



Missing Rice Lake Woman Found Deceased in Ashland

On November 7th, 2025, at about 1:00 pm, the Rice Lake Police Department received notification that Toni A. Peterson who was reported missing last Monday, November 3rd was located deceased in the City of Ashland Wisconsin. Ms.

Peterson's death is being investigated by the Ashland Police Department, however no foul play is suspected at this time. The Rice Lake Police Department extends its deepest condolences to Ms. Peterson's family.

Council Holds November Meeting; Discusses Developers Agreement Around the Water Tower

by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland Common Council held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4 and following the Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance, they began their work for the city.

First up was the approval of the Consent Agenda and license requests. Following a review of the nine applications, the Council unanimously approved all operator licenses brought to the Council.

With no request for public comment, next up was a discussion of items brought forth by the Common Council Committees.

From the Finance Committee, the Council discussed six bids which were received for the TID #9 Street and Utility Extension project. The low bid for the work, along with an alternate bid for roadway asphalt paving, were both submitted by Erickson Excavating and were unanimously approved by the eight Alderpersons.

This was followed by a vote on a Resolution to amend and update airport

fees for services provided. The lease of land for private hangars was increased along with new charges for snow removal and lawn mowing, which are consistent with other area airports.

A final Finance Committee topic regarding action on the Fire District's proposed budget and annual report was postponed until next month.

The Council next moved into Public Safety and Utility topics, where they approved the 2026-2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Cumberland Police Association and authorized payments and a change order to Pember Companies Inc for work on the Watermain Reconstruction project on Hines Lakeview Drive. This payment puts the City close to covering the total bill.

The final Utility Topics included the approval of a Well #6 pilot study on the removal of magnesium from water supplies as well as a payment to James Peterson Sons, Inc for asphalt paving, 9-inch manholes,

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Cumberland Healthcare Volunteer Partners 33rd Annual Love Light Fundraising Campaign is Underway

CUMBERLAND, WI – Cumberland Healthcare Volunteer Partners 33rd Annual Love Light Fundraising Campaign is underway, and community members are encouraged to remember loved ones this holiday season by honoring them through the purchase of lights for the Love Light Tree and the Tree of Hope.

The Love Light Tree will be outside near the front entrance of Cumberland Healthcare. This tree will be decorated with multicolored lights and pay tribute to someone special, to the donor, to remember, recognize or give thanks to a loved one or honor loved ones with current or past military service.

The Tree of Hope will be outside of the Wound/Infusion Center. Lights purchased for this tree will be decorated with white lights and will honor those affected by cancer. Lights for either tree may be purchased for \$5 a light or \$25 for a string of lights.

Donation forms can be

obtained at the hospital Information Desk, The Corner Boutique Gift Shop, Turtle Lake Center, the Advocate Newspaper on page 2, and the Cumberland Healthcare website, www.cumberlandhealthcare.com/volunteer/. Donations will be accepted November 6th through December 19th.

Proceeds from the Love Light Fundraising Campaign benefit the Cumberland Healthcare Volunteer Partners Scholarship Fund. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded each year to graduating seniors from Cumberland and Turtle Lake entering a healthcare field of study.

Cumberland Healthcare Volunteer Partners is a group of individuals dedicated to making the experience of Cumberland Healthcare patients, families and visitors positive and enjoyable. For more information about volunteering at Cumberland Healthcare contact DeAnn Walters, Volunteer Coordinator, at 715-822-7264.

Thank You To All Veterans!



The advancement of colors by The American Legion-VFW Honor Guard at the Veterans Day program held at the Cumberland Middle School on Tuesday, November 11th.



US Navy Veterans Ed Schoonveld, John Miller and Dennis Free salute during the playing of "Anchors Away" at the Veterans Day Program.



Major James Richie US Army Veteran Retired, gave the Veterans Day Address at the Veterans day Program Tuesday, November 11th.

Veteran's Day Should be Everyday

by Mark R Fuller

A group of 20 officers, who served in the American Expeditionary Forces in World War I, were asked to suggest ideas on how to improve troop morale. One officer, Lt. Col. Theodore Roosevelt Jr., proposed an organization of veterans, which we know today as

The American Legion. It would be chartered on September 16, 1919, by the United States Congress.

As 15 Cumberland servicemen returned to town following the conclusion of WWI, an announcement ran in the October 30, 1919 Advocate, announcing a meet-

ing to form a local Legion Post would take place on October 31, at 8:00 pm, in the K.P Hall above Wang's Drug Store. It was open to any serviceman, with an honorable discharge, who served between April 6, 1918 and the end of the War. The following week, the

Advocate announced 14 men had signed as charter members and asked for names to be sent in to name the new Post.

A second meeting was held that November, in which by-laws were drawn up and H.L. Goodrich was named

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Hometown Heroes!



In honor of Veterans Day, the freshman class had the privilege of hearing from four local veterans: Major James Richie, Sergeant Charlie Baker, Gunner's Mate 3rd Class John "Gunny" Wackerfuss, and Lieutenant Laura Nelson. They shared stories from their military service, discussed how their experiences helped them grow, and spoke about the places their careers took them. Students gained a valuable perspective from those who served our country and had the opportunity to ask thoughtful questions.

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Madison, WI-The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) announces that its free, secure, electronic filing option, WisTax, will be available for filing 2025 income taxes, starting in February 2026 with expanded features for those who claim the Veterans and Surviving Spouses Property Credit or need to amend their return. This announcement comes in the wake of the IRS announcing it will discontinue its free, secure income tax filing system, direct file.

The IRS notified states that offered the free government tax filing service known as Direct File in 2025, including Wisconsin, that the program has been discontinued and won't be available for the next filing season. The program allowed eligible taxpayers in certain state to file their federal taxes for free directly

with the IRS. The shutdown is effective as of November 2025 and no further launch date has been set.

“It is unfortunate that the IRS will not offer its Direct File program to allow residents to file income taxes for free,” Secretary of Revenue David Casey said. “We had so much positive feedback from taxpayers who were able to file both their federal and state income taxes using east-to-use software that was free and secure. Notwithstanding the federal government’s announcement, DOR is proud to continue our free file product and will encourage taxpayers to utilize it.”

Taxpayers can learn more about WixTax by visiting DOR’s website or by contacting DOR Customer service for assistance.



On November 6, the Haunted Path in Barron wanted to give back to the community and donated \$500 to the Cumberland Police Department. Pictured left to right are Cumberland Police Officer Anthony Brunner, K9 Kilo, Josh Robarge and Kendra Albee from the Haunted Path and Cumberland Police Chief Heather Wolfe.

The Diversity of Mushrooms in Wisconsin

Join us at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland on Tuesday, November 18 from Noon to 1 PM for this year’s first Lunch

& Learn presentation with Cumberland resident Tavis Lynch! Tavis is a mycology instructor for 35 schools in the Upper Midwest and the

author of several books. This will be an indoor presentation with time for questions. The Friends of the Library will provide lunch! Registration required. Please call 715-822-2767 or email cupl@cumberlandpl.org.

THE DIVERSITY OF MUSHROOMS IN WISCONSIN

Tuesday, November 18 | Noon - 1 PM

Join us for this year's first Lunch & Learn presentation with Cumberland resident Tavis Lynch! Tavis is a mycology instructor for 35 schools in the Upper Midwest and the author of several books. He is also active with the Wisconsin Mycological Society, and is the founder of the Northwestern Wisconsin Myco Enthusiasts Club.

This will be an indoor presentation with time for questions. The Friends will provide lunch!

Registration required. Please call 715-822-2767 or email cupl@cumberlandpl.org.

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, NOV. 13: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball • MS Boys Basketball Home vs Barron •
FRIDAY, NOV. 14: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit • 6-8 pm HS Girls Basketball Scrimmage Home •
SATURDAY, NOV 15: • 11 am-1 pm Pickleball ES Gym •
MONDAY, NOV. 17: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit •
TUESDAY, NOV. 18: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30 am-7:30 am CCE Pickleball -ES Gym • 5-7:30 pm MS Boys Basketball @ Bloomer • 5:45-8:45 pm HS Girls Basketball game Home vs Webster • 6-8 pm School Board Meeting • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19: • 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

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

To register or further questions:
Contact Susan Bridger CCE Director at 715-822-5121 ext 403
sbrid@csdmail.com

You can Never go wrong with Chocolate...

Come join us on Thursday, December 4, @ 4:30 pm @ ICFC. Register soon for chocolate making class that will get you in the holiday spirit. Jane Waddell of Sweet Jane's Small Batch Chocolates is offering a class that will send you home with two chocolate projects; a fruit and nut tree, and a chocolate bark made with holiday flavors.

This class is offered as a fundraiser for the Island City Food Coop, so your donations are appreciated. There will be a \$20 materials fee for the 1lb of tempered chocolate and the ingredients to mix into that you receive. Space is limited to 8 students. Please note that the chocolate we will be using is not certified gluten-free, nut-free, or dairy-free, so if you have severe allergies or sensitivities, this class is not for you. There WILL be gluten-friendly, no-added nut, and no added dairy options. You will have a choice of milk or dark chocolate for each project. MUST SIGN UP BY DEC. 1ST!

To register or ask questions please contact:
Island City food Coop, 715-822-8233 or icfoodcoop@gmail.com or Susan Bridger, CCE HS 715-822-5121 sbrid@csdmail.com

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

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To register or for further questions, contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbrid@csdmail.com

2025 LOVE LIGHT TREE DONATION FORM

Let Your Love Shine

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____

LOVE LIGHT TREE: Pay tribute to someone special

Our Love Light Tree will be decorated with multi-colored lights and grace our main entrance.

My donation of \$ _____ is (Note: \$5 per light or \$25 per string of lights, multiple names):

____ In Memory of ____ In Recognition of ____ In Thanks ____ In Military Appreciation of

NAME: _____

TREE OF HOPE: Honor those affected by cancer

Our Tree of Hope will be decorated with white lights and illuminate the area outside of the Wound and Infusion Center.

My donation of \$ _____ is (Note: \$5 per light OR \$25 per string of lights, multiple names):

____ In Honor of Cancer Survivor ____ In Recognition of Cancer Diagnosis & Treatment

____ In Memory of Cancer Patient

NAME: _____

Donations will be taken
November 6th through December 19th

Mail the donation form to Cumberland Healthcare Volunteer Partners, 1705 16th Avenue, Cumberland, WI 54829, or drop it off at the Cumberland Healthcare Information Desk. Proceeds from the Love Light Campaign benefit the Cumberland Healthcare Volunteer Partner's Scholarship Fund. Two \$1,000 scholarships are awarded each year to graduating seniors from Cumberland and Turtle Lake who are furthering their education in the healthcare field.

CUMBERLAND HEALTHCARE
Volunteer Partners

Thanks for reading The Advocate

SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, Nov. 13
Chicken penne pasta with alfredo sauce, broccoli, homemade wheat bread.
MS/HS: Pizza.
ES: Uncrustables.

Friday, Nov. 14
Personal pizza, coleslaw.
MS/HS: Pizza.
ES: Uncrustables.

Monday, Nov. 17
Hamburger/cheeseburger, fries.
MS/HS: Pizza.
ES: Uncrustables.

Tuesday, Nov. 18
Nachos, corn, black beans.
MS/HS: Pizza.
ES: Uncrustables.

Wednesday, Nov. 19
Thanksgiving Dinner: Roast turkey w/mashed potatoes & gravy, cranberries, peas, pumpkin dessert. 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.
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3		1				7		9
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		6			3		4	
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8				9				

PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Wing

4 Half man, half goat

9 Lazy ____ (turn table)

14 Direct

15 Adios

16 Male relative

17 Mountain Standard Time

18 Hair care product brand

19 Footwear

20 Popular stadium

22 Lazy people

24 Kid

25 Resort hotel

27 Fat

29 One of the N. and S. States

32 Snatch

35 Label

36 Computer screen dot

38 Widely known

40 Replace a striker

42 Cuban, for example

44 Harvard's rival

45 Vial

47 Harmonize

49 What's owed

50 Yearly

52 Swamp

54 Tricky

55 Cake or Bread ____

56 American Cancer Society (abbr.)

59 Tenant

63 Tryout

67 Dance

69 Foot sores

71 Slide on snow

72 Hike a mountain

73 Life and ____

74 Fasten

75 Shoddy

76 Forest clearing

77 North northeast

DOWN

1 Weapons

2 Sappy

3 Wager

4 Exhaust

5 Sea near Italy

6 Even

7 Shriek

8 Law

9 Lessen

10 Card game

11 Scotsman

12 Singing voice

13 Bird's home

21 Beg

23 Hustle

26 Papa

28 I Love ____ (tv show)

29 Country house

30 Once more

31 Lengthwise

32 Fright

33 Cover

34 Debris at the base of a cliff

35 Teaspoon (abbr.)

37 Chick holder

39 Ball holder

41 Prohibits

43 Resumed business again

46 Child's song

48 Time period

51 Popeye's yes

53 Picnic pest

56 Account (abbr.)

57 Pop

58 Irritation

60 Acting (abbr.)

61 Sully

62 Writer Bombeck

64 Sports channel

65 Pare

66 Prong

68 Time zone

70 South southeast

My Life, My Story

Gary Moore

I've spent pretty much my whole life living and working around Cumberland, Wisconsin where I was raised on a dairy and beef cattle farm. My parents George and Beverly kept us busy with the milking and school activities. My brother David and I helped out in the barns. My sisters Sharon, who passed away later in life in California, and Bonnie worked around the house. In the off-season of farming, we took a few family road trips.

After high school, I worked at home and in a hardware store part time. Then I went to a vo-tech school to learn welding, I then worked on bulk tanks in a factory for a few years. I married Sharon in 1981, and we lived on a 40-acre parcel of the family farm where I built a log home over the next 10 years. Sharon worked at the casino in Turtle Lake. Our son Brandon was born in 1981, and our daughter Kendra was born in 1984. Brandon was into baseball, football and basketball. He also played the trombone in the band with Kendra who played the flute. We liked to take tent camping trips in the summer. We once took a family vacation out to Washington DC but only made it part way because of traffic. At least we got to visit our family.

During those years, I worked all over Wisconsin in the logging industry. Sharon and I divorced in 1992 but split our time with the kids. From about 1998-2008, I was running heavy equipment like bulldozers and graders in the Twin Cities. After that I took a position for the Town of Maple Plain driving snow-plows and mowing ditches. That has been my job for the last 20 years.

When the kids graduated high school, they both followed their mother into work at the casino. Brandon is the head of floor security on the day shift and has a daughter named Brielle and a second one named Kaia. Brandon recently got married for the second time. They all live close by, and I can follow the kids' activities. Kendra is single and also still works at the casino.

My girlfriend of 15 years, Jeri, is retired from the VA where she worked in administration. We like to clear trails on the property and ride our UTV around to spot wildlife. I used to hunt deer, but now I just watch them in the wild. We also have bears, turkeys, coyotes, and eagles. We work hard to keep the animals out of Jeri's garden, a 20' by 60' plot where she grows a lot of vegetables because she doesn't eat meat. Luckily, she is always willing to whip up some chicken or venison for me. We watch the Packers and Brewers when they are on network TV. When sports aren't on, I enjoy watching documentaries about wars and history. I rented 10 acres of my land to a couple of neighbors who put in corn and soybeans.

As soon as I'm not laid up, I want to see the grandkids play sports and maybe go fishing. Fishing might have to wait until retirement. I'll buy a little boat and put it in Beaver Dam Lake or any of the many lakes in the area.

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

You know you’re getting a little older when you know several people who were in the obituary section of the paper last week. Now granted they passed away too young, but it still hits close to home. It seems sometimes like these things go in streaks. I will miss them all, rest in peace.

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How about that article last week from our Mayor Dan Shoemaker. There has been so much that has happened in Cumberland the past couple of years, with this last year being super busy. It is not easy and it never will be. I imagine its one of those positions where you hear complaints constantly. I know I hate it when taxes go up, roads are closed, or services are temporarily down. It’s pretty much a no win situation. I know the committees, commissions and everyone at the city has put in a lot of extra time this past year. Thanks for doing what most people don’t want to do! There will always be things that some people don’t like or agree with, that’s just the nature of the beast. That is also why we hold elections.

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My son Isaac and his wife Kali have bought a house, we are headed down to help move soon. It will be so nice to clean out a lot of stuff that has been in our basement, office and garage. It is also super cool to see the two of them starting their journey together. Although moving is not fun at all, I’m sure we will make time for a few laughs and a good meal. Kali’s parents will be there too, and they are a ton of fun as well, so hopefully its not all work and no play!

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It looks like we are going to get a bonus week of weather with temps looking to bounce back into the mid 50’s. How good is that? I haven’t put the boat away yet, so hopefully I can sneak out once or twice yet. I have all my fall chores done, so its looking good! There is always that down time when you can’t get in the boat and you can get on the ice. Hopefully deer season will bring a little excitement and hold me over until early ice! Take advantage of this weather.

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What is going on in the NFC North? Home field advantage seems to be lost. The Packers have lost 2 games in a row at home and the Vikings have lost 3 of 4 at home. Both of those places are typically hard to win at. The Bears are 6-3 and keep winning games late with QB Caleb Williams looking the part of the first pick in the draft last year and the Lions are 6-3 as well. Who knows how this division will shake out in the end. Stay tuned! Thank you to all Veterans who have served to make the United States of America the best country on the planet. Have a great week!

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Bipartisan forum focuses (mostly) on how to build Wisconsin economy”

MADISON, Wis. – The first major gathering of Wisconsin’s candidates for governor took some off-ramps around issues such as President Trump’s “bully” status, legalizing marijuana and even abortion in China, but those tangents didn’t stop six candidates from spending most of their time laying out their thoughts on how to improve Wisconsin’s economy.

In most cases, even those rhetorical side roads fit into the narrative.

A panel of five Democrats and one Republican took turns Thursday during a Madison forum talking about early-stage investing; artificial intelligence and the boom in data centers; keeping and attracting more workers; energy, health care and housing needs; education at all levels; and ensuring rural Wisconsin isn’t left behind.

Produced by the Wisconsin Technology Council, the forum was lacking only one of the leading candidates – U.S. Rep. Tom Tiffany from northern Wisconsin, a Republican. On hand were Republican Josh Schoemann, the Washington County executive; and Democrats David Crowley, the Milwaukee County executive; Missy Hughes, the former chief executive of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp.; state Rep. Francesca Hong of

Madison; state Sen. Kelda Roys of Madison; and Lt. Gov. Sara Rodriguez. More Democrats are in the race because Gov. Tony Evers is not seeking re-election, leaving an “open seat” in the Nov. 3, 2026, general election.

There was broad agreement that Wisconsin must do more to attract “early stage” investment capital, the kind of money that can finance young companies. They generally agreed that a recommendation to prime the pump with \$100 million more from the state is an idea already working to lure private capital in other Midwest states. Schoemann upped the ante by suggesting \$250 million or even \$500 million.

A perennial issue in Wisconsin is that most angel and venture capital is invested in young companies based in Madison or Milwaukee, even though young firms with winning ideas can be found anywhere. Crowley noted he would like to see more investment “from Racine to Rhinelander” by undertaking an out-of-state “road show” to call attention to such gaps.

Hughes, who lives in Viroqua, said other states are also “being very aggressive” in priming their investment capital pumps. She added additional dollars could

supplement existing state efforts such as the relatively new Wisconsin Innovation Fund, the Badger Fund of Funds and the Qualified New Business Venture tax credits.

More discussion was centered around the promise – and potential perils – of AI, how Wisconsin could benefit from the boom in major data centers, and ways to extend internet accessibility across the state.

While support for additional data centers was lukewarm among some candidates, no one discounted the idea of keeping an open mind to how Wisconsin can benefit.

Hughes talked about the larger supply chain associated with data center construction and operation, Schoemann cited the need for next-generation nuclear power plants, while Rodriguez, Roys and Hong stressed the need to make sure such centers help larger communities and don’t harm the environment.

There were some misgivings about electrical bill “cost-shifting,” a term to describe the fear that the costs of powering data centers will be shifted to other residential and business customers. However, Wisconsin’s Public Service Commission frowns upon such cost shifts by state utilities.

There are already 47 data centers in Wisconsin, mostly

smaller in capacity. The debate is largely over “hyper-scale” data centers and how to meet their energy needs through high-capacity transmission lines.

President Trump entered the conversation when Roys and Hong cited his “authoritarian” streak as a major impediment to economic growth in Wisconsin due to unpredictable tariffs, cancelled federal grants in areas such as research, and immigration policies that hurt farmers, restaurant owners and others. Roys described him as a “bully” who needs to be confronted. Rodriguez, a nurse by training, extended the anti-Trump theme to gaps in health care.

Hong had a two-word answer when asked about how to pay for broadband expansion: “Legalize weed,” meaning marijuana. Some others agreed, with Rodriguez joking “(Illinois) Governor J.B. Pritzker thanks us every day.”

It’s a long road to the August 2026 party primaries and the November general election – and the current field of candidates may not be complete. Still, the notion of vigorous debate ahead is off to a strong start.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago

November 18, 2015

David Karpenske, who served as the Cumberland Head Wrestling Coach in 1999 and 2000, was named to the State Wrestling Coaches Hall of Fame last week in Madison. Previous to that, he was the Glenwood City Coach for 10 years, where Cumberland Principal Ritchie Narges was one of his assistant coaches. As a high school wrestler at Amery, Karpenske won two state titles and had a distinguished career at UW-Superior, where he is a member of their Hall of Fame.

20 Years Ago

November 16, 2005

The Cumberland Academic Decathlon team has qualified for regional competition to be held in January. This comes after qualifying testing that was held around the state on November 8. Academic Decathlon is a state academic competition. The members of the Cumberland team are Aaron Hendricks, Erica Sampson, Ben Weltzin, Amy Thompson, Ben Amundson, Della Ljungkull, Elizabeth Brown and Marta Galep.

The Cumberland Fire Department was called to 1325 Comstock Avenue to extinguish a fire late

Tuesday afternoon at the Lord residence. The cause of the fire is unknown, and no other information was available at press time.

30 Years Ago

November 15, 1995

Cumberland Assistant Baseball Coach Joe Waite has been named the Wisconsin Baseball Coaches Association “Man of the Year” for 1995. Waite, who has been at Cumberland for seven years, will be honored for his outstanding work with the associations annual yearbook and all-star classic program.

40 Years Ago

November 13, 1985

After more than 100 years, the Cumberland Advocate is no longer in the commercial printing business. Printer Gary Stevens has taken ownership of the Advocate’s job presses and related equipment. Stevens who has been a printer with the Advocate for over 26 years, has established a printing shop at 975 First Ave.

Route Two Cumberland postal carrier Myron Sorensen received a pin commemorating his 30 years as a postal employee.

50 Years Ago

November 13, 1975

Dr. Donald DeNucci,

D.D.S., has announced he will open a office here this month for the general practice of dentistry. DeNucci, who is a former Cumberland resident, is building a dental office at 1055 8th Ave, just west of the high school. He expects the structure to completed by mid November with the opening soon after.

This winter, for the first time in a decade, Wisconsin drivers will be without studded snow tires under a law passed by the 1974 Legislature because of extensive highway damage. In the 10 years since studs were legalized in 1965, studded tires have chiseled ruts up to three quarters of an inch deep, with lesser damage noted in urban areas in all parts of the state.

60 Years Ago

November 12, 1965

By a unanimous vote on Monday, The Barron County Board, meeting in its annual fall session, voted to construct a two-year college at Rice Lake. The cost of the project is over \$2,000,000.00 with the County to pay about \$150,000.00.

70 Years Ago

November 17, 1955

John Jacobson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Jacob-

son, received the coveted Eagle Scout award at recent Court of Honor ceremonies.

80 Years Ago

November 13, 1945

A fire alarm came Monday afternoon when sparks from a trash fire at the rear of the store ignited the roof of the Company Store warehouse. Prompt attention prevented the spread of the fire so that only minor damage to the roof resulted.

2025

WEATHER

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11/8	39	28	0.02	0.00
11/9	32	19	0.00	trace
11/10	27	20	0.00	trace

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

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Daniel D. Dahle, 42, Haugen, OWI, \$2,121.00. Nevada A. Lebow, 23, New Richmond, OWI, \$1,585.00. Isaiah D. Ohms, 27, Elk Mound, OWI, \$1,554.00. Nancy C. Ramirez-Raudales, 28, Cumberland, operate without a valid license, \$516.00. Zoey I. Boland, 17, Arcadia, speeding, \$276.10. Jack P. Boyle, 18, Brookfield, IL., speeding, \$200.50. Tyler D. Campbell, 32, Cameron, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Chippewa Valley Blacktop LLC., New Auburn, non-registration of other vehicle, \$263.50. Matthew E. Ciarlette, 24, Lockport, IL., speeding, \$200.50. Brady J. Croteau, 30, Cumberland, speeding, \$175.30. Stephanie J. Czajkowski, 33, Oakland, CA., speeding, \$175.30. Taylor S. Dahlstrom, 20, Frederic, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Chris N. Deloney, 55, Odanah, speeding, \$225.70. Kemar K. Ennis, 39, Bloomer, speeding, \$200.50. Jack A. Everett, 27, Chicago, IL., speeding, \$200.50. Todd W. Fulton, 55, St. Croix Falls, speeding, \$175.30. Jonathan A. Getchell, 23, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Heidi L. Goode, 37, Sparta, speeding, \$200.50. Faith A. Hemingway, 29, Minneapolis, MN., failure to stop at stop sign, \$162.70. Jennifer M. Holm, 47, Chetek, speeding, \$200.50. Matthew T. Hughes, 24, Pleasant Prairie, WI., speeding, \$175.30. Saronah J. Johnson, 32, Ridgeland, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Kyle K. Johnson, 26, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30. Aspen L. Klopp, 21, Shell Lake, speeding, \$250.90. Gwyn E. Koepke, 63, Stone Lake, speeding, \$200.50. Chad C. Lehmann, 42, Cumberland, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Lindsay R. Martin, 38, Kasson, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Brett A. Martin, 44, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Michael J. McCarthy, 18, Weyerhaeuser, speeding, \$250.90. John G. Michener, 47, Wabasha, MN., speeding, \$250.90. Gerald L. Miller, 75, Ridgeland, speeding, \$175.30. Jack J. Mitchell, 75, Lockport, IL., speeding, \$276.10. Obryan Trucking LLC., Bruce, raw forest product overweight violation, \$417.66. Irina Paskar, 40, Coon Rapids, MN., speeding, \$200.50. Shane A. Pisa, 29, Birchwood, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00.

Scott G. Pulvermacher, 63, Waunakee, WI., speeding, \$175.30. Red Cedar Trucking Inc., Cameron, raw forest product overweight violation, \$591.54. Lindsey L. Robak, 33, Webster, speeding, \$200.50. Jannette K. Schmidt, 41, Chippewa Falls, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Laura T. Schwarz, 57, Woodbury, MN., speeding, \$225.70. Edwin Serano, 55, Ladysmith, operating left of center, \$221.10. Madison E. Sipek, 24, Sun Prairie, speeding, \$250.90. Bryce A. Sohn, 29, Spooner, speeding, \$175.30. Vickie N. Strickland, 53, Savage, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Jady N. Swansson, 19, Ladysmith, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Timber Ridge Transport LLC., Exeland, raw forest product overweight violation, \$421.44. Dominic X. Townsend, 20, Chetek, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Victor Trejo-Aguilar, 60, Cumberland, speeding, \$175.30. Sharon L. Voss, 71, Sun Prairie, speeding, \$276.10. Dingguo Wang, 56, Atherton, CA., speeding, \$250.90. Jesse J. Whitehead, 18, Barron, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Gale M. Wilson, 59, Menomonie, operate without carrying a license, \$150.10.

Complaints

Larry S. Bronstad Jr., 44, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV with PAC. His court date is scheduled for December 17, 2025. John M. Beck, 59, of Exeland, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for December 10, 2025. Jacob L. Harris, 19, of River Falls, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for March 25, 2026. Tyler R. Platzek, 17, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for March 25, 2026. Lola R. Byerly, 20, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date was scheduled for November 3, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Allen E. Metz, 37, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His court hearing is scheduled for December 17, 2025. Sandra E. Becker, 63, of Cameron, has been charged with operate with restricted controlled substance. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for December 10, 2025. Carlos O. Salastehuacatl, 27, of Almena, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025. Angel S. Chamba-Morcho, 26, of Almena, has been

charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Kevin D. Lund, 56, of Eau Claire, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 26, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Ethan M. Mullikin, 17, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Randall L. Frion, 62, of Cameron, has been charged with battery and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Tristan J. Peterson, 25, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse, criminal damage to property, operate firearm while intoxicated and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for December 10, 2025.

Carlos Villagomezlopez, 43, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 14, 2025.

Kyle J. Alfonse, 42, no address, has been charged with negligent handling of burning material and disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

David K. Paul, 49, of Cumberland, has been charged with stalking. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for December 12, 2025.

Kevin G. Lundequam, 52, of Barron, has been charged with OWI and operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Devon S. Bernstein, 26, of Spooner, has been charged with 1st degree sexual assault of a child under the age of 13 with resulting great bodily harm and strangulation and suffocation.

A deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on October 27, 2025, at approximately 10:41 pm, he was on duty when the Barron County Communications Center advised they received a 911 call from D.A.V., who stated his five year old daughter had been sexually assaulted. D.A.V. identified his daughter as G.I.V. D.A.V. informed the 911 operator that G.I.V. had bruises on her body and blood on her.

D.A.V. named the defendant, Bernstein, as the suspect who sexually assaulted G.I.V. D.A.V. informed the 911 operator that he allowed Bernstein to temporarily stay at his apartment. When D.A.V. woke up and saw the injuries to G.I.V., D.A.V. immediately called the police. D.A.V. informed the 911

operator that Bernstein went outside and got into D.A.V.'s vehicle. The deputy reports that responding officers converged on D.A.V.'s vehicle, but, by the time they arrived, Bernstein was no longer in the vehicle.

The deputy reports that first responders arrived and took G.I.V. by ambulance to a nearby hospital. The deputy went inside the apartment and spoke with D.A.V. and A.A.B., who live together and are the parents of three children.

A detective with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on October 28, 2025, she responded to the hospital and met with D.A.V. and A.A.B., to gather additional information as part of her investigation into the sexual assault of G.I.V. the previous night.

The detective reports that, when she met with D.A.V. and A.A.B., G.I.V. was being prepared for transport to a hospital in Rochester, MN., due to the seriousness of her injuries.

D.A.V. stated he had picked up Bernstein, who was a friend of his in Eau Claire on the morning of October 27, 2025. D.A.V. stated Bernstein said he wrecked his motorcycle after an accident.

D.A.C. stated he drove Bernstein from Eau Claire to Shell Lake, so he could pick up his paycheck. D.A.V. stated Bernstein cashed his paycheck and gave D.A.V. money for picking him up. D.A.V. stated Bernstein also paid to have the oil changed on D.A.V.'s vehicle.

D.A.V. stated he agreed to allow Bernstein to stay one night at D.A.V.'s apartment on October 27, 2025 at approximately 12:30 pm. The children were not home when they got to the apartment but came home from school later that afternoon. D.A.V. stated there were no issues of concern when the children came home.

A.A.B. stated she got home from work on October 27, 2025, at approximately 5:30 pm. A.A.B. stated that D.A.V., Bernstein and the girls were all inside the apartment when she got home. A.A.B. stated she heard the girls had been playing outside with Bernstein and having fun. A.A.B. stated Bernstein was being really nice and the girls seemed to be enjoying his company.

A.A.B. stated she made supper and fed everyone. D.A.V. stated he laid down to go to bed around 6:00 pm, because that is when he normally sleeps for his work schedule. A.A.B. stated she got the girls into bed after supper at approximately 8:00 pm, and they all went to sleep.

The detective reports that D.A.V.'s apartment is a small one room apartment. D.A.V. and A.A.B. used

blankets hanging over the door to their bedroom and also the door between the living room and the kitchen to separate their bedroom from the living room area and to separate the living room area from the kitchen area. The only bathroom is located in D.A.V. and A.A.B.'s bedroom. In the living room area, there is a bed where all three girls sleep. In the kitchen area, there is a couch where Bernstein was told he could sleep for the night.

A.A.B. stated she got up at approximately 8:51 pm to check on one of her cats. A.A.B. stated that, when she got up, she checked on the girls and they were all asleep. A.A.B. stated that, when she went back to bed, she noticed Bernstein kept going into the bathroom every few minutes and would then walk back out.

The detective reports that, upon further investigation, she does not believe Bernstein needed to use the bathroom every few minutes because he want not in the bathroom long enough each time he went into the bedroom. Rather, the detective believes Bernstein was checking to see if D.A.V. and A.A.B. were both asleep.

A.A.B. stated that, at approximately 10:20 pm, she could hear what she described as "a gut punching cry" coming from the girl's room. A.A.B. went to check G.I.V. A.A.B. found G.I.V. in bed hunched over and crying. G.I.V. wouldn't talk.

City Council...

and pump control panels for the Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements as well as for their lift station work.

Next up were the Committee Reports.

Among the topics covered was a busy month for Chief Wolfe and the Police Department, who handled 256 service calls and made 193 traffic stops in October. The Chief also discussed the new use of AI in body cameras, which includes the option for back and forth language translation. This will take away the need for the Barron County Interpretation service.

The Fire Department, meanwhile, had a slower October with six calls, while Alderperson Jim Schullo discussed the end of the season work and happenings at the Golf Course.

Utility Representative and Lake District President Tom Schroeder concluded the night's committee reports by updating the Council on Lake District happenings, which will include the installation of a new dock behind the Rutabaga Pepper Eating Stage in the spring and a milfoil plan for a small amount located around the rim of Library Lake.

The evening continued with City Administrator Randy Reeg discussing work at the Street Shop and reminding those in attendance of a Public Hearing at City Hall on the General Budget at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, November 21.

The final work of business facing the Council was to temporarily postpone a

D.A.V. also heard G.I.V. crying. D.A.V. came out of the bedroom and brought G.I.V. into the bed where he and A.A.B. sleep. D.A.V. turned on the light in the bedroom and observed G.I.V. had blood on her and numerous other injuries.

The detective reports that G.I.V. and G.V.B. were forensically interviewed on the morning of October 29, 2025. G.I.V. stated that her daddy's friend seemed nice at first but not at bedtime. The interviewer asked G.I.V. how she got blood on her, and G.I.V. answered, "from that guy, dad's friend."

Another detective with the same department, reports officers located Bernstein on October 28, 2025, at a bar in Rice Lake. Bernstein refused to comply with officer's commands and was taken into custody after being tased.

If convicted for 1st degree sexual assault of a child under the age of 13 with resulting in great bodily harm, Bernstein may serve the maximum imprisonment for the underlying crime, and the court may not make an extended supervision eligibility date determination on a date that will occur before he has served a 25 year term of confinement in prison. If convicted for strangulation and suffocation, he may be fined the maximum term of imprisonment. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 12, 2025.

discussion on the use of AI by City employees and to unanimously approve an agreement for Professional Services between the City and CBS Squared Inc, which will include the extension of water and sewer mains from 9th Avenue between Hines and Douglas Street to 12th Avenue.

Their agreement describes the scope, schedule, and payment conditions with CBS Squared for TID #8 Engineering Services, which will include among other things a Topographic survey of the area, conceptual planning, design services for street, water main and storm sewers, and the recommend awards for construction contracts.

This reconstruction and utilities will account for the future development south of Douglas Street and will coordinate service and driveway locations. Part of this reconstruction will include adding a water loop to the water tower and creating a utility easement for this work.

Based on the final design of Kauffman Estates, there may be work on Sorenson, including stubbing water and sewer main in an existing driveway and coordinating utility connections in 8th Avenue.

The hope is to start the work early next spring, with the final outcome paving the way for further housing development.

Mayor Dan Shoemaker concluded the evening by recognizing the multitudes of work that had taken place in the City this summer and taking a motion to adjourn.

Veterans Day...

the first Post Commander. It was also announced that the new name for the organization would be the Homer L. Anderson Post, after the first Cumberland serviceman to lose his life in World War 1.

Graduating from Cumberland High School in 1914, Anderson would join the service, but not survive the German

U-boat sinking of the American Transport, the Tuscania, which was part of a convoy torpedoed in the Irish Sea in February of 1918. Headed towards France, it was the first ship carrying American troops to be sunk during WW1.

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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all the military veterans who have kept our country safe and free. Our family has been lucky – we have had family members who have served during wars, but have never lost anyone to combat.

When I think about veterans, Uncle Bud and Aunt Helen Hefty always come to mind. They both served in the Army during WWII, Bud in infantry, and Helen as a nurse. Aunt Helen was born in Albany, New York, to a devout Jewish family. She and Uncle Bud met while they were stationed at a post in the US. They fell in love and, when Uncle Bud was given orders to go to Guam, they decided to get married before he left. Well, at that time, married women could not stay on active duty, so Aunt Helen came to Mikana to live with my grandparents until Uncle Bud came back. I am always in awe of the fact that, because of the things Jewish people were going through at that time, she was brave enough to join the Army knowing that she could be shipped out to a place where being Jewish was almost a death sentence.

Now we have two grandsons-in-law, Kurt Anderson and Mark Bellefeuille, who both served in the Middle East. Thanks, guys.

The one story that has stuck with me for the last 75 years is of Amos Beffa. From what I remember, Amos had been a prisoner of war in Germany, was finally released at the end of the war, and returned home to Campia. His brother, Jerry, had a service station in Campia, and Amos stayed in the station most of the time. One night there was a fire in the station, and Amos did not survive. It was so sad – that

he survived a prison camp, was able to come home, and then have his life cut short due to an accident. Sometimes things are just not fair.

Again, thank you to all veterans, whether you served during war or while keeping the peace. Sometimes I think we take our freedom for granted – we can travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Canadian border to the Mexican border, without ever being stopped to show our paperwork. We forget how blessed we are.

We had a beautiful, snowy Sunday!! Do you know how nice it is to sit in a comfortable chair, with the room temperature at 72 degrees, and watch the flakes swirling down. Just one of the perks of being older than dirt. At one time I absolutely hated seeing winter come because I had to drive to work every day no matter what the weather was. Now, because we have kids who worry about us and don't want us out in the ice and snow, we don't even have to go grocery shopping if we don't want to. Ah yes, life is good.

You know, of course, that the Fall Formal was held at Cumberland Middle School on Saturday evening. Duane and I were so happy that Tru Lehmann and Lucas Arnes, along with their friends, Caylin and Mason, stopped by the house before they went to the dance so we could see how beautiful the girls looked in their dresses. Ah, youth! Alyse Lehmann and Nate Hargrove and Suzy and Ryan Lehmann were here when the kids stopped too, and there were lots and lots of pictures taken. When they left our house, the kids went to Hilltop for supper and then to the dance. Tru said it was a wonderful evening and everyone had a lot of fun.

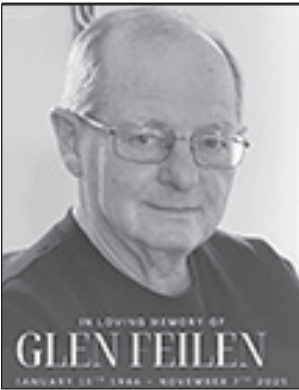
Karen Hefty called on Sunday evening, asking when we could get together for a cookie baking day. We decided that we would spend the entire day next Tuesday, the 18th, getting our baking done for Thanksgiving – and maybe put some in the freezer for Christmas. That should be chaotic and fun. The only thing I have to make for Thanksgiving this year, other than the cookies, is lefse. Jim and Summer Marsh are hosting dinner at their house, and I asked if it would be okay if I brought lefse. I'm so glad they said to bring it – it just wouldn't feel like Thanksgiving without lefse.

Jerry Marsh and Jodi Ladd were at their cabin in Town of Maple Plain this weekend – Jerry bow hunting, and Jodi relaxing and hanging out. They called Sunday morning to invite us to Hilltop for breakfast. It has been months since I have been to Hilltop, and it was so nice to be able to relax, enjoy Justin and Kasey's great food, and visit with Jerry, Jody and, of course, Pat Olson.

The Thon family, Garrett, Kandice, Kane and Pierce, had an amazing weekend. Jim Marsh has season tickets to the Viking games, and, because the Thon's are huge Ravens fans, he gave them tickets to Sunday's game. They went to the Cities on Saturday, spent the day at Mall of America, and went to the game the next day. I normally root for the Vikings, you know, but this time I was so glad that the Ravens won. I will bet those little boys will never forget this experience.

I'm going to run – this is getting way to long. You have a wonderful week and I'll see you next time.

OBITUARIES



Glen E. Feilen

Glen Edward Feilen (January 15, 1946 - November 7, 2025).

Glen was born to Ann and Edward Feilen in Chicago, Illinois on January 15, 1946. He went home to Heaven on November 7, 2025 at the age of 79. Glen was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Valerie Becker and his beloved wife of 45 years, Jeanne Feilen, his grandson, Jackson Glen Patterson, and many other friends and loved ones. Glen leaves behind his sister and brother-in-law Linda and Claude Matula, his children, Ryan and Kee-sha Feilen, Shay Feilen, Cale and Jenifer Feilen, his eight grandchildren: Cade, Makena, Zofia Feilen; Emmaus and Gabe Patterson; Josiah, Judah, and Ezekiel Feilen, his niece Claudine Hover and her husband, Mike Hover, and their children, Dylan, Brandon, and Delaney, his nephew, Mark Matula and his wife, Amy Rath, and their children Emily, Imani, and

Odette, along with many other relatives from the Becker and Keltz family and

so many lifelong friends. Glen grew up as the middle child and only boy in his family. From a young age, he always enjoyed athletics and excelled in football at Weber High School where he helped his team win the city championship in 1964. This success earned him a scholarship to play college football at

Montana State University. He later transferred to Northern Illinois University, where he graduated with a degree in business. Later, Glen proudly served in the United States Marine Corps. Glen was an award winning salesman and successful business owner in telecommunications and fiber optic cable. Glen always remained an athlete and stayed active throughout his lifetime. He loved to watch sports and wouldn't miss a Bears game despite their frustrating records. Glen was deeply in love with his high school sweetheart, Jeanne, and they enjoyed many adventures together including raising three children who will carry on his legacy. Over the last decade without Jeanne, Glen found a new rhythm to life that centered around travel and visiting family. He jokingly called himself "Gypsy Glen" as he embraced his nomadic lifestyle. Glen was far more than his achievements. He was steady, loyal, reliable, and disciplined. He showed up for everyone he loved, and he never missed an event. Glen was loved by all who knew him. People always enjoyed

talking with him because he had so many diverse interests, hobbies, and travel tips.

Glen was an avid hunter and fisherman who held the prestigious title of reigning Bass Champ of North Lake with his lifelong friend and brother in law Claude. He was a hiker, biker, RVer National Park enthusiast, Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune fan who loved learning, reading, playing Catan, and drinking a glass of red wine. Glen was very active and healthy. He planned to outlive us all. You knew you were loved by Glen if he texted you news articles and weather reports. Glen read the newspaper every day and he was a wealth of knowledge on most topics. Glen was steadfast and disciplined in all that he did. He never needed the spotlight or any attention. He just quietly went about his life living and loving people well. His life was filled with happiness and laughter. Glen had a great sense of humor, and he loved to tell stories especially about his grandkids and all their accomplishments. He spent his last year doing everything he loved with the people who meant the most to him. Glen would tell you that he was incredibly grateful for the life he lived! A gathering in Glen's honor will take place on Saturday, November 15, 2025 from 1:00 to 4:00 at the Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, with a time to share memories at 4:00.

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Turtle Lake Parkview United Methodist Church has new Interim Pastor

Rev. Mike Brubaker has been appointed as the half-time interim Pastor to Turtle Lake Parkview United Methodist Church through June 30th, 2026.

Pastor Mike formerly served at Cumberland United Methodist Church from 2016-2023 as well as other area United Methodist congregations before that.

This pastoral change is because Rev. Adam Woods, who has served at Parkview

since July 2020, will be moving with his family to Grand Rapids, Michigan. His spouse, Rev. Laurie Kenyon Woods of Balsam and Elim Lutheran Churches, has accepted a new Call to be the Director of Ministries with United Christian Campus Fellowship.

Pastor Mike's first Sunday will be November 23rd. He currently lives in Hayward with his wife Susan.

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Thursday, November 13

Pineapple pepper chicken, white rice, oriental vegetables, assorted bread, apple crisp.

Friday, November 14

Tuna noodle casserole with peas, cottage cheese, assorted bread, peaches.

Monday, November 17

Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, assorted bread, chocolate pudding.

Tuesday, November 18

Baked chicken breast, Chieftain wild rice blend, cheesy cauliflower, assorted bread, berry crisp.

Wednesday, November 19

Meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, assorted bread, assorted fruit pie.

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

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Michael P. “Mike” Skinner
Michael Paul “Mike” Skinner, 70, of Cumberland died Saturday, November 8, 2025 at his home with his beloved dog, Duke by his side. He was born July 10, 1955 in Cumberland, WI to Albert Benjamin and Helen Louise (Ricci) Skinner Sr. He graduated from Cumberland High School where he played football and basketball before graduating in 1973.
Mike worked over 30 years for the City of Cumberland Street Department, retiring as Street Superintendent. Over the years, Mike made an

impact on many young people through coaching youth sports and mentoring at the street department. He loved animals of all kinds, especially dogs and cats. The most important thing to Mike was his family which he showed as a loving brother, thoughtful uncle and caregiver for his aging parents. Within the last years, Mike had turned to bible study and found great comfort in his faith in Jesus.
He is survived by his brothers, Bob (Pat) Skinner, and Bert (Sue) Skinner, Jr; nieces and nephews: Bill (Jodie) Skinner, Kris (Jason) Steege, Becky (Bill) Buhl, Katie (Nathan) Kuenkel, Julie (Ron) Helstern, and Adam (Sarah) Skinner; uncles: Nick (Bev) Ricci and Tom Norwood, and aunt Dayle Ricci, and many other family and friends. Mike was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles: Dorie Chartraw, Jean Towne, Albert Ricci, Laura Ficocello, Tom Ricci, Herb Skinner, Cal Skinner, Marshall Skinner, Isabel

Wadell, and Rose Norwood.
Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, November 13, 2025 at Hope Community Church, Cumberland with Pastor Paul Green officiating with burial to follow at Lakeside Cemetery. Pallbearers are Bill Skinner, Kris Steege, Becky Buhl, Katie Kuenkel, Julie Helstern, Adam Skinner, Brian O’Hern, and Jack Tempesta. Visitation will be from 5:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, November 12 at the Skinner Funeral Home and for 1 hour before the service at the church.



Darlene R. Marshall
Darlene Rachel Marshall, 72, of Barron passed away unexpectedly on November 3, 2025 at her home. She was

born March 15, 1953 in Rice Lake, WI to William and Evelyn (Kunesh) Stodola.
Darlene graduated from Rice Lake High School in the Class of 1971. Many might know her from the 30+ years she spent working at Jennie-O in Barron, previously known as Jerome Foods.
Darlene spent a great time playing puzzles - word searches and crosswords. She also loved to crochet, read, and enthusiastically cheer on the Chicago Cubs, as she was an avid fan. In earlier years Darlene enjoyed golf, gardening, and just being outdoors. Quite often did she call up her many family members and friends to chat on the phone. She loved to spend time with her grandkids and take them places. Her family will also affectionately remember her as an avid “napper”, a trait she may have passed on to the boys.
She is survived by her husband, Clayton; children, Charles Knutson, Christopher (Tricia) Knutson, Cole (Melisa) Knutson; grandchildren, Hunter (Mady Lanners), Paige, Lance Knutson; great-grandchild, Ace Knutson; siblings, Janet (Rich-

ard) Nelson, Roger (Cathy) Stodola, Betty (David) Sorenson; brother-in-law, Rodney Homer; along with many nieces and nephews.
Darlene was preceded in death by parents, William and Evelyn Stodola; sister, Karen Homer; and nephew, Joseph Nelson.
A Memorial Service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, November 21, 2025 at First United Methodist Church of Barron. Visitation will be one hour prior at church. Honorary Pallbearers are Charles Knutson, Christopher Knutson, and Cole Knutson.
Interment will be held at Lakeside Cemetery, Cumberland.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

Thompson and Marlene (Bill) Churchill; and brother, Roger. Mitch is survived by his sons, Adam, Andy, and Brent; daughter, Ericka (Rory) Larson; as well as nieces, nephews, and friends.
Private graveside services at Lakeside Cemetery in Cumberland, Wisconsin.



Carl Mitchel “Mitch” Nieman
Carl Mitchel “Mitch” Nieman, Age 74, of Cameron, Wisconsin, passed away on October 27, 2025. Mitch was born on January 31, 1951, in Barron County, Wisconsin, to Grace (Tosterud) and Carl Nieman. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Donna (Lawrence)



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“Giving Thanks”
by *Pastor Todd Ahneman*
Barronett Lutheran Church

Fall is here, and Thanksgiving is coming soon. I thought it would be good to remember the past and give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy.

The Pilgrims dreamed of a new beginning, far away from England that had been their home. They planned for a spring trip, with plenty of time for planting crops and building homes in the new world. Almost everything you could imagine went wrong. The ships they hired were late coming, and were further delayed because of leaks. They set sail in September, and faced bad weather. They arrived, homeless, in November. It was way too late to plant crops. They ate their store of seeds to keep alive. Many of the group perished that winter.

Some Native American people looked kindly upon them, taught the Pilgrims to fish, and plant crops suited for the area. In November of 1621, the Native Americans and the Pilgrims shared in a three-day feast, to share turkey, deer, sea foods, cornmeal, squash, nuts and vegetables both groups had grown. That harvest-time thanksgiving is now part of our heritage.

For what do we give thanks? Perhaps we can take a moment and count your blessings. The list may begin with family, friends, and neighbors (even those we do not know well). Give thanks for the shoes you wear, the clothes on your back, a home that shields you from the cold of winter and the heat of summer. Give thanks for the food you eat, and the ability to share with others.

Give thanks for the many mentors and teachers you have had through the years, ones who guided you through rough times, and rejoiced with you in the good times.

St. Paul wrote to the Colossians;
Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And everything, whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.’ AMEN.

Todd Ahneman, Barronett Lutheran

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mated External Defibrillator/AED units to be placed at local parks (estimate: \$10,350 each), Walking/bicycling route signs (estimate: \$3000) Trail development (priceless). More information regarding our group can be found on our website at www.CumberlandAreaTrailsAlliance.org During this special time of year, we pause to reflect on all we are thankful for....our family, friends, the beautiful area we live in and especially our wonderful little community! If you are looking for a way to increase your end of the year tax deductions, please consider giving to the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance. Rest assured your donation will make a positive impact on Cumberland and the area townships’ residents. We are partnering with Thrivent to make the donation process simple. Anyone can make an online personal donation through Thrivent Choice and Thrivent will cover all processing fees so that way our organization receives 100%

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On behalf of the Cumberland Area Trails Alliance, we thank you for considering an end of the year contribution to support our important work and to help make good outdoor things happen! We hope you and yours have a great holiday season!

Veteran’s Day..

His body would eventually be returned to the Island City in October of 1920 and following a funeral at the Methodist Church, he would be laid to rest in the Lakeside cemetery.

Anderson’s funeral was a time to remember his service and an opportunity to try and grow the Post. Members described the Legion’s purpose as, “To get all ex-servicemen initiated into the order, of which every person who wore the uniform should belong.”

In January of 1922, the Cumberland American Legion Auxiliary was formed and Vivian Dunham was chosen as the first President. The Auxiliary members goal was to help the Legion through volunteer hours, programs, and an increased presence. The annual dues were set at fifty cents a year and included a subscription to the “American Legion Weekly.” A joint meeting with the Legion Post was held on February 21 as the Advocate said, “The eve of Washington’s birthday is a fitting time for these two patriotic organizations to make their debut.”

One of the Auxiliary’s Charter members was Nellie

Hart. Following the passage of Woman’s Suffrage, she would cast not only the first ever official woman’s vote in Cumberland, but also the first city vote on that morning of November 4, 1920.

Hart would also become an important member in the early days of the Auxiliary, not only as the Cumberland President, but eventually being elected a State Historian and in 1924 the State President.

Over 100 years later, the two groups are still serving our country and the Cumberland community.

The Legion serves the community by supporting veterans and their families in need, participating in the November 11th Veterans Day Program at the Elementary and High School, supporting local scouting and youth groups, providing yearly Scholarships, placing Honor Guards in local parades and funerals of veterans, and furnishing USA Flags in 22 cemeteries for veterans.

Working side by side is the Auxiliary. Eligibility for membership goes to any mother, grandmother, sister, daughter, granddaughter, male or female spouse, or a female veteran related to a veteran who has served. There

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The Auxiliary has many programs to help carry out their mission of “Service, not self.” One of their most popular programs is the Poppy Drive. Locally, they help educate the youth on the purpose of Veterans Day and Memorial Day and serve lunch at the Cumberland American Legion on Veterans and Memorial Day,

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In the Matter of the Estate of Chance D. Farlow, deceased, Case No. 2025 PR 111.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
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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.
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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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Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session and closed session to follow on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, in the middle school commons.
The following is the proposed agenda:
1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of Cumberland School District Library Media Plan.
4. Consider approval of Abigail Henke as Assistant Softball Coach.
5.Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
6. Set meeting dates and events.
Vote on closed session for the purpose of considering employment and compensation and discussing negotiations and performance evaluations per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c), specifically to discuss District Administrator evaluation. The board will reconvene to open session to adjourn.
A copy of the agenda is posted in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and administration building.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk
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before the City of Cumberland
Plan Commission
Thursday November 20, 2025 at 9:00am
Cumberland City Hall, 950 1st Ave.

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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

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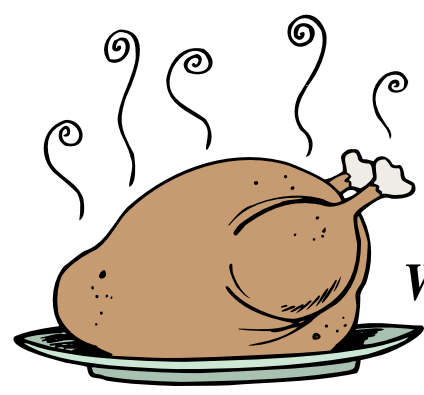
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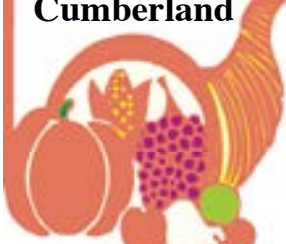
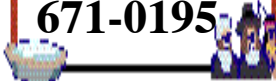
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Sports

Girl’s Basketball Team Prepares for Tuesday’s Home Opener Against Webster

Eighteen girls joined Coach Tim Obr for opening basketball drills on Monday for the 2025-2026 season. Leading the way was Junior Raegan Beecroft, who was named to the HON’s Honorable Mention list last year after leading the team in scoring at 9.8 points per game and rebounding at 8 per contest. She shared MVP honors with her sister, Macy.

Coach Obr will look to a number of players to help fill out the varsity line-up, with Lily Murphy, Kennedy Campbell, Wren Ruppel, and Abby Schultz among the leading contenders. This must happen quickly, with a home scrimmage planned for 6:00 pm this Friday night and two home games

next Tuesday and Thursday to open the regular season.

The team has a number of Special Night’s planned over the winter starting with “Youth Night” on December 19 with Little Dribblers, Pink Out, and Teacher Appreciation Night among the other notable events. “We also will be debuting “Chuck a Duck” at intermission for a bit of added fun,” concluded Coach Obr.

The Conference looks to be strong again with Northwestern, Ladysmith, and Cameron among the favorites. Cumberland will open up HON play against Spooner on Tuesday, December 2 following non-conference tilts against Webster and Amery next week.

Winter Sports Underway: Girls Basketball Host Scrimmage This Friday

With footballs, soccer nets, golf clubs, and volleyball’s being put back into storage, the winter sports seasons have already begun as Girl’s Basketball and Girl’s and Boys Hockey opened practice on Monday. The Girl’s Basketball Team will jump right into action this Friday, when they hold a preseason scrimmage at 6:00 pm, in the Middle School Gym.

Tim Obr returns for his second year as Head Coach of the basketball team. In his first year, Obr’s squad showed improvement throughout the season, finishing with a final record of 5 and 20 after going winless the previous winter.

Beginning practice on Monday with the Hayward-Cumberland Girl’s Hockey Co-op was Olivia Holzman-Byrne. The Cumberland Sophomore received lim-

ited varsity time as a freshman, recording two assists for the 20-6-1 Hurricanes. Last year’s team got all the way to the Sectional final, where they dropped a 4-3 decision to Superior.

The Boy’s Hockey Team, meanwhile, will try to improve on last season’s 5 and 20 record, with Cumberland Sophomore Gavin Lehmann one of the team’s top players. They open up their regular season schedule at 7:00 pm on November 25 in Menomonie, while and the Girl’s Team plays their opener at 7:00 on Friday, November 21, against the Spartans of Superior.

Starting practice next Monday will be Wrestling and Boy’s Basketball. The Advocate will run previews of each team throughout the next two weeks.

Girl’s Basketball Begins its 50th Year as a WIAA Tournament Sport

By Mark R Fuller

As the Cumberland Girl’s Basketball Team opened practice on Monday, it marked the 50th year since the WIAA began sponsoring a Girls Basketball Tournament program in the fall of 1975. Played in the Wisconsin Field House in March of 1976, Madison West, Lancaster, and Marshall became the initial State Champions.

Girl’s Basketball was one of the last woman’s sports for which the WIAA sponsored a Tournament series. Swimming began things in 1970 and was followed by track and tennis in 1971, golf in 1972, volleyball in 1973, and cross country in 1975. Girl’s basketball and softball then held their initial Tournament series the following year.

The growth of woman’s athletics began on June 23 of 1972, when President Nixon signed Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 into law. Before this, athletic opportunities for females were scarce and limited mostly to intramurals. As the women’s civil rights movement gained momentum in the late 1960s and early 1970s, sex bias and discrimination in schools emerged as a main public policy concern.

Title IX opened doors and removed barriers that once prevented people, on the basis of sex, from participating in educational, athletic, and career opportunities of their choice.

Stephanie Hauser, the Executive Director of the WIAA says, “I am just young enough to have been blessed with the opportu-

nity to participate in athletics my whole life, just like my brothers were able to do. However, my mom talks about having G.A.A as her only option, and as I grew up, she often reminded me of how fortunate I was to have athletics as an option. For my generation and for those who are younger, like my daughter, the world of athletic administration is no longer reserved only for men. Women have brought a new perspective to athletic leadership, which has enhanced the experience for all.”

Prior to young ladies being open to WIAA sports, the G.A.A (Girl’s Athletic Association), founded in 1931, was a school-based organization that provided organized sports and provided an athletic outlet and activities for girls, such as basketball, volleyball, and softball.

Although part of the District in the early years, the G.A.A would become even more active in the early 60’s, as it fit in well with President John F. Kennedy’s U.S Physical Fitness emphasis. In October of 1961, Cumberland Girl’s Physical Education Teacher Doris Brunner attended a conference after which she stated, “I plan to follow President Kennedy’s standards with our girls.”

By December of 1961, Brunner had started a G.A.A. basketball league which ran every Tuesday night, creating captains for each of the ten teams involved. Those ten Captains were Linda Neurer, Judy

Heinecke, Kay Johnson, Janet Heinecke, Jolene Baker, Lucy Leifring, Connie Ackerson, Lori Hanson, Gloria Lansin and Christi Lau.

Brunner also had members of the G.A.A. perform on the school’s new trampoline at four boy’s home basketball games that winter. The eventual G.A.A. membership would number 134 that initial school year, with Linda Duncan serving as their President.

Brunner smartly got the mothers involved in her new venture. A Mother-Daughter play night was held in the high school gym as the two sides participated in everything from volleyball, to dodgeball, to relay races. In April of that school year, a demonstration of girl’s athleticism was held for the public on a Friday evening. That evening, twelve girls demonstrated how basketball was played. They were chosen by Miss Brunner on the basis of their ability and their knowledge of the rules. Other girls demonstrated track and field techniques. The thirst for more women’s sports was continuing to build in the Island City.

That was summed up pretty well in a December 10, 1962, Beaver Booster article that said, “For years, the girls have begged to play basketball like the boy’s do. Some have had a chance to do just that this year.”

By 1965, the girls and G.A.A. held a school basketball tournament. The Beaver Booster announced, “Competitive sports is

Back On The Hardwood!



The Cumberland Girls Basketball Team is looking forward to the upcoming season. The girls will count on leadership from this group in 2025. Pictured from left to right are Abigail Schultz, Kennedy Campbell, Avery Johnson, Raegan Beecroft, Liliana Murphy and Wren Ruppel. Good luck ladies!



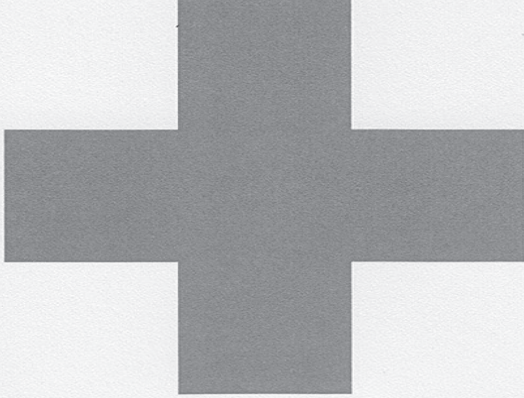
Head Girls Basketball Coach Tim Obr and the 2025 Cumberland Girls Basketball Team go through opening day drills Monday afternoon in preparation for the season. Cumberland hosts a scrimmage this Friday at 6pm and then host Webster in the season opener next Tuesday at 7pm in the elementary school gym. Good luck girls.

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11/14 Fri	12:26	6:36	12:47	6:57	07:06	04:37	1:23a	2:12p	7:54a	8:14p	
11/15 Sat	1:02	7:12	1:22	7:32	07:07	04:36	2:29a	2:28p	8:34a	8:54p	
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Elk Camp

Hello friends,
This week and next I will be writing to you about my experiences along with my 24-year-old daughter Selina Walters as we camped and hunted elk and deer in the Rocky Mountains near Livingston, Montana.

Wednesday, October 29th
High 43, low 28

My truck and 12-foot trailer were literally as full as they could be as I was about to make the final 10 miles up the mountain of a 1360 mile solo drive on a very narrow and rough road with my daughter Selina following. No problems on the climb up but it took some focus, a wrong move could cause a fall off the edge, literally. In early August Selina and I scouted this area for the first time and there were lots of elk and deer. The excitement was top notch and just the fact that I was about to spend 10 days wilderness camping with Selina who lives in Missoula was honestly the biggest thrill for me.

Before we even built camp or should I say started we went for a 1.3 mile hike from camp and saw one mule deer, no elk. When we returned to camp which is a US Forest Service campsite that is old, beautiful and underused we put up one of my two portable Eskimo ice shacks. This would be our sleeper shack and would have to be a ways from our main hangout/cook shack due to grizzly bear common sense.

The grizzly bear, let me tell you everything is about common sense. Our campground had 2 bear box's which you put your food in or store it in a vehicle or a secure cooler, these are not options, they are requirements that are 100 % common sense. Lack of caution can result in dead humans, grizzly's or both and no one wants either. Selina has been living in the mountains for 20 months and she takes no chances, always carries bear spray and doesn't even leave a food wrapper around.

On our walk we were hiking so fast we both walked within 5 feet of a skunk, we backed up and there were no issues.

We did not put up the cook shack and had a "we made it" to elk camp shing ding cooking on the end gate of my truck and laughing a lot while Selina enjoyed the company of her favorite dog "Red".

Friday, October 31st
High, 54,44 low 38,28

This story is one of two planets for us, one is always at least 10 degrees colder than the other, one has 3 inches of snow, one just a dusting and mostly grass. This is due to a 3 mile atv trek, down mountain and elevation drop of almost 1000 feet. The atv ride can be crazy as once our hunts started it was long rides before sunrise on an ice/snow covered mountain trail where focusing on staying warm is the name of the game.

Today was day 3 of hiking and our legs are toughening up but will tire out.

Saturday, November 1st
High 52, low 28

We started our hunt today going low, first the ride and then about a 1 mile trek. Knowing how to dress is huge, warm for the ride, shed clothes for the hike and dress up for the hunt. We left camp at 4:30 am, about 3 hours before daylight, separated and began watching the mountains for elk or deer as we both had mule deer/whitetail tags as well.

Long story short, we hunted till 30 minutes before dark as on day one we wanted to know how to get back to our machine. I had not seen a deer or an elk, neither of us heard a shot and Selina had seen a doe mule deer with her fawn.

If you know much about Selina and I you might be aware that we are meat eaters and care little about rack size. On the hike back we came across a white-tail buck on 3 separate occasions that was maybe a



Our Montana elk hunting camp.



We made our camp 3 days before the elk season started and did a lot of exploring.

fork horn, and it offered easy shots. We let it pass, well aware we were only on day one of our hunt!

The mood is excellent, were at elk camp!
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Girls basketball...

instead of the boys."

After some limited opportunities in 1966, due to the inability of a gymnasium, the G.A.A. reorganized with new enthusiasm in the fall of 1967. The organization was now advised by Mrs. Zass, who was assisted by Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Nielsen.

In an article on November 22 of that year, the Association recognized the girls playing basketball that winter, especially citing Rosemary Davis for her all-around ability. The article said, "She can shoot, dribble, and rebound and her jump shot might make some of the boys envious."

By 1969, Cumberland's G.A.A. had become more active than ever, as Coach Smith and the girls were playing basketball games against other schools. This included a 38-18 defeat of Hayward and games against Barron and Rice Lake. The girls sold candy bars to help raise funds for other events planned for the school year including volleyball, ice skating, and swimming at the Turtle Lake High School.

An article in the School Newspaper said, "These and other competitive sports are being played for points, which the girls work very hard for, because if you get enough points, you will receive an award." The biggest award that winter, however, was an announcement by the WIAA that in 1970, they would add woman's swimming as an officially sponsored competition. Women's sports were starting to arrive.

The following year, the WIAA announced the additions of woman's gymnastics, track, and tennis. The Cumberland G.A.A., meanwhile, continued to be an important source of support for the girls, as the evening of April 26, another Mother-Daughter Night included exercises and volleyball, basketball, and badminton.

The Cumberland Girl's first WIAA Track Meet came in the spring of 1972 against Barron. It was followed five days later by an eight team HON Meet. Among the top performers for Cumberland were Becky Delawyer, Deb Hullander,

Beth Shortner, Jane Kamnetz, Julie Allen, and Molly Clark. The team was made up largely of Freshmen and Sophomores, which would bode well for the future.

The first Cumberland WIAA Volleyball team organized in the fall of 1973, when it became a WIAA sponsored sport. Coach Bobbi Mochilovich would say, "We are participating in the HON and it has been a real experience for them, switching from recreational volleyball to power volleyball." The team would include among others, Captain Alexander Till, Terri Lepak, Deb Hullander, and Mary Ann Feidt. The team would play seven contests before entering its first WIAA Regional that October.

The spring of 1973 saw the G.A.A. create competition for twenty-nine girls interested in softball. Six games were played among four teams. In the opener that May, the Balbinas defeated the Preferred Stock, 28-18. Among the Balbinas players were Debbie Richter, Carrie Thoe, and Darlene Stouffer, while the opposition players included Beth Shortner, Heidi Hilton, and Lisa Newhouse among others.

Finally, in 1975 1976, The WIAA added Girls Basketball as an interscholastic sport. That first Cumberland squad would put together an 11-6 record, winning the Regional Championship with a 40-37 victory over Unity, but losing 50-38 to Ladysmith in the Sectionals. Then, in an oddity of the times, they defeated Hurley in a Sectional Consolation game the following day.

The stars of that first team were sisters Mary and Sue Lindner. Mary graduated in 1976 and Sue in 1977, as the second Cumberland team went 13 and 6. That is still the 4th most wins in Cumberland school history. Sue Lindner averaged 19.3 in Conference play on that team.

From this beginning, Cumberland woman's sports have continued to expand and the young ladies who participated in Monday's opening practice are the benefactors of 50 years of growth.



Cubs cannot regulate their temperature and have delicate immune systems, so den survey participants wear protective gear and keep them warm while DNR staff members fit GPS collars on the mother bear during den surveys.

DNR Asks Public To Report Black Bear Den Locations For Research Study

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) encourages the public to report any black bear den locations across the state to help with an ongoing study on black bear reproduction.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey will generate new estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each of the state's bear management zones. These estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used in each zone. Additionally, researchers are investigating a connection between consumption of human food sources and bear reproduction, since diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

The study will be entering its fifth year of surveying occupied dens in the Wisconsin bear range. The research team will accept a den report anywhere in the state. However, the team is particularly interested in finding dens in bear management zones C, E and F, which cover central and southern Wisconsin. Having collared bears in every zone will improve population estimates for each respective

zone and support management decision making.

The public's assistance is essential to this project, and anyone who happens upon an occupied black bear den is encouraged to report as much information as possible without approaching or disturbing the animal. Reporting dens helps the DNR meet the sample size requirements for our study and will increase the accuracy of the black bear population estimates.

If you believe you have found a black bear den, please collect the following information quickly and quietly while remaining a safe distance of at least 30 yards from the den at all times:

GPS coordinates: You can use a mobile phone's pre-installed map app, such as Google Maps or Apple Maps. For best results, first go to your phone's Settings and turn on the option to improve location accuracy.

Photos of the den: Maintaining a safe distance, take an image or two showing the den in relation to its surroundings.

Description of the site and surrounding area: Take

some notes on the size of the entrance, the direction it faces and whether there are notable landmarks nearby.

Description of any bear activity in general area: Make a note of anything you observe, including pawprints, scat, fresh scratch marks and even, in late winter, the squeals and grunts of hungry cubs.

Before the research team surveys a den, they will work with the den reporters and landowners to determine whether it is safe, accessible and in use. Den reporters, landowners and/or land managers are typically invited to help if there is a planned survey for the reported den. The research team may not be able to visit every reported den location this season; they will prioritize dens that are confirmed to be occupied.

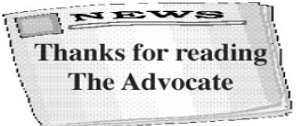
What Data Will Be Collected

DNR staff will collect biological data from these dens, including sex, age, weight and body measurements. Mother bears, or sows, will be outfitted with a GPS collar, one of the most important pieces of equipment for the study. Collars help staff

learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the future. Revisiting the sows will help staff determine the reproductive success of each sow, such as how often she has a litter, litter size and the survival rates of the cubs.

During a survey, bear health and safety are a top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow's breathing and heart rate while the rest of the team quickly gathers the needed samples and measurements. Any cubs present at the den are carefully weighed and sexed. Cubs are tucked into team members' coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature. Once researchers finish collecting samples and fitting the GPS collar, the sow and cubs are put back into their den. This process can be seen in a 2024 episode of PBS Wisconsin's "Wisconsin Life" series.

To report a known black bear den, visit the DNR's Black Bear Den submission form.



Cumberland Mixed-Up Bowling League

First Half Team Standings
Cumberland Bus - 24
C.A.R. Enterprises - 19
Just Rezzy - 19
Grandma's Gang - 18
3 High Scratch Games
Bryan Tahtinen - 153

Chey Potter - 149
Colton Ritchie - 147
3 High Scratch Series
Bryan Tahtinen - 416
KC Larson - 409
Mark Peichel - 397

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings
Dane Arthur Real Estate - 49
Bowlin' Buddies - 48
Spare Time - 45
Austad's Super Valu - 39 ½
Clear Lake Self Storage - 35
Big Bear Express - 31 ½
Northwoods Septic - 23
Becker's Trucking - 17
5 High Scratch Games
Heidi VanHeuklom - 195

Kelley VanHeuklom - 191
Donna Berquam - 191
Karen DeGolier - 179
Deanne Moravitz - 173
5 High Scratch Series
Heidi VanHeuklom - 529
Donna Berquam - 528
Sheila LaBlanc - 498
Sam Munkelwitz - 498
Judy Ullom - 495

Sports Calendar
Friday, Nov. 14
Girls BB Scrimmage home vs Glenwood City/
Northwood 6:00
Monday, Nov. 17
Boys BB first practice
Wrestling first practice
Tuesday, Nov. 18
Girls BB home (Elem. Gym) vs Webster 7:00
Thursday, Nov. 20
Girls BB home (Elem. Gym) vs Amery 7:00

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1st Prize: \$25
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*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 _____
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Cumberland Federal Bank _____
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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) _____
Seattle _____ 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!

Week # 10

WINNERS!

1st Place Ed Burke 12
2nd Place Ed Nicholson *11
3rd Place John Schwanke *11

*TIE BREAKER