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EARLY DEADLINE

We have an early printing schedule for the Thanksgiving paper. The paper will be out on Tuesday, so they can be mailed out and received before Thanksgiving.

We would appreciate your help by having ALL NEWS ARTICLES and ADVERTISEMENTS IN TO US BY NO LATER THAN NOON on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST.

THANK YOU

9 Day Gun Deer Hunt Opens This Satuday, November 22



Hunters head to the wood this Saturday morning hoping to harvest a whitetail buck such as this dandy. Be safe out there and good luck to all!

It's Another Deer Hunting/Thanksgiving Weekend in Cumberland

by Mark R Fuller

This Saturday and a few days before, hunters will prepare for another Wisconsin tradition, the annual white-tailed deer hunt. Deer hunting has retained its place as the State's biggest hunting season with over 500,000 heading to the woods or at least near a woods for story-telling, food, a game of cards, and hopefully an occasional success story. It has been this way since 1851, when the State first proposed a closed season for deer.

It took a few years, 37 to be exact, to publish the first game laws in pamphlet form. A few changes had taken place prior to then including outlawing the use of dogs in 1876 and night hunting in 1887.

By 1897, there were 12,000 State hunters paying \$1 each for a license. Out-of-State hunters paid \$30. Soon the season was limited to 30 days in 1909 with only one buck to be taken per hunter starting in 1915.

As time continued the

number of deer taken, at least legally, actually grew quite slowly. In 1924 the kills reached only 7,000 and in 1927, there was actually no open season due to the concern of the size of the deer herd. No open seasons continued in the years of 1929, 1931, and 1935, with only a three-day hunt allowed in 1937.

By 1941, however, with deer predators rare and timber wolves nearing extinction, an estimated gun kill grew to 40,403. By 1950, the herd had grown to the point that the first 'any deer' season since 1919 took place with an estimated gun kill of 167,911.

This takes us to the "Island City" in 1954 as an avid group of hunters awaited the State's 103rd season. It was the second season that Wisconsin had required gun deer hunters to register deer at checking station, so local hunters listened carefully as Game Warden John Marcon of Rice Lake announced that City Hall in

Cumberland, the Police Station in Rice Lake, and the Sherriff's Office in Barron would be the required registration stations.

Hunters were loading up for the hunt at the Indian Head Sport Shop, where owner Roy Johnson had just got in another shipment of deer rifles and the new Winchester Model 50 automatic 12-gauge shotguns.

Wally and Jean's Bar, meanwhile, advertised in the Advocate to the Communities ladies that "All you deer widows are welcome," while the men are out in the woods and "Skiddies" reminded readers to stop in and sign-up for their Deer Hunting Contest with, "Many prizes to be given."

It wasn't going to be great weather for tracking as Bob Thorp, John Miller, and E.W. Erickson got a round of golf in the same week. Nevertheless, like this weekend, that didn't stop the flow into the woods.

Fifteen-year-old Don Thompson, hunting with his

dad, grandfather Earl, Uncle Wayne, Jim Cotone, and Len Mayer, got one of the first reported bucks over the weekend, hunting near Minong. We can assume there were a lot more memories taken that November from family time together.

For others, it was a time to sit together on November 25 to join in the celebration of Thanksgiving which President Eisenhower had declared upon our citizens to observe with a day of prayer. "Let us demonstrate in our lives our humble thanks to God for His beneficence in the year which is past, and let us ask His guidance in the year to come," he said.

While some were out in the Woods, chasing the white-tail, others grabbed a turkey from a store downtown and a pumpkin pie from the City Bakery and had a great day of celebrating at home with friends and family. Either way sounds like a great time to make some more Island City Memories.

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Christmas Tree
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11.25.2025 5-7 PM

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A View from the Lake

by Tom Schroeder
President, Beaver Dam Lake Management District

It seems that the summers are coming and going faster each year. I always look with anticipation for ice out and the installation of docks and lifts around the lake. But, before you know it, it is time to pull them before the lake again freezes over!

Although it seems like yesterday, the 2025 BDLMD Annual Meeting was held on Sat. Aug. 2nd with 70 individuals in attendance. The budget was passed which will fund treating for Eurasian Water Milfoil-EWM, and complete the newly developed Beaver Dam Lake Management Plan that was presented and approved at the Annual Meeting. The plan looks out to the next 10 years, and we can now begin working on several of the plan. Goals, including the completion of the SE storm water pond pathway, and develop a conceptual plan for improving the shoreline and dockage along the City Parking lot along Library Lake. Michael Benjamin was elected as commissioner, along with Tim Defoe, who returns for another term. Following the Annual Meeting a brief Board meeting was held, where the current officers were re-elected for the next fiscal year.

With the completion of the SE storm water pond which included additional trees and walking path, a new dock with an attached kayak/canoe launch was installed. In October, the walking path was extended from the western "rain garden" pond, along Highway 48/63 to 5th Ave. The pathway connected to the pedestrian crossing across the highway to the corner by the former real estate office. The Cumberland Area Trails Alliance-CATA is working on funding the installation of an electronic cross signal at the crossing location.

Although the dredging of Library Lake was completed to the WDNR permitted locations, depth and sediment quantity, many people have indicated they thought more of the Lake, including the "Bog", was going to be removed. Unfortunately, that could not be accomplished but additional floating debris from the dredging project was removed. Next spring the Grove Street bridge channel

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Northern Lights Spectacular!



Deb Fox captured some awesome photo's of the Northern Lights at their best last Tuesday night south of Cumberland. The show put on by Mother Nature lasted two nights and featured some spectacular colors.

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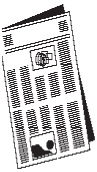
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Home Delivery Service at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

With the arrival of winter, it is time to consider the Home Delivery program at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland. We have a volunteer run service that will deliver and pickup your library materials on a monthly basis. Since its inception in 2017, this program has served the library needs of many community residents.

You may request large print books, regular print books, audiobooks, movies, and magazines. As a MORE library patron, you have access to any materials within our network of 53 libraries. If you or someone you know is limited in their access to the library or is homebound, this program can be a way to stay connected with the joy of reading. Give us a call at 715-822-2767, and leave a message for Pat Lange, Volunteer Home Delivery coordinator, for more information or to schedule an interview.



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PO Box 741 Cumberland.

For further information or emergency food assistance, please call 715-822-3767.

Find us on Facebook @ Cumberland Area Food Pantry
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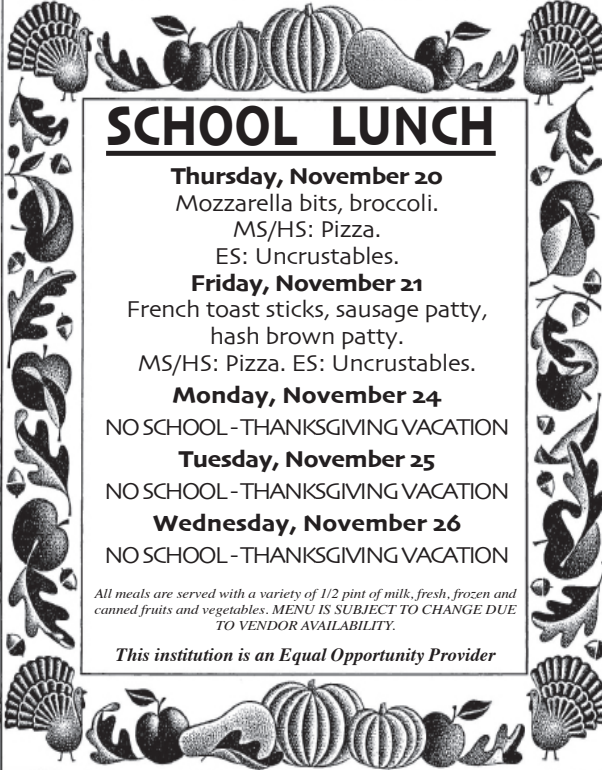
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12:00 Noon - 5:00 pm

Saturday, Nov. 22nd

- Pies • Cookies
- Breads • Pickles
- Jams • Wreaths

and many more holiday crafts



SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, November 20
Mozzarella bits, broccoli.
MS/HS: Pizza.
ES: Uncrustables.

Friday, November 21
French toast sticks, sausage patty, hash brown patty.
MS/HS: Pizza. ES: Uncrustables.

Monday, November 24
NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING VACATION

Tuesday, November 25
NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING VACATION

Wednesday, November 26
NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING VACATION

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, NOV. 20: • 6-7 am CCE: TRX • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball • 5-7 pm MS Boys Basketball Home vs Cameron • 5:45-8:45 pm HS Girls Basketball Home vs Amery •

FRIDAY, NOV. 21: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit •

SATURDAY, NOV 22: • 11 am-1 pm Pickleball ES Gym •

MONDAY, NOV. 24: • NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING VACATION • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 4-5 pm CCE: Choose Fit •

TUESDAY, NOV. 25: • 6:30 am-7:30 am CCE Pickleball -ES Gym • 5:45-8:45 pm HS Boys Basketball Scrimmage @ Amery • 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball •

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 26: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball •

Let's Get Creative.....

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

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

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

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.

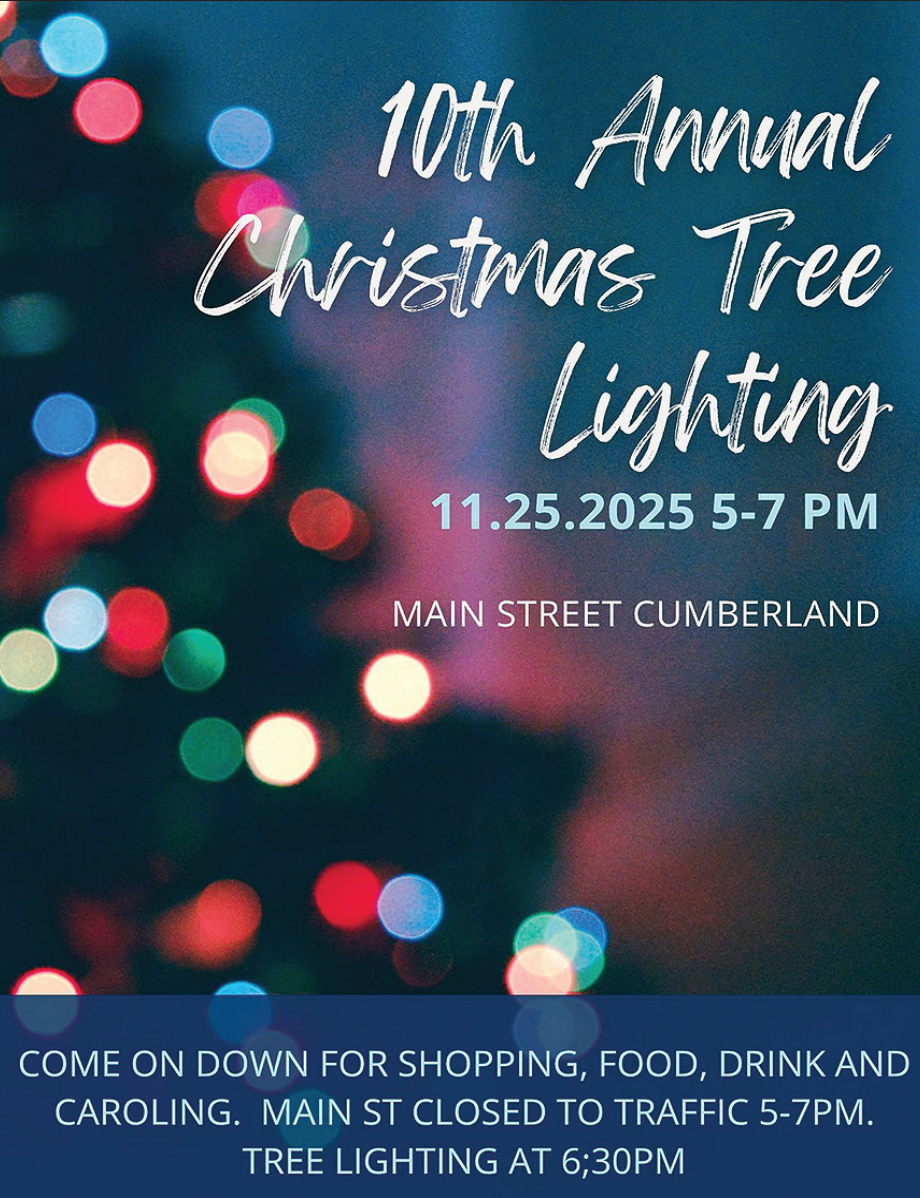
This class is offered as a fundraiser for the Island City Food Coop, so your donations are appreciated. There will be a \$20 materials fee for the 1lb of tempered chocolate and the ingredients to mix into that you receive. Space is limited to 8 students. Please note that the chocolate we will be using 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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COST WITH EVERYTHING INCLUDED \$50
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	5		1				3	
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	9				8		5	7

PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Expression

6 Movie star

10 Omelette need

14 Half man, half goat

15 Prow

16 Region

17 Tilt

18 Pop

19 Layer

20 Cuts off "in the bud"

21 Dawn

23 Cubic centimeter

24 Soviet Union

26 National capital

28 Parallelograms

31 Signal

32 Fall mo.

33 Spring holiday

36 Opp. of starboard

40 Goose egg

42 Possess

43 Harvard's rival

44 Adam's garden

45 Having big choppers

48 Visit

49 Small city

51 Large body of water

53 Chant

56 Kill

57 River (Spanish)

58 Character on "Seinfeld"

61 What kids do

65 Hormone

67 Soft cheese from Greece

68 Swiftly

69 Siamese

70 Star ____

71 Reddish dye

72 Snaky fish

73 Where a family lives

74 Viper

DOWN

1 Association (abbr.)

2 Painter of melting clocks

3 On top

4 Mineral

5 Bard's before

6 Accumulate debt

7 Entry

8 Capital of Norway

9 Pupil

10 Serving of corn

11 Fairy Tale writing brothers

12 Magic lamp dweller

13 Not happily

21 East

22 Cause of sickness

25 South by east

27 Unite

28 Tear down

29 Colored

30 Giant

31 Cabana

34 Anon

35 Couple

37 Soothe

38 Tiny insect

39 Adolescent

41 Upon

45 Last preteen birthday

46 Compel to go

47 Yes

50 Less than two

52 Cheated

53 Furious

54 Inglenook

55 Sum

56 Adder

59 Air (prefix)

60 Detail

62 Ground

63 Teen disease

64 52 weeks

66 Possessive pronoun

68 Expression of surprise

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Middle School Honors Band!

On Thursday, November 6th, seven Cumberland Middle School students participated in the Middle School Honors Band at the Shell Lake Arts Center. They were a part of about 150 kids from 28 different schools. They rehearsed with Master Teachers throughout the day and finished with a performance that evening. Participants include from left to right: Kaitlin Johnson-Clarinet, Emmett Jasperso Trombone, Britton Elmberg-Horn, LeShawn Dyer-Tuba, Adelyn Ordway-Horn, Lucy Ruppel-Horn, Addy Holmes-Flute and Cumberland Middle School Band Director Lucas West.

Pleasantview Christmas Tree Lot to Open Thanksgiving Weekend

The Pleasantview Christmas Tree business consists of our Cumberland Pleasantview Christmas Tree lot and the Pleasantview 16-acre farm where we started planting the first (of many) Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir bare root seedlings in 2021. The long-term farm plan is that these trees will be the tree source for the Cumberland Tree lot, and when we open the Pleasantview Christmas Tree Farm it will be an option for customers wanting to experience cutting their own tree.

The Pleasantview Christmas Tree Lot first opened in 2024. The tree lot related sales is currently the only source of income to support the growth of the young trees at the farm and all the tree lot expenses.

2025 CHRISTMAS TREE LOT OPENS THANKSGIVING WEEKEND! Friday, Saturday and Sunday hours are 9am to 5pm to kick off the holiday season. DECEMBER HOURS includes weekdays Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am - 7pm and Saturday and Sunday 9am - 5pm.

Again this year, we can be available by appointment if needed, and could accommodate special needs and requests. Contact Patrick 612-799-1779 or Lori 651-341-0144.

This year there will be more to choose from-fresh cut Fraser Fir, Balsam Fir trees, wreaths, swags, garland, porch pots and other holiday crafts displayed in a new, cozy, warm place to have hot apple cider and cookies.

We are committed to investing in the Cumberland Tree lot consistent with the same festive, inviting, holiday feel of the other downtown businesses. And, to maintain a focus on the expectations and experience to our customers.

• This year we installed a separate metered electrical service for Pleasantview Christmas Trees to power outdoor lights and extend the hours for late-day and early evening customers, provide the new pay station/retail shop with heat and install a basic security system.

• We increased the number of trees, wreaths and porch pots, added garland and other holiday crafts, with improved displays to upgrade the curb appeal.

• We purchased a new building (a warm place) for the customers pay counter, some retail shopping and a place to enjoy a cup of hot cider.

We started last year knowing 2 things-there wasn't a Christmas Tree Lot in Cumberland; and the Christmas holiday season is celebrated every year, and it usually starts with getting the tree-and having a lot of questions.

2024 gave us many answers to key questions. Here is what we learned.

There was more interest than we had trees and the customer comments were:

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Well here we go! The nine day gun deer season kicks off this Saturday. By all accounts there seems to be quite a few deer running around this Fall. It doesn’t look like we will get any snow and temps could be in the 40’s. Maybe not ideal, but it will be comfortable at the very least. I hope to get a deer as our freezer is all but out of venison. I absolutely love venison bacon and breakfast sausage from Louie’s. After the steaks and roasts are packaged, the rest will go to those two items. Good luck to everyone who heads out to the woods. Be safe out there!

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Speaking of deer, Sarah and I were on the way home from helping Isaac and Kali move into their new home and could not help but notice all the road kill. It was crazy how many dead deer we saw on I 94 and US 53. It seemed there was a red spot every couple of miles. I know this is the worst time of year in terms of hitting deer, but it was just nuts. Hopefully they get thinned down a bit here shortly.

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The ladies will be headed to downtown Cumberland this Saturday when the guys are in the woods for the Island City Sipper sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. Turn out looks to be good, judging by pre-sales. Contact the Chamber Office at 715-822-FEST if you’re looking for tickets. Also next Tuesday the Chamber sponsors the annual Tree Lighting ceremony on Main Street. There will be a visit from Santa, hot chocolate, caroling and all sorts of fun. Bring the whole family out for an evening of fun. The event runs from 5-7 pm.

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The Packers take on the Vikings this coming Sunday in Green Bay. How this game plays out is a mystery to me. On paper, the Pack should handle business against a team with a struggling young quarterback, but the Packers have had a few head scratchers already this season and home field advantage all across the league doesn’t seem to be what it once was. Plus its PACKERS vs VIKINGS, so anything can happen. Should be a fun Sunday. Have a great week!

Pleasantview...

- “We didn’t have a tree lot in Cumberland, we needed one. Thank you.”
- “This is so convenient. Sure makes it easy. Will you be back next year?”
- “You have really good looking trees, really nice.”
- “You would deliver the tree at no charge, really? That would be wonderful.”
- “Do you charge for baling, no? Great, I’ll have you do that for me.”
- “I’ll take a regular wreath, cross wreath and stand for the cemetery is perfect. Thanks.”
- “Thank you. See you

next year. We’ll be back. Lucky us.”

Pleasantview will continue our customer focus and would like to be viewed as an asset to the Cumberland community, if only for this special holiday season.

As the young trees on the farm mature we will look forward to adding a new customer who wants the experience of cutting their own tree. A perfect compliment to the downtown Cumberland Tree lot.

Patrick and Lori O’Brien

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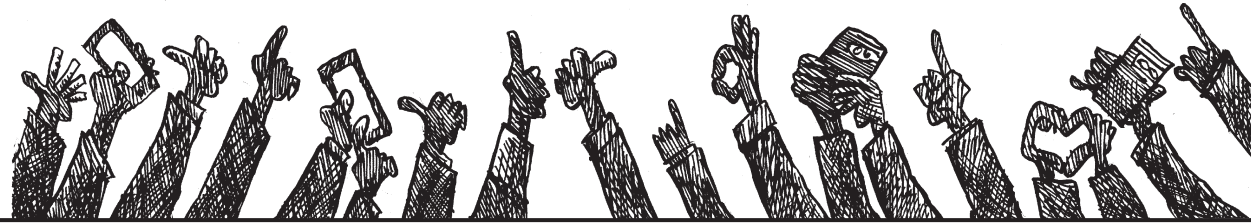
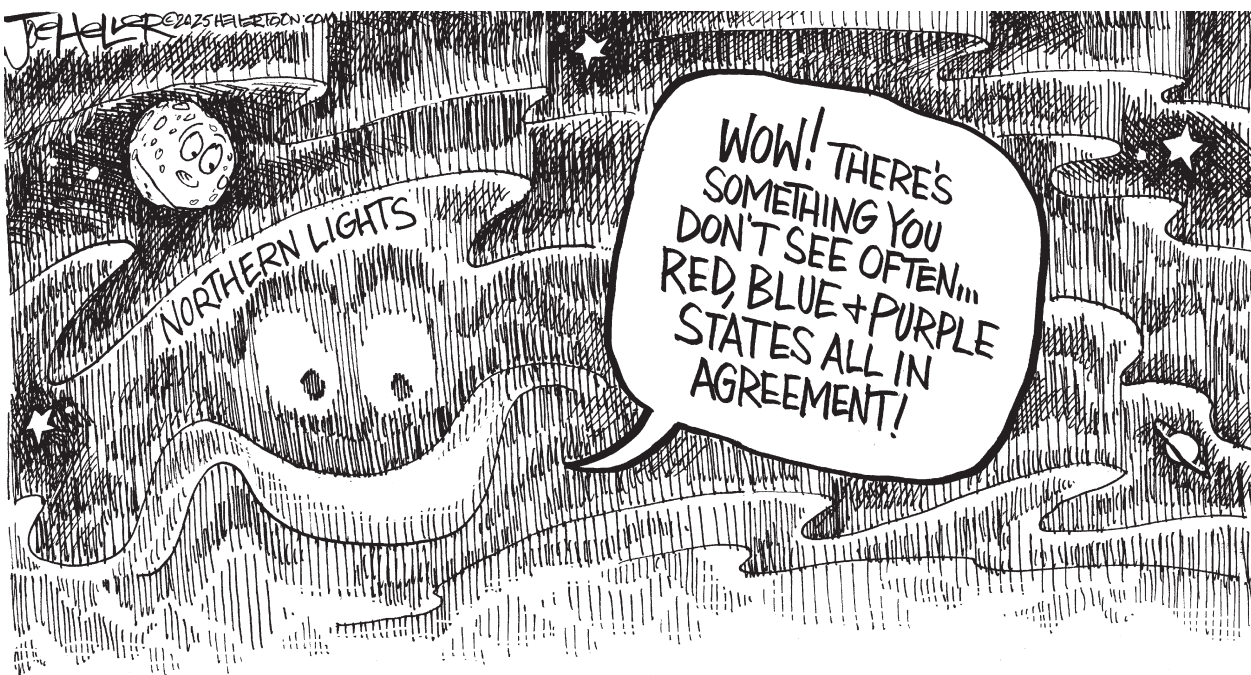
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Nobel Prize winner Watson ‘complex’ mentor for UW-Madison researcher”

MADISON, Wis. — It’s been said the best teachers can be judged by the success of those they mentor. In the case of Nobel Prize winner James D. Watson, who died this month at 97, a prime example is UW-Madison molecular biologist and biochemist Richard Burgess.

Burgess’ continuing story sheds first-hand light on Watson’s intellect and laid-back style of teaching, which instilled a sense of purpose in a new generation of scientists in the 1960s and ‘70s that continues to pay dividends today.

Burgess was among a small cadre of young Ph.D. students at Harvard University under Watson, who co-discovered “double helix” of DNA in the 1950s. Among fellow scientists, Burgess is known today for building on the work of Watson and others by discovering the first positive “transcription” factor within the sub-unit structure of the RNA polymerase.

In lay terms, that’s part of what enables DNA and RNA to communicate to turn certain cellular processes on and off.

At home here in Wisconsin, Burgess is known for his decades of work

at the UW-Madison’s McArdle Laboratory for Cancer Research and the 1984 founding of the Wisconsin Biotechnology Center, which he led until 1996. The center continues to help many Wisconsin biotech companies by providing tools and expertise that can make them competitive. Even today, Burgess is the senior oncology advisor to FAR Biotech, a company co-founded by Madison’s Max Duckworth.

In an interview, Burgess recalled Chicago native Watson as a “very honest and open” mentor who didn’t like to micro-manage his graduate students; he preferred to have them learn by example and their own mistakes.

“Jim wasn’t the person you went to for how to do an experiment,” Burgess recalled, but was instead more of a “theoretician” who was “very good at strategizing on how to proceed.”

And yet, Burgess recalled, Watson’s Harvard laboratory was “not a place where you could get away with any B.S.” He was attracted there after earning his master’s degree because it was “one of the best in the world” and exuded a sense of advancing the frontiers of

molecular science.

“There was always a sense that if there was something new to be found, we would find it.” Burgess said.

He called Watson a “complex mentor and man” who never put his name on a research paper authored by students, which included Burgess’ now wife of 58 years, Evansville, Wis., native Ann Baker Burgess.

Watson cared about his students, helped them find jobs around the country and world – yet knew when it was time to play, as Burgess recalled.

“Jim liked to have parties” in an apartment with uneven floors and lots of abstract art, including one party in which the late Melina Mercouri – film star and later a Greek politician – was a featured guest. Another guest was Francis Crick, the other half of the 1962 Nobel Prize pair.

Party animal or no, Watson had a lasting scholarly influence through his book, “Molecular Biology of the Gene,” which Burgess described as a “go-to” text to this day.

Later in his life, Watson drew scorn for his belief that black people had genes that made them less intelligent than

white people. Burgess isn’t glossing over that – “Jim said some deplorable, hurtful things” – but hopes his larger legacy is not forever tainted.

Perhaps it won’t be forever blemished. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in New York severed all ties with Watson in 2019 over his repeated comments after nearly 50 years of running that lab. However, the lab’s website as of Nov. 12 features a Watson remembrance on its landing page.

When Burgess was asked to name his endowed chair at UW’s McArdle lab, he chose to call it the “James D. Watson Professor of Oncology.” That title endures today even though Burgess has emeritus status.

Several of Watson’s Ph.D. students have won Nobel Prizes of their own, which shows that teachers with what Burgess described as an “unusual mentoring style” can still leave their mark. In this case, the UW-Madison and the state’s biotech economy were beneficiaries through Burgess.

Still is the past president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. He can be reached at tstill@wisconsin-technologycouncil.com

A Look Back

10 Years Ago November 25, 2015

On Sunday at 4 pm, the Cumberland Fire Department were called to the Chester Spanish property, located on 21 1/2 Ave for a shed completely engulfed in flames. The shed was a complete loss. The fire is believed to have started with a tractor being plugged in. There were no injuries.

Barron County HCE (Home and Community Education) held their Fall Fling in Barron last week. Four awards were handed out to outstanding clubs. Cumberland Spicettes received two of the four awards. Their awards were the Cultural Arts Award and the second award was for gaining the most new members. The Cumberland Spicettes are Mary Zappa, Mary Boehm, Pat Peichel, Flo Savina, Jean Milligan and Ann Nelsen.

20 Years Ago November 23, 2005

Six Cumberland Middle School Band members participated in the Shell Lake Arts Center Middle School Honors band this past weekend. Students from Cumberland performing included Preston Hopkins, Stefan Kerr, Sam Clark, Alexa Olsen, Shawn Muench and Kristen Lansin.

30 Years Ago

November 22, 1995

Seventeen year old, Erin Curtis, daughter of Brad and Carol Curtis of Cumberland, competed with 106 young women for the title of Miss Teen Wisconsin-USA. Erin was a finalist finishing in the top five.

On Monday, the Barron County Sheriff’s Department was called by Per Mar Security advising of a burglary alarm at Crystal Lake Cheese Factory. When officers arrived, the window of the front entrance was broken, and when they entered the factory, they discovered that a hasp had been pried off a plywood box and an empty money bag was inside. This burglary is still under investigation.

40 Years Ago November 20, 1985

Cheesemaker Mike Miller of Cumberland, and a supervisor at Stella Cheese, earned the top award recently, in the hard Italian Cheese category at the United States Championship Cheese Contest in Green Bay. Miller’s winning entry was Stella’s Asiago Old.

50 Years Ago November 20, 1975

Martin D. Dutilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. El-lard K. Dutilly, has been commissioned to second lieutenant in the U.S. Air

Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. Dutilly is a 1966 Cumberland High School graduate.

Cumberland rural firemen answered two fire calls in two days, both of them involving cars.

60 Years Ago November 25, 1965

Barron is among Up-state counties investigating a rash of break-ins which occurred Wednesday night. The Poskin Feed Mill was entered by thieves prying off the padlock on the front door, drawers were ransacked and a pop machine broken into with about \$3 taken. The Turtle Lake Cheese House was entered by breaking glass in the back door. There \$135 was reported missing from a desk and two pistols and shells. These break-ins are still being investigated.

70 Years Ago November 24, 1955

Youngsters with air rifles have been pot-shooting at windows in the Legion Barracks, and have broken eight lights of window glass during the past two weeks. The Legion Commander requests that parents talk to their children who have air rifles.

80 Years Ago November 29, 1945

The weather the past few days has begun to take on the look and feel of real winter. The first snow of any account began to fall at midnight on Tuesday, and on Wednesday when the wind had veered around to the northwest, it looked like a small blizzard had let loose.



2025

WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Precip
11/11	31	21	0.00
11/12	45	24	0.00
11/13	46	26	0.00
11/14	52	25	0.00
11/15	63	25	0.00
11/16	52	26	0.00

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

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

William J. Christensen, 38, Ladysmith, operate without carrying a license, \$217.10. Dale S. Ellingsworth, 54, Rice Lake, OWI, \$3,389.00. Antonio Aparicio-Bonilla, 44, Eau Claire, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Ashton N. Brannan, 18, Cumberland, speeding, \$250.90. Javier Cervantes-Rosales, 28, Barron, OWI, \$1,081.00, and operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Karen A. Chilson, 70, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Matthew D. Everhart, 45, Hudson, speeding, \$175.30. Kiley L. Falkner, 19, Chippewa Falls, speeding, \$200.50. Ethan J. Ferger, 23, Oak Creek, unreasonable and imprudent speed, \$213.10. Fabian Flores-Espinoza, 42, Rice Lake, operate without a valid license, \$200.50, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, \$263.50 and speeding, \$175.30. Julien B. Foster, 18, Cameron, passing into oncoming traffic, \$326.50. Curtis J. Fredricks, 40, Chetek, speeding, \$175.30, non-registration of vehicle, \$175.30 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Harmony C. Hanson, 20, Ladysmith, illegal pass of school bus, \$326.50. David L. Hawkins, 19, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Zakary R. Henning, 25, Barron, speeding, \$200.50. Michael J. Lamkin, 67, Bayport, MN., speeding, \$175.30. Jose F. Landa-Flores, 47, Eau Claire, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. David J. Mayes, 51, Thunder Bay, ON., speeding, \$200.50. Rafael Molohua-Tzanahua, 30, Grantsburg, operating while suspended, \$200.50. Sara J. Molzan, 45, Boyceville, OWI, \$1,185.50. James W. Morris, 36, Woodbury, MN., fail/yield right/way from stop sign, \$175.30. Angela S. Oftedahl, 53, Almena, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Dale W. Passehl, 56, Cameron, speeding, \$175.30. Jordan A. Ramis, 27, Turtle Lake, inattentive driving, \$187.90. Jimmy G. Rosillo Gaona, 25, Rice Lake, operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Alexandra T. Schack, 38, Golden Valley MN., speeding, \$175.30. Austin A. Schiebel, 22, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. Dale P. Schuebel, 77, Cameron, no tail lamp/defective tail lamp-night, \$152.70. Leticia A. Willier, 58, Eau Claire, speeding, \$276.10.

Complaints

Robert T. Brown, 69, of Cloquet, MN., has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court trial is scheduled for December 8, 2025.

Steven M. Secora, 34, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for November 6, 2025.

Russel R. Vikar, 63, of

Stillwater, MN., has been charged with set fire without extinguishing fire. His court date is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Austin D. Coates, 17, of Wheeler, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 28, 2026.

Brent E. King, 21, of Hillsdale, has been charged with adult permit/underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 28, 2026.

Dominic T. Peterson, 17, of Colfax, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for January 28, 2026.

Amanda L. Holmstrom, 35, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date is scheduled for December 3, 2025.

Terra V. Lindemans, 44, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date was scheduled for November 10, 2025.

Wyatt S. Matsch, 18, of Hammond, has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for February 25, 2026.

Morgan D. Witte, 20, of Otsego, MN., has been charged with underage drinking. Her court date is scheduled for February 25, 2026.

Danny W. Lillie, 57, of Cumberland, has been charged with give permission to operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for January 21, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

Gregory J. Perry, 31, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 26, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Reese A. Diesterhaft, 31, of New Auburn, has been charged with disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Tyler J. Crotteau, 43, of Rice Lake, has been charged with knowingly violate a domestic abuse order. His court hearing is scheduled for February 13, 2026.

John M. Beck, 59, no address, has been charged with knowingly violate a domestic abuse order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Tyler S. Merrill, 29, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia, domestic abuse and criminal damage to property. His court hearing is scheduled for February 6, 2026.

Ricky K. Saastad, 70, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

Randall E. Hughes, 58, of Circle Pines, MN., has been



There was a heavy police presence last Thursday morning, November 13th on County Highway P/1st Avenue near Seneca Foods. According to Cumberland Police Chief Heather Wolfe, it is an active narcotics investigation being handled by the DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration). No further information was available at press time.

charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs and possession of THC. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 21, 2025.

Margaux V. Rivers, 32, of Altoona, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, 2025.

Lori L. Switzer, 45, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, 2025.

Daniel E. Stypula, 58, of Almena, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

An officer with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports that on November 5, 2025, at approximately 2:44 pm, he observed a vehicle to take a right-hand turn to travel eastbound on E. South Street from Main Street, in Rice Lake. The officer reports he noted the vehicles exhaust system to produce a loud and excessive noise, the vehicle to be traveling faster than the posted 25 mph speed limit, to cross over the center yellow line partially into the westbound lane of travel, to stop after the stop line at the stop sign on South Street and Kern Avenue, and to have only one working brake light.

The officer reports he conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle, and made contact with the driver, who he identified as the defendant, Stypula.

The officer reports while speaking with Stypula, he noted multiple facial tremors around Styula's eye and mouth region, which the officer recognized to be a sign/symptom of stimulant use, such as methamphetamine.

The officer reports he eventually asked Stypula if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, and Stypula stated "not that I know of." The officer reports Stypula indicated he had loaned the truck out the "other day."

The officer reports he eventually searched Stypula's vehicle, and located the following: a pill container that contained four pills that the label indicated were Diazepam, and a container that contained a glass smoking device with visible white crystalline resi-

due within it that the officer recognized to be methamphetamine which later field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

The officer asked Stypula about the pipe, which Stypula stated, "dude that ain't mine, I told you, I've got heart issues." The officer asked Stypula if he could see his finger tips, and Stypula showed them. The officer reports he observed marks on Stypula's left pointer and middle finger, that the officer knows to be consistent with the use of a hot pipe, such as a methamphetamine pipe.

The officer reports he continued to search the vehicle and located a torch lighter and one gem baggie that contained a white crystal-line substance which was later field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine and weighed .44 grams.

The officer reports he brought the torch over to Stypula and asked if it was his. Stypula stated that this torch has been in the vehicle, but that it did not work. The officer reports Stypula agreed it was his torch. The officer reports he asked Stypula if the methamphetamine that was under the torch was his, and Stypula took a long pause, and stated he was going to take the charge for it.

The officer reports he later spoke with Stypula and asked of his DNA would be on the methamphetamine pipe or baggie and Stypula hesitated and stated "it might be." The officer reports Stypula stated that he doesn't use it, meaning the methamphetamine. The officer asked Stypula why his DNA would be on the items, and Stypula stated, "cause I probably pushed it in there, a while back."

The officer reports he administered field sobriety tests to Stypula. The officer reports he administered the Horizontal Gaze Nystagmus test and observed no clues. The officer reports he did observe Stypula to continue to exhibit the previously described facial tremors.

The officer reports he administered the Walk and Turn test and observed Stypula failed to maintain balance while listening to instructions, took incorrect number of steps, used arms for balance and conducted an improper turn.

The officer reports he administered the One Leg Stand test, and Stypula swayed and used his arms for balance.

The officer reports he eventually asked Stypula why he was showing signs

of impairment, Stypula stated he was disabled and took a muscle relaxer "earlier" due to his neck hurting.

The officer reports that after some time of Stypula denying ownership of the methamphetamine pipe, Stypula stated the pipe was part his and part someone else's. The officer reports Stypula stated he hadn't touched the pipe yet, and that when asked if he intended to touch the pipe, Stypula advised he was debating it. The officer reports Stypula stated the pipe was not supposed to be in the truck as it was supposed to be "at the house."

The officer reports that Stypula stated when he ingests methamphetamine, he usually snorts it. The officer asked Stypula to stick his tongue out, and upon doing so, noticed several raised bumps on the back of his tongue. The officer reports he knows from his training and experience that such items in that area are consistent with substances that burn hot are smoked from an unfiltered medium.

The officer reports Stypula then stated he last used methamphetamine a week prior. The officer reports he did not believe that, and believe Stypula's last ingestion to have been within the previous day.

The officer reports Stypula was eventually transported to a hospital where his blood was drawn for further testing.

The officer reports observing eight prior OWI related convictions on Stypula's record.

If convicted for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, Stypula may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 12 years and 6 months or both. For possession of methamphetamine, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months or both. For possession of drug paraphernalia, he may be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both.

His preliminary hearing is scheduled for November 25, 2025.

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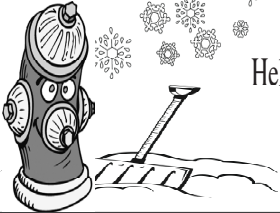
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The Turtle Lake School Board recently recognized Lake Country Dairy for its support of the school district. The company was honored as part of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' 2025 Business Honor Roll Program. The program recognizes local school district business partners that support area schools by providing resources or additional learning opportunities for students and staff. "Lake Country Dairy is a strong supporter of the Turtle Lake School District", said Bill Muench, school board president. "In the past year, they have generously given \$50,000 to support the track renovation project. Without their support, the project could not have been completed." "On behalf of the School District of Turtle Lake, I am honored to recognize and celebrate Lake Country Dairy for its generous support and help in preparing our community's children to be tomorrow's leaders. " Pictured from left to right is Gary Gosda with Lake Country Dairy and Bill Muench with the Turtle Lake School District.



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By Judy Pieper

Imagine a drum roll here – Alec and Anna Adams have a beautiful brand-new baby boy. August James Adams arrived on Wednesday, November 12, at approximately 10:30 a.m. Proud Grandpa, Art Adams, forwarded a picture of the little guy to us, and he adorable. I bet the family celebrations are going to be a lot of fun with little August and little cousin, Suttyn Violet, daughter of Trystin and Kaylie, entertaining everyone.

Bob Russell stopped by for a visit one day this past week. He has a eight-week-old great-niece, Charlotte Rose, daughter of Ben and Courtney St. Claire, who is a little sweetheart. He said that he has visited with her and her mom and dad, but always opts out of holding her because she is so tiny he is afraid of dropping her. I'll give him some advice – hold Charlotte. All you have to do is sit in a nice comfortable chair, have Mama put her in your arms, and she will be snug as a little bug. Babies don't usually wiggle off anyone's lap, and they smell so good and are so soft and cuddly.

The Pittman family, Dan, Jess and Geri, were among those attending the Veterans' Day service at Rice Lake Middle School. Dan was one of twenty-two veterans honored in the 2025 Banner Project. The Banners are printed with a picture of the veteran, his branch of service, and the years he (or, of course, she) served. Dan served in the Army from 1986 to 1992. The banners were hung along Veterans' Lakeshore Drive on Memorial Day, and were taken down on

Patriot Day, which is September 11th, so they could be washed before presenting them to the veterans' families at the ceremony on Veterans' Day.

Jess had to go back to work immediately after the ceremony, but Dan and Geri decided to enjoy lunch at Adventures in Rice Lake. Adventures management was providing free lunch to veterans that day to thank them for their service. Geri said that lunch was delicious and that she had a very good day with Dan and Jess.

If you know a veteran who you would like to nominate for next year's Banner Project, you can e-mail his or her name, rank, military branch, years of service/war and a photo to rlveterans-driveprojects@gmail.com. If you have already submitted a name and it hasn't yet been drawn, submit it again because new names are drawn every year.

Boy oh boy, this year is rushing by – Deer hunting season starts this Saturday. Well, rifle season, I mean. You bow hunters have been out there for a while already. Good luck to all you deer hunters – I hope you get the 20-point buck this year. I think people must pretend that they enjoy hunting. I just can't imagine pretending that you are having a good time walking through brambles, falling through thin ice on swamps, getting lost in the woods – the list goes on and on. Isn't it a lot easier to go to Louie's to find meat that is already cut up and in packages. Hmmm – I guess I just don't get it.

I am going to have a very easy Thanksgiving this year. The only things I have been asked to make are two

pumpkin pies and some lefse. Jim and Summer Marsh are hosting the family dinner at their home, and I am taking lefse there. And then, later, Lynn Thon is going to have a small family gathering at her house where I will take the pies. We will be so full by the end of the day that we won't have to eat for a week. (Wouldn't it be nice if it really did work that way. Even after over-eating one day, a person is usually hungry by breakfast time the next morning.)

Pierce Thon, and his Grandma Lynn, came to our house on Sunday morning so that Pierce and I could make Aunt Maxine's sugar cookies. I have a stand mixer, and, after I measured the ingredients into cups, Pierce poured them into the mixing bowl. The only thing he had a problem with was the oil, which dripped over the side and onto the counter-top. He made the little dough balls and flattened them with a cookie press. He's six years old, you know, and likes to do everything himself. We had a great morning. Pierce's brother, Kane, was still in bed when they came to our house, so Pierce put the cookies in a cookie jar so that he could take them home and share them with Kane.

Geri Pittman and I decided to have a girls' day out this past Thursday. We went to the thrift shop on top of St. Croix hill. It is just amazing what a person can find in those shops. I got a football for Kane and Pierce, and a couple knick-knacks. It is so much fun finding treasures. We had lots of fun.

I'm going to run. You have a wonderful week and I'll see you next time.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, November 20
Baked potato with diced ham, cheese, onions, broccoli, pickled beets, dinner roll, pears.

Friday, November 21
Lentil and bean chili, cheese and crackers, corn bread, Cooks choice cookie, fruit juice.

Monday, November 24
Roast pork, mashed sweet potatoes, stewed tomatoes, assorted bread, ice cream.

Tuesday, November 25
Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed side salad, bread stick, brownie.

Wednesday, November 26
Turkey gravy over masked potatoes, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, dinner roll, pecan pie 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 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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Vickie L. Slack
Vickie Lynn Slack, 73, of Rice Lake passed away peacefully on November 16, 2025, at Willow Ridge Healthcare. She was born July 6, 1952, in Rice Lake, WI to Walter and Carolyn (Margotto) Blonk. She was the Valedictorian in high school.
Vickie worked at Nickels Home Shield, where she met her soon to be husband, and later began working at MasterCraft until she retired. She was married on May 8, 1976, to Gregory Slack and they shared 49 years together.
She sold Avon for many years and was so successful she almost won the Avon van. Vickie was willing to go above and beyond to help anyone get their Avon. She loved hosting parties, whether it was tea lights, tubeware, Avon, or home interior.
In her free time, she enjoyed traveling to Duluth to visit the Split Rock Lighthouse and Bayfield. Vickie enjoyed to sing, dance, play

piano, guitar, cook, work in her garden and take her huskies on walks. Her home was not complete without at least six huskies.
Her heart overflowed with love for those around her. She loved to help anyone in need and was willing to give the shirt off her back.
She is survived by her loving husband, Greg Slack; daughter, Janelle (Alex) Mendez; grandchildren: Priscilla, Angel, and Selena; sister, Kathy (Lonnie) Strauss; numerous cousins and other family and friends. Vickie was preceded in death by her parents: Walter and Carolyn Blonk; and infant brother, Vernon Blonk.
Funeral services will be held at 12 PM Monday, Nov 24, 2025, at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Deacon Steve Linton officiating. Burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be two hours prior.
Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the

Northern Lakes Community Church Pastor Matthew Earls Goes to Israel for Mission Trip

The Jerusalem Post

“We are on the verge of losing the younger evangelical generation for Israel - and we must act now.”
A delegation of evangelical leaders and senior pastors from across the United States, led by Bishop Robert Stearns, Founder and Executive Director of Eagles’ Wings, recently completed a solidarity mission in Israel, in a journey of faith and unity with the people of Israel.
The delegation included 70 pastors from 22 US states, representing diverse denominations and communities, as part of a continuing effort to strengthen bonds and build bridges between the global Christian and the Jewish communities, starting here in Israel.
As part of the visit, the group was joined by a delegation of 15 leading Jewish philanthropists and funders from the UJA-Federation of New York, led by Mark Medin, and including Daniel Och and Tony Ressler. Together, these two delegations formed a unique alliance, holding a joint meeting at

the Knesset with Speaker Amir Ohana, symbolizing the partnership between evangelical Christian leaders and the Jewish philanthropic leadership of North America.
Opening the meeting, Bishop Stearns spoke about Eagles’ Wings’ extensive work in mobilizing global Christian support for Israel, particularly since October 7, noting that the organization has already brought 22 delegations from more than 50 nations to Israel in the past two years. He added: “This room is filled with Jews and Christians who are deeply committed to the prosperity and security of the State of Israel as a Jewish and democratic nation. We are at a critical moment. If we do not act now, Israel risks losing the support of the younger evangelical generation. “That is why I am personally committed to dramatically expanding the scope of our delegations to Israel – to bring more people to see the truth with their own eyes and to stand with Israel.”

Following his remarks, Daniel Och, one of the leading members of the UJA-Federation of New York delegation, emphasized the shared mission between the communities, saying: “We are with you – not for a short time, but forever. One of the missions of my life is to bring together Christian Zionists and Jews, to support Israel, the Jewish people, and the values we share. This is our common fight – for freedom, democracy, and the future we all believe in.”
Knesset Speaker Amir Ohana said, “The past two years since October 7 have been among the most difficult in Israel’s history. You stood by us in our darkest hours. We are a nation that remembers, and we will never forget your friendship, your solidarity, and your leadership. We are facing very difficult challenges as part of a global battle between the forces of extremism and the values of freedom and democracy that Israel represents in this region. In this fight, it is not only Israelis or Jews - but the

entire free world that must remain united.”
The delegation met with Minister of Diaspora Affairs Amichai Chikli to discuss the critical importance of combating antisemitism. During the meeting, they expressed their firm commitment to serve as allies and ambassadors in this global effort. Chikli said, “We are in a spiritual war between good and evil. We are friends of Christians. We are friends of Christianity, and we need to work together fast and hard against the mutual threats that stand before us.”
For over three decades, Eagles’ Wings has worked to strengthen the bond between the Christian world and Israel, bringing tens of thousands of pastors, leaders, and influencers to experience the Holy Land firsthand, while advancing humanitarian and educational initiatives such as the “Abraham’s Bread” centers in Jerusalem and Tiberias, serving both Jews and Arabs in need.



Church Directory



“A Reflection on Psalm 130”
by Pastor Jared Andrea
Cumberland Baptist Church

Psalm 130
A Song of Ascents.
1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!
2 O Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!
3 If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?
4 But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.
5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;
6 my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.
7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.
8 And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

True worship of the true Lord begins by acknowledging that we are not fit to worship Him. Highest praise of the Most High comes from those that He brings low, down to the very depths of desperation due to sin against the Lord. The psalmist’s sins are heaped high. Should the Lord mark them down, even one, he cannot possibly stand in His holy presence, but is fit only for the depths of hell.The psalmist sees his sinful state and cries out to the Lord for mercy, for forgiveness of his sins. The Lord is his only hope.

His sincere cry for mercy from the Lord is joined together with certain hope in the Lord because he knows that with the Lord there is forgiveness, steadfast love, and plentiful redemption because the Lord has revealed Himself as the One who forgives, loves, and redeems.

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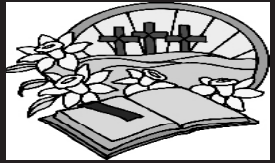
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Work together to protect those who protect us; Crash Responder Safety Week proclaimed for Nov. 17-21

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is joining partners throughout the state and country this week to remind motorists that “safety starts with you – move over or slow down” for flashing lights on the side of the road to keep first responders safe. Nearly 50 counties and municipalities across Wisconsin are taking a stand to protect roadside workers in their communities by joining Gov. Evers in proclaiming Nov. 17-21 as Crash Responder Safety Week. For almost 10 years, Wisconsin has participated in this nationwide effort to raise awareness about the risks first responders face

on duty. “Every year, there are about 128,000 traffic crashes in Wisconsin and each crash impacts the safety of other travelers and our state’s emergency responders,” WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. “We must work together to protect those who protect us. Behind every safety vest and vehicle with emergency lights on is a person who chose to serve their community. When we drive with care – moving over, slowing down, staying off our phones – we return that service with respect. Let’s make sure every responder makes it home.” Often working just feet

from traffic, first responders put their lives in danger every time they respond to a crash. Over the past five years, 73 emergency responders were struck by a vehicle while working on the side of the road in Wisconsin. “Across Wisconsin, EMS professionals serve our communities and we’re with you, your family, your friends, your neighbors when it matters most,” Alan DeYoung, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Emergency Medical Services Association said. “Crash Responder Safety Week is a reminder that the simplest choice, slow down and move over, is what keeps us safe

and gets our responders back to their families.” Those responders – representing fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, and towing and transportation services – work tirelessly to save lives and keep our roads safe. “Our firefighters and emergency medical responders answer the call around the clock,” John Breuer, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association President said. “We need drivers to be attentive at all times and give space to our first responders by slowing down and moving over.” Laws protect emergency responders The Wisconsin State Pa-

trol’s November Law of the Month coincides with Crash Responder Safety Week to help drivers understand their responsibility to protect first responders. Move over or slow down if you see an emergency vehicle’s flashing lights. It’s required by law. Put the phone down. State law bans the use of handheld cell phones when passing through an emergency response area, which is defined as 500 feet surrounding an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing. If you can “Steer It, Clear It”. If your vehicle is drivable and there are no injuries, you should move your

vehicle to the shoulder or nearby safe place off the road before calling 911. This effort keeps traffic flowing and better ensures the safety for you, responders and other drivers. “Crash scenes can quickly become dangerous for law enforcement and other emergency responders when drivers aren’t paying attention near an incident,” Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. “To prevent secondary crashes, drivers must be alert and scan the road ahead. Watch for flashing lights and give emergency responders space to safety do their jobs.”



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(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2025 PR111
In the Matter of the Estate of Chance D. Farlow, deceased, Case No. 2025 PR 111.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03-02-1975 and date of death 9-08-2023, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 705-27 1/2 Avenue, Barronett, WI 54813.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 19, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.
/S/ Deanne E. Larson
Probate Registrar
November 6, 2025
Anthony K. Berg,
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Bar # 1077438
Published in the *Cumberland Advocate* on November 12, 19 & 26, 2025. WNAXLP

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that in the Town of Maple Plain, Barron County, there is one vacancy in the office of Town Supervisor effective November 20, 2025. Individuals interested in being considered for appointment to the position for the remaining term, expiring April 20, 2027, shall submit a letter of interest to the Town Clerk no later than Monday, December 1st, at 4:00 p.m.
The letter may be emailed to the following address: clerk@townofmapleplain.wi.gov. Submissions may also be delivered to the Town Hall in the secure dropbox or mailed via USPS. Postal letters must arrive by December 1st. Consideration to fill the vacant office will be addressed by the governing body during a monthly meeting.
Danielle Maxwell-Parker,
Clerk
Town of Maple Plain
Published in the *Cumberland Advocate* on November 19, 2025. WNAXLP

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
Cumberland School District
April 7, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of an election to be held in the Cumberland School District on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, one member is to be elected at large to succeed the present incumbent listed. The term of office for the school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2026.

OFFICE: School Board Member (one seat)

INCUMBENT: Adam Skinner

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the office of the superintendent located in the District Office, 1010 8th Avenue, Cumberland, Wisconsin.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office. Questions may e directed to Melissa Weaver, Administrative Assistant, 715-822-5124, ext. 1.
Done in the City of Cumberland on October 20, 2025.

Jennifer Hyatt
District Clerk
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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
Barron County - April 7, 2026

Election Details - An election is to be held in the towns, villages and cities in the County of Barron, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The following officers are to be elected:
Judicial Officers
One (1) Justice of the Supreme Court, for the term of ten (10) years, to succeed the present incumbent listed, whose term of office will expire on July 31, 2026:
Justice of the Supreme Court – Rebecca G. Bradley
One (1) Circuit Court Judge, for the term of six (6) years, to succeed the present incumbents listed, whose terms of office will expire on July 31, 2026:
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County Supervisor
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District 6 – Pamela Fall
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NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION
APRIL 7, 2026

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election is to be held in the City of Cumberland, on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. All terms are for two years unless otherwise indicated.

MAYOR IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND to succeed Daniel C. Shoemaker for term of two years to expire April 4, 2028.

AN ALDERPERSON IN THE FIRST WARD to succeed Michael Cifaldi for a term of two years to expire April 4, 2028.

AN ALDERPERSON IN THE SECOND WARD to succeed Jim Anderson for a term of two years to expire April 4, 2028

AN ALDERPERSON IN THE THIRD WARD to succeed Kelly Cady for a term of two years to expire April 4, 2028.

AN ALDERPERSON IN THE FOURTH WARD to succeed Tom Goldsmith for a term of two years to expire April 4, 2028.

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MUNICIPAL JUDGE IN THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND to succeed Kenneth Bowen for a term of four years to expire April 4, 2030.

Nomination papers for the above offices shall be circulated not sooner than December 1, 2025, and shall be filed not later than 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Incumbents not seeking re-election must file Notification of Noncandidacy by 12/ 26/ 25

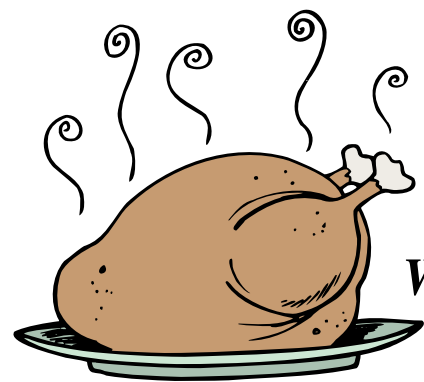
Per Ordinance No. 448, a Primary Election shall be held in the City of Cumberland whenever three (3) or more candidates file nomination papers for each City office to be filled at the General City Election. Such Primary shall be held on the Third Tuesday in February in accordance with (1995 WI Act 16) and Chapter 5 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

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Wrestlers Reload for a Strong Conference and Non-Conference Schedule

The season begins on Friday, December 5 with the Island City Duals in Cumberland beginning at 5:00

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A strong team returns to carry on the Cumberland wrestling tradition. Pictured Front Row (L to R): Logan Peterson, Noah Ayers, Eli Owens, Braden Johnson, Caleb Hile, Cadence Strickland, and Colin Hagen. Middle Row (L to R): Jayden Eagleman, Nathan Swint, Max Peterson, Carter Grinage, Mitchell Monchilovich, Anthony Hillman, and Sara Roff. Back Row (L to R): Jaeger Miller, Colt Miller, Blade Nybeck, Brody Gilbertson, Gage Feidt, Tyler Larson, Billy Hillman, and Art Rodriguez-Sandoval.



These six players will be counted on to lead this years basketball team. Pictured are L to R: Calvin Cunningham, Carson Catlin, Edwin Martinez, Alex LaBlanc, Parker Peterson, and Troy Majewski.

Wrestling Enters its 76th Year as a Cumberland Extracurricular

By Mark R Fuller

Today, the tradition of Cumberland Wrestling is well known throughout Northern Wisconsin and the State. That wasn't the case when the sport became a High School extracurricular offering in 1959.

It started the same year the cities brand new High School was dedicated on November 8 in front of a large crowd in the high school gymnasium. State Superintendent George Watson addressed the attendees, after which an open house was held complete with free cookies and coffee. The total cost of the building was stated at \$850,000.00.

Joe Hegenbarth, who had come to the District the year prior, would become the first wrestling coach. He would say "The wrestling that will be taught is not the fake wrestling seen on television. It will be scientifically based with thorough knowledge of holds and releases." The Beaver Booster added, "Wrestling is a sport where the individual can shine and also where the individual is on his own. Once the wrestler is in the ring, he does not receive any help from his team." That must have dealt with the physical, only!

The first event that took place in the new gymnasium was a basketball game against Barron on November 19. The Advocate said 1400 people filled the gym,

only to see Barron pull out a 52-50 victory. That same night, the Isle Theatre was showing the Three Stooges in "Have Rocket Will Travel," and the Company Store was advertising lutefisk for 25 cents a pound.

Wrestling got their chance on January 7, when they opened up their season in the brand facility against Rice Lake. Spooner and Barron were two other area schools also in their first year of wrestling.

Rice Lake would win 43-7, but Howard Bents would become part of Cumberland wrestling history with the first ever victory, a five-point pin. The Beavers other two points came from a Bob Scharmer tie.

The first team victory would come on January 28, when the Beavers beat Barron 28-23. Leading 25-23 going into the last match, Heavyweight Les Loverude's decision over his opponent gave Cumberland the win with Bob Ekenstedt, Paul Weimer, and Bents contributing pins.

Things went pretty smoothly that first year with the Beavers taking fourth at the Conference Tournament. The exception was the last dual of the year which was called after five matches when the lights went out in the new gymnasium and could not be fixed. Loverude would become

participant the following year, in 1960-1961, after winning the Unity Sectional. He would drop his first match in Madison by a referee's decision, but the tradition had started. Loverude would go to State once again his senior year and finish with a 19-1 overall record, with his lone loss coming there. In 1963, Phil Peterson scored the Beaver's first ever State Tournament points by winning two matches with a loss to the eventual State Champion. Peterson finished the season at 20-2-1 and finished his career with back to back HON Titles.

By the mid-60's, Ben and John Peterson had joined the sport. They would be part of the Cumberland first Regional Championship team in 1967. Ben Peterson would be the team MVP that year, while Ric Chartraw had the most pins with 12.

Before their graduation, both would have good high school wrestling careers, with Ben going to the State Tournament twice and taking a State runner-up. One of their biggest impacts on wrestling in the Island City, however, would come in 1972 on the Olympic mats of Munich, Germany, with Ben winning Gold and John a Silver Medal. They would reverse the gold and silver medals in the 1976 Olympics.

A welcome home was

held two weeks after the Olympics in Munich in a Comstock hayfield, where thousands of people congregated to honor the two local heroes. Governor Patrick Lucey was among those joining the throngs of admirers. Cumberland Wrestling would never be the same and this would be only the beginning of the brother's involvement here, including a number of years of instructional coaching and serving on the coaching staff.

After coming close, Cumberland's first Individual State Champion came in 1980 from Rick Ranallo. His 112-pound Championship came after a thrilling 7-6 come from behind victory in the matches final seconds, something the Advocate said was his trademark all season.

Ranallo's State Championship was followed by many others including most recently, the incredible four consecutive State Titles won by Dawson Johnson, who finished with a career record of 182-3.

Seventy-six years later, 24 Conference Titles hang proudly from the Wrestling room along with numerous other team and individual accomplishments. On Monday, 25 new wrestlers began their dream of adding to the legacy of the program. It all begins on December 5.

A welcome home was

Boys Basketball Opens Drills; Opener Set for December 4 in Spooner

The Cumberland Boy's Basketball Team began practice on Monday for the 2025 season. Coming off a Conference Championship and a 21-6 record, the Beavers had plenty of new faces joining first year Head Coach Ryan Zemke for opening drills. Zemke, an assistant for multiple years in the program, will take over for Brian Dutton, who retired after last season.

Gone are All-State and Conference player of the year Gavin Gores and Honorable Mention guard Chayden Berghammer among others. The key returner to the squad is Senior Troy Majewski, who scored 12 points and added six assists in last year's season ending Sectional loss to La Crosse Aquinas. Majewski was 5th in the HON in assists last year with 4.4 per contest and a solid outside shooter.

"We will have approximately 25 kids out for the team and return six players who had some varsity experience. Troy was big for us last year and will be a

key to our success this year. The Conference looks to be wide open with Northwestern, Hayward, Barron and Cameron among the favorites," added Zemke.

The team open up against Conference foe Spooner in Spooner on December 4.

Schedule
Dec 4 at Spooner
Dec 5 at Amery
Dec 9 at Cameron
Dec 12 at SCF
Dec 16 Chetek
Dec 18 Barron
Dec 22 Grantsburg
Dec 29 Rice lake Holiday
Tournament
Dec 30 Rice Lake Holiday

Tournament
Jan 6 at Ashland
Jan 9 Hayward
Jan 15 at Ladysmith
Jan 20 at Unity
Jan 23 Northwestern
Jan 26 Spooner
Jan 29 Cameron
Feb 3 SCF
Feb 6 at Barron
Feb 9 at Somerset
Feb 12 Ashland
Feb 17 at Hayward
Feb 20 Ladysmith
Feb 23 Unity
Feb 26 at Northwestern



GO BEAVERS!

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



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Ten Days on a Montana Mountain

Hello friends,
To say that chasing elk, camping in the mountains and pushing myself to extremes is a passion is an understatement. I am so into elk and mule deer hunting that I have driven to Montana two years in a row to camp in grizzly country with my 24-year-old daughter Selina Walters during the month of August to scout. This year we found good numbers of elk near Livingston and were very excited for our late October rifle hunt.

Monday, October 27th
High 46, low 23
I wrote last week that this 10-day way of life in the mountains is the tale of 2 elevations, one with snow and much cooler temps and one of just the opposite. This morning Selina and I hunted near camp on what is over a mile hike for Selina and about 3/4s of a mile for me.

To be honest, today, which is day 3 of hunting and day 6 of camping, we have not seen much elk sign but did pass up some small whitetail bucks.

Both of us would be watching meadows that are carved out of a mountain valley with a beautiful stream running through it. We were both set up 30 minutes before daylight and as always, very excited for our hunt. My big thrill on this hunt would be watching a red fox hunt mice for 30 minutes and not so thrilling was a 2-inch snowfall while hunting that had a way of getting everything wet.

One of the craziest/funniest stories of this trip was that despite next to zero action on spotting elk or talking to another hunter that saw an elk or even hearing a rifle shot was the teaser elk. Four times while we were sleeping at night, we had elk walk within 20 yards of camp and four times while hunting we walked into camp with elk tracks in the snow within spitting distance of our tents.

My guess is that the average person is thinking why didn't you hunt at camp. This may be tough to understand but our camp was in a mountain drainage and the elk that came through were traveling in dense spruce and when we tracked them, there were

no beds, no droppings and I believe this drainage was a travel route.

We slept on the ground every night. One night, what must have been a very heavy animal walked within 5-yards of our tent. At first I could hear it from a distance as it's hoofs broke through the frozen snow, then I could feel the pressure on the ground as its weight/body passed within 15-feet of us.

Another very interesting story that was non-stop is that everywhere we hiked, including our camp there were a lot of coyote and fox. I had my 3-year-old golden retriever Red along, and she was in heat and putting off a lot of scent. One night we had a coyote that did not appear to be the least bit scared of us and I was kind of thinking, the yote as well as the fox thought Red was smelling really good. On that same note, if you are looking for a pup from good stock, next summer, reach out to me, I will be keeping what will be my 9th golden since I was 20 and looking forward to it.

Here is another question, we would see deer, and it was split up between whitetail and mule deer. We all know how crazy a whitetail buck can get when the rut is on, how in God's name does a whitetail buck not breed a mule deer doe or vice versa with a mule deer buck?

For any older hunter I think it is common knowledge that the evenings in camp after absolutely physical days are a pretty dam close tie to the enjoyment of the hunt. For me the thrill of having Selina take over the cooking duties without being asked and her playlist of music on a speaker and our ability to enjoy every moment are what it is all about.

The trip down the mountain. Fill a 12-foot trailer and your truck bed with an atv and a thousand pounds of other gear and go 10-miles down a snow- and ice-covered mountain at trips end. Any type of negative luck is a real bad story. When we reached the bottom 80 minutes later my brakes on all 4 wheels were so hot you could fry an egg on them.

Selina headed home to Missoula, I headed to Wisconsin and I have a question that hopefully



The views while elk hunting are nonstop and like watching a great movie.



Mark Walters and his daughter Selina have been participating in outdoor adventures since Selina was born.

someone can answer.
I would like to find elk in late October and have not been having good luck the last couple of years. If someone has a suggestion, I would really appreciate it. Preferably Montana, not in what is guaranteed to be snow covered mountain passes, perhaps at a lower elevation.

Hunt/fish with your children, have a friend for life!
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Friday, Nov. 21
Girls Hockey @ Superior 7:00
Tuesday, Nov. 25
Boys BB Scrimmage @ Amery 6:00
Girls Hockey @ Hayward vs St. Francis 7:00
Boys Hockey @ Menomonie 7:00

Hayward Girl's Hockey Co-op Team Readies for 225-2026 Opener

Twenty-six skaters and three goalies have joined Head Coach Tom Duffy for Hayward Co-op opening Hockey practice. Girl's from Hayward, Spooner, Cumberland, Ashland, Rice Lake, and Barron make up the team. "Some of these girls commit to over an hour of driving one way to get to practice every day. They put a lot of time in the hockey season and it shows their love and passion for the game," said Duffy.
Last year's squad finished 20-6-1. Among those getting varsity minutes was 2025-2026 Cumberland Sophomore Olivia Holzman-Byrne who added two assists in limited varsity ac-

Cumberland Mixed-Up League Week 9

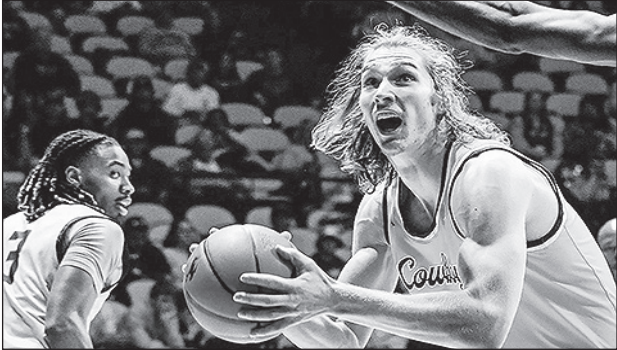
First Half Team Standings	Caroline Baker - 178
Cumberland Bus - 25	Mark Peichel - 164
Grandma's Gang - 23	3 High Scratch Series
Just Rezzy - 23	Caroline Baker - 468
C.A.R. Enterprises - 19	Jordan Peichel - 438
3 High Scratch Games	KC Larson - 431
Jordan Peichel - 184	

Spare Time Monday Night Ladies Bowling League Standing

Team Standings	Heidi VanHeuklom - 180
Spare Time - 52	Sam Munkelwitz - 166
Dane Arthur Real Estate - 51	Donna Berquam - 154
Austad's Super Valu - 48 ½	Karen DeGolier - 179
Bowlin' Buddies - 48	Deanne Moravitz - 173
Clear Lake Self Storage - 42	5 High Scratch Series
Big Bear Express - 33 ½	Sheila LaBlanc - 480
Northwoods Septic - 28	Heidi VanHeuklom - 475
Becker's Trucking - 21	Sam Munkelwitz - 458
5 High Scratch Games	Jen Huebner - 443
Terri Magnuson - 184	Donna Berquam - 440
Sheila LaBlanc - 181	

Gores Named Freshman of the Week

Wyoming forward Gavin Gores was named the Old Trapper Mountain West Conference Freshman of the Week on Monday. It marks back-to-back week's that a Wyoming freshman has won the award after Nasir (Naz) Meyer did so in the opening week of the season. Gores, a native of Cumberland, Wisc. averaged 9.5 points per game and 4.5 rebounds per night. He recorded a career-high 10 points against Austin Peay and added nine points against Portland. Against the Pilots, Gores recorded a career-high six rebounds. He has helped lead the Cowboys to a 4-0 record to open the season for the best start since the 2021-22 season. Wyoming plays at Sam Houston State on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. MT on ESPN+.



Gavin Gores

Wisconsin's 2025 Nine-Day Gun Deer Season Opens Nov. 22

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters that the 2025 gun deer season opens on Saturday, Nov. 22, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 30.
Similar to last year, this year's gun deer season runs later in the month. Fewer deer may be on the move relative to years with earlier openers. Other factors could create better deer hunting conditions, such as colder temperatures and snow cover.
Through Oct. 31, 2025, year-to-date sales for gun, bow, crossbow, sports and patron licenses reached 463,983. Of that total, 137,394 are for gun privileges only.
Deer Management Units Have Changed For 2025
Hunters should be aware of updates to some of the Deer Management Units (DMUs) for the 2025 deer season. DMUs in the Northern Forest Management

Zones have been converted to habitat-based units, as opposed to county-based units. Review the map of the new DMUs to double-check you know which DMU you are hunting in. You can also see a breakdown of the season structure by county and DMU.
Please note that Forest Zone DMUs are now referred to by a number. Hunters will need to know their DMU name or number when requesting antlerless permits.
Register Your Harvest
All harvested deer must be registered electronically by 5 p.m. the day after the deer is recovered. Hunters will need the unique harvest authorization number associated with each permit. Proper registration provides accurate harvest data for DNR wildlife managers and County Deer Advisory Councils for the management of Wisconsin's deer herd.
The three options to regis-

ter a deer are:
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Know Your Target
Elk sometimes move outside of the elk management zones, especially during the fall breeding season, so hunters are reminded to properly identify their target. Any elk taken without a tag may result in a fine and a revocation of your hunting license.
Although many hunters can tell the difference, it doesn't hurt to freshen up your skills before you hunt. Use this comparison guide to test yourself on the differences between elk and white-tailed deer.
Hunt Safely
It's important for all hunters to do their part and keep Wisconsin a safe place to hunt by following the four basic rules of firearm safety, TAB-K:

- T – Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.
 - A – Always point the muzzle in a safe direction.
 - B – Be certain of your target, what's before and beyond it.
 - K – Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until you are ready to shoot.
- Hunters must ensure that at least 50% of outer clothing above the waist is blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Hats or head coverings, if worn, must also be at least 50% blaze orange or fluorescent pink. Faded or stained clothing is unsafe and should be replaced.
Additionally, anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, must have a hunter education certification to purchase a hunting license unless hunting under the Mentored Hunting Law. Learn more about safe hunting in Wisconsin and register to take a hunter education course on the DNR's Firearm Safety webpage.

Sports Look Back, November 22, 1995

Cumberland wrestling coach Bob Erickson welcomed 18 wrestlers to the beginning of drills last Monday as the Beavers begin practice for the 1995-96 season. The Beavers are seeking to defend the H.O.N. title they shared with Ladysmith last year. The Beavers appear to have the "guns" to make a strong bid for a repeat performance. Last year, the team finished with a 7-1 conference dual meet record and finished ahead of Lady-

smith at the conference title to claim part of the crown. Their only conference loss last year came to Ladysmith, when a Ladysmith protest was upheld.
A strong team returns and between Erickson and assistant coach John Peterson, the Beavers should be well coached and a potent force to be reckoned with.
Heading the team will be two wrestlers who appeared in last year's state meet. Tom Weaver, a senior, who was 30-3 last year, finished

third in Madison while Nathan Ranallo, a junior finished sixth in the state with a 32-9 final mark.
Other key returners include sectional qualifiers Teejay Lansin who comes off a 27-9 record, and Tyler Lynch who finished last year with a 24-13 mark. With these four wrestlers, you can see why there is optimism in the Beaver camp.
The list of fine returning wrestlers continues as Joey Ricci who was second in the HON tournament is back as

is Derek Timm who finished third in the HON.
Add to these six wrestlers experienced grapplers such as Andy Hanson, Mike Froehlich, Ryan Farr, Adam Liegl, Jason Liegl, and Eli Strickland. In addition there are strong new comers such as Adam Diesterhaft and Isaac Lundquist. They should all add up to a strong team for the upcoming campaign.

A View From The Lake...

will be cleaned out to allow easier passage in and out of Library Lake. The BDLMD commissioners approved the replacement of the dock located just north of the small pepper eating stage in Spring 2026.

The Lake level is almost a foot below normal. This is as low as I have observed in the 17 years I have resided on the Lake. The lack of rain since mid-Sept., plus the warm dry weather increasing evaporation rates

are the main reason for the low lake level. To prevent shoreline damage due to ice movement during the winter months the lake is normally lowered about 6 to 8 inches starting around Nov. 1st. This is a WDNR approved and Barron County task. The water in the channel flowing from Duck Lake into Norwegian Bay on Nov. 15th was about half of what is flowing over the stop log at the dam.

The issue of enhanced

wakes continues to grow with a number of organizations advocating for regulations on a State-wide basis. Certainly, there are small, shallow lakes and rivers where watercraft that create enhanced wakes should be prohibited. This past summer, I was again pleased, except for a few occasions, to observe responsible operation of watercraft that were creating enhanced wakes. During 2026, it will be interesting to follow what

happens in Madison with potential Enhanced Wake (Wake Boat) legislation!

The October aquatic Plant Survey was completed with encouraging results, excluding increased EWM in Williams Bay and surprisingly Library Lake. Even though Library Lake was lowered by over 4 ft for the entire winter which normally kills EWM, it is possible that the dredging disturbed the sediment and exposed EWM seeds that can lie dormant

for years. The commissioners will be discussing the Draft 2026 EWM Treatment Plan at the Dec. Board Meeting to determine what goals should be drafted for the 2026 EWM Treatment Permit. In Jan. 2026, the commissioners will be meeting with the WDNR to review our Draft EWM Treatment Plan prior to submittal. Hopefully this will eliminate the need for legal action that was pursued in

2025.

Hopefully the weather this winter will provide the ideal conditions so everyone can pursue what they enjoy during the winter months – whether it is fishing, skiing, snowmobiling, snow shoeing, skating, etc. Remember to practice common sense and follow the regulations when on the ice, on the trails or ski hills. Have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the upcoming Holidays.

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

MUST BE USED BY MARCH 1, 2026

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TIE-BREAKER (Please indicate game score)

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GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

Week # 11

WINNERS!

1st Place
Kelly Slawter
*11

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