in with cubs.

Generally sows and cubs are pests as they can become "glued" to the bait which leaves nothing for other bear. I am not a biologist, but my prediction is that where we hunt in northern Juneau County the wolves are eating the cubs. This is not just my theory but it is shared by many outdoors people. A pack of wolves living in the same forest as sows with cubs, has every day of the week, including some situations in the winter den for something to go wrong.

As I wrote, I hunted 21 late afternoons. On every trip that I had for this job, during the bear season, I hunted on the way home. I also went on a bow hunt for deer and fishing trip, in other words from September 3rd to October 9th I was running and gunning.

Doug and I had one bait that had the largest bear hitting it from about May 1st to September 24th that I have ever had come to one of my baits with regularity. This boar often traveled with his lover which was a sow in the 325-pound range. During the first 21 days of bear season the sow or boar or both would come in 20 to 60 minutes after dark, until bear season opened they were regular day time, bait hitters.

I became so into hunting him that I sat on that bait for 17 nights, the only night that one of them came in before dark I was at my buddy Chuck Reib's, Celebration of Life.

I have written that I feel bear baiters, especially those that are willing to do some walking are literally biologists without a degree. The changing seasons of the insects, the forest and swamp coming back to life, the fawns being born, the fawns being eaten by bears and wolf. The turkeys being born, the bear coming into heat in June and early July, the abundance of porcupine and the horrible reality of way too many raccoon now that the fur trapper has lost his or her market. The lack of ruffed grouse, drought and flooding are all a solid part of a bear baiter's experience.

There is so much more that we observe, even the mental and physical ability, as well as financial to just stay "into" the game. By October 7th, I was probably in the best shape that I will be the rest of my life, carrying 25 pounds of bait and making good time while bushwhacking forest and swamp will do that to you.

My buddy Doug got a bear but I was on one of my trips that pays my bills and so our hauling crew of Joey Dushek, Joey Snooty and Nathan Potter "younger guys" helped get Doug's bear out of the woods. There is a rule though and that is you have to have beer for the helpers and it is a guaranteed good time once the bear makes it to the truck.

It kind of looks like Doug is going into retirement from the world of bear hunting, Doug is an active guy and wants to see the world. My partners have been Selina and Joey, just Selina, Michelle, Michelle, Doug and I and now just me.

I did not see a bear in 21 nights. I had good friends harvest bear but other than Doug's all were much further north where you are not at the southern end of "real" bear country. I would strongly advise bear hunters to go at least 40 miles north of Necedah to hunt bear as there are too few and they are too smart in my zone.

As for me, I'm 64, I figure I will be in my prime for about another 20 years before I start to age so I



A very unlucky fawn about to be a wolfs dinner.



Hunting black bear is a family affair for "Musky Joe" Flater of Lake Holcombe.

will be the old geezer carrying a bucket of granola in the woods and looking for Mr. Big for many years to come!

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Illinois State University Hockey Hall Of Fame Inductee!



Marc Hayton

Marc Hayton Inducted into the Illinois State University Hockey Hall of Fame

Marc Hayton, a 2013 Rice Lake High School graduate and former Cumberland youth hockey player was inducted into the ISU Hockey Hall of Fame Class of 2025 as a Player. Marc began his career as a goalie for ISU Hockey on the 2015-16 D1 team. This was the initial season at ACHA D1 for the program. Marc played until the 2018-2019 season. He was a leader both on and off the ice for this transitional period for the program.
As the goalie of the team, Marc was instrumental in keeping the team competi-

tive as it adjusted to the higher level. His goal tending kept the team in games that might otherwise have been lost by a wide margin. In his four-year career, Marc played 83 games and had a save percentage of .904, impressive considering he would often face 50+ shots a game.
Off the ice, Marc was an active ISU Hockey Club member who served as treasurer before becoming Club President. During this time, the ISU Hockey Club was awarded the ISU Sports Club of the Year award.



Marc Hayton of Cumberland was inducted into the 2025 ISU Hockey Hall of Fame, on Saturday, October 25th. Marc played with the Redbirds Hockey Team from 2015-2019. Pictured is Mom Theresa, Marc and Dad Frank Hayton.

As Leaves Continue To Fall, Wildfire Danger Increases; Check Fire Danger Before Burning

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) asks the public to check fire danger before conducting outdoor burning activities, as the fall fire season continues.

Over fifty wildfires occurred in the month of October alone, burning approximately twenty acres. Though small in size, nearly all of these fires were human-caused and preventable.

After missing out on some typical September and early October rainfall, the U.S. Drought Monitor shows that most of Wisconsin is experiencing abnormally dry conditions. Some areas are even in a moderate drought.
Dry weather, gusty winds and a lack of precipitation can increase fire activity. Concerns over elevated fire danger will continue until significant precipitation in the form of rain or snow occurs. The DNR will be staffing fire equipment as conditions persist.
Wildfires can happen any time of the year when the ground is not completely snow-covered. Areas are especially vulnerable in the early spring and again in the fall after the leaves have fallen from the trees and the plants and grasses go dormant before winter.
Burning brush and leaf piles is the main cause of wildfires at this time of year, and debris burning remains the number one overall cause in Wisconsin. Sparks from recreational equipment, campfires and hot ashes from fireplaces are also contributing causes.
Smoldering embers can remain hot for days, even weeks. If using a wood stove or fireplace, empty the ashes into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid or dump them onto bare soil. Then, drown the ashes with water and stir until the embers are completely cold.
The same goes for campfires, burn barrels and burned leaf and brush piles. Before leaving the area, drown the ashes, stir and keep adding water until all heat and smoke are gone.
The DNR recommends avoiding conducting any debris burning until the ground is completely snow-covered.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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	AM		PM		MOON						
DATE	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Sunrise	Sunset	Rise	Up	Sets	Down	DST
11/05 Wed	> 3:58	10:12	4:27	10:42	06:53	04:49	4:31p	7:11a	NoMoon	11:56a	
11/06 Thu	F 4:59	11:15	5:30	11:45	06:54	04:47	5:10p	8:40a	12:27a	12:59p	
11/07 Fri	> 6:07	-----	6:40	12:23	06:56	04:46	6:01p	10:03a	1:31a	2:04p	
11/08 Sat	> 7:18	1:02	7:51	1:35	06:57	04:45	7:07p	11:13a	2:37a	3:09p	
11/09 Sun	8:29	2:13	9:00	2:45	06:59	04:43	8:23p	12:07p	3:41a	4:12p	
11/10 Mon	9:35	3:21	10:04	3:49	07:00	04:42	9:43p	12:46p	4:42a	5:10p	
11/11 Tue	10:34	4:21	11:00	4:47	07:01	04:41	11:01p	1:15p	5:37a	6:03p	

Major = 2 hours / Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window
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***TIE BREAKER**

1912; A November to Remember

by Mark R. Fuller

The November 1 edition of the local paper covered a series of articles not likely to be seen today. Many of them involved a number of incidents involving the animals that were part of this now 27-year old city.

Three of these animal incidents had kept Dr. G. A. Grinde busy. They include a broken arm in Maple Plain to eight-year old Jennie Cleary, who was knocked down by a cow, a fractured skull to 12-year old August Lundmark, who was kicked in the head by a horse, and a broken leg to Marcus Nelson, who was run over by a team of horses.

Another animal event cost Jim Zappa his pet, when his dog was shot by Chief of Police Utman.

While Zappa was in town doing some chores, his dog sat under his master’s wagon, but began nipping at the clothes and shins of passers by. After several persons were bit, the paper would say, “Chief Utman decided the dog would be happier if sent to the next world, so he used his trusty gun and the canine spirit took flight.”

Readers of the paper were also able to read about a series of upcoming events to participate in.

For 10 cents, an Art Exhibit was on display in the High School Auditorium, the Library published a series of new books available to check out, while the football team had two games left on their schedule after a 7-6 loss to New Richmond the previous Saturday. That, plus the 20-day deer hunt, was coming up on November 11 and with the average 1912 income sitting at \$750 a year, a little venison to supplement the household food supply sounded pretty good.

The price of food dur-

ing a particular time frame is always relevant, with a 1912 loaf of bread costing five cents, eggs at 22 cents a dozen, and 13 cans of Campbell’s soup for only \$1.00. Nevertheless, a successful garden and a little game were always welcome additions.

The hunting season provided many great stories. As the paper would add about the end of the 20-day hunt, “The boys, who so valiantly shouldered their guns and marched forth to meet death or get their deer are gradually straggling back and a good many of them are returning with their desired prize.”

Among the successful hunters were W. N. Fuller, Dr. W. L. Hocom, H. D. Jacobson, Emil Nelson, and J. W. Hogan. Hogan returned not only with a good-sized buck, but a black bear as well. One man who didn’t get his buck but remained thankful was Comstock’s Martin Nichols, who, while climbing on a tree, dropped his gun which fired a shot hitting him in the abdomen. He thankfully survived.

Perhaps he got his shooting fix, when healed, at the new Cumberland shooting gallery established by St. Paul’s W. A. Brown, on the first floor of the I.O.F. Building.

The biggest National news of the month had to be the election of Woodrow Wilson as our new President. His victory matched the prediction of the high school students who picked him to win by giving him 50 votes over their second choice, Teddy Roosevelt, who received 39.

Theodore Roosevelt’s Progressive Party became the first major national political party in the election to support women’s suffrage in its

platform but, when posed to the High School students, the boys protested against the vote and the question was eventually declared void due to a stuffed ballot box.

Additionally, the paper also kept readers informed on the bizarre story of the Davis family, who had recently moved to the Cumberland to preach. Eventually it was found that he and his supposed wife were not married at all and he had a real wife living in Brainerd, Minnesota.

The District Attorney eventually picked up the pair and the man, whose real name was A. L. DeBord, plead guilty to several charges and asked for an immediate sentence. Perhaps that was better than what might await him back home.

Soon Thanksgiving and November were through and Christmas was right around the corner. The ladies of St. Mary’s were among the first to recognize the fast-approaching season with a sale at the Rectory of hand-made aprons, towels, bags and lunch clothes. They served refreshments with admission only 15 cents.

The Chicago Store followed with a “Special Seven Day Sale,” that included men’s heavy sweater coats for 46 cents, winter caps for 19 cents, and ladies’ black wool hose for 22 cents.

November had been a busy time and with what had been a successful hunt and with an always enjoyable Thanksgiving, now it was time to start thinking about what lies ahead in December. Christmas has always been a great time to live in the “Island City.”

DNR Publishes Preliminary 2025 Bear Season Results

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced preliminary results for the 2025 bear season. This fall, bear hunters harvested 3,724 bears during the 35-day season, placing this season on par with the five-year average of about 3,800 bears annually.

This year’s harvest was slightly below the overall harvest target of 4,075 bears, but within the expected range of harvest for this fall.

“Reports from the field seemed variable this year,” said Randy Johnson, DNR large carnivore specialist. “Some hunters reported this was one of the best years of bear hunting they’ve experienced, while others were challenged by abundant acorns and corn, reducing the effectiveness of their baits. Bear hunters across the state also faced below-average temperatures in the beginning part of the season, followed by above-average temperatures towards the end of the season, each of which can affect bear activity. Overall, hunter success rates ended up slightly below average, translating to overall bear harvest right about where we anticipated.”

The 2025 bear season ran from Sept. 3 to Oct. 7. A total of 13,110 bear hunting licenses were awarded to hunters through the license lottery system.

Statewide, hunter success was about 28%, slightly below the five-year average hunter success rate of 32%. Hunter success rates in individual zones varied from as high as 69% in Zone A to less than 10% in Zones E and F.

“Each year, we evaluate the outcome of the harvest season as well as several other important metrics such as agricultural damages due to bears and residential bear complaints. We use this information to adjust license and harvest levels as needed in different regions of the state to affect the bear population and data trends. This adaptive management strategy is what allows us to strive towards sustainable bear population levels, compatible with the habitat and public preferences,” said Johnson.

Benefits Of Bear Hunting Wisconsin has a thriving bear population, estimated at around 23,000 bears, with a range covering more than half the state.

While bears have tremendous cultural and ecological value, they can also conflict with human interests, damaging agricultural crops or raiding residential trash and bird feeders. While most conflicts are addressed through education and other non-lethal means, hunting also plays an important role in balancing bear populations.

“Aside from being a management tool that ultimately supports healthy bear populations, bear hunting also provides wonderful opportunities to experience the outdoors with the company of family and friends. Harvested bears provide both a source of sustainable protein and memories that can last a lifetime,” said Johnson.

Hunters provide critical data from every harvested bear, which is the backbone of population monitoring efforts and ensures a healthy and sustainable bear population into the future. Bear hunter license fees also supply key funding for bear management, research and outreach activities.

Reminders For Next Year Hunters wishing to obtain a license or preference point for the 2026 season must apply in Go Wild or at a etain their accumulated preference points; otherwise, all accumulated preference points will be lost.

Over 146,000 people applied for a bear hunting license or preference point for the 2025 season, again setting an all-time high record number of applicants. To help hunters make hunting plans, a full breakdown of the 2025 bear license drawing results and license wait times is available online.

Visit the DNR’s Bear Hunting webpage to learn more about black bear hunting, ecology and management in Wisconsin. n authorized license agent before the Dec. 10 deadline. State law requires bear permit applicants to apply at least once during any period of three consecutive years to retain their accumulated preference points; otherwise, all accumulated preference points will be lost.

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Zone	Harvest Target	Preliminary Harvest*	Licenses Issued	Hunter Success Rate
A	1,075	1,161	1,680	69%
B	900	841	1,610	52%
C	750	661	3,750	18%
D	1,100	906	3,570	25%
E	200	128	2,000	6%
F	50	27	500	5%
Statewide Total	4,075	3,724	13,110	28%



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