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Never Forget!



United States Navy Seabee Veteran Pat Kolstad drew many honks and waves as he held a sign at the four corners in Cumberland on September 11th urging passing motorists to never forget the events that took place on this date 25 years ago. 2,977 innocent people lost thier lives in the terrorist attacks that day with thousands more in the following years due to toxic air and dust exposure. Never forget!

Wurstfest 2026!



A big crowd enjoyed a beautiful day at the annual Louies Finer Meats Wurstfest held on Saturday, September 12. Food, music, crafts and more made for a great afternoon enjoyed by all!

Fatal Motorcycle Crash on US 63 near Spooner

At 8:15 am, on Monday, September 14, 2026, a crash occurred on US 63 SB at DVM Road in Washburn County near Spooner.

Assisting agencies included Spooner Police Department, Washburn County Sheriff's Office, Washburn County Highway Department, and North Memorial Ambulance.

A pickup truck, driven by Derek Kennen, 43, of Sarona, was stopped at DVM Road and US 63 when a southbound pickup truck pulling a boat made a right-hand turn utilizing the right turn lane onto DVM Road from US 63. The pickup truck that was stopped at DVM Road and US 63 proceeded to turn north onto US 63 colliding with a motorcycle that was traveling south on US 63. The driver of the motorcycle, Brian Carlson, 34 of Spooner, was transported to Spooner Health because of the crash but passed away due to his injuries.

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza Confirmed in Barron County

MADISON — The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has identified a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a commercial poultry flock in Barron County.

DATCP and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) animal health officials are working together in a joint incident response. The affected premises has been quarantined to restrict movement of poultry and poultry products. Birds on the property were depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease. Birds from the flock will not enter the food system.

The HPAI virus has continued to circulate in both wild and domestic birds in North America since December 2021. HPAI viruses are highly contagious and often fatal to domestic poultry. Caused by influenza

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Cumberland Construction Update; Completion Pushed Back Another Week

On Tuesday, we reached an agreement with the DOT and DNR on how to address the issues associated with the damaged sewer force main that has temporarily halted the Lake St. removal and dredging. The plan is being executed now. During the hiatus of this work, crews are busy up top doing final grading in preparation for the installation of blacktop on Thursday and Friday of this week. Next week installation of guardrails, fencing and final associated restoration work will get under way. At this point, we're hopeful that the force main damage will result in only a one-week additional delay in full completion. If it looks like it will go beyond that, we will discuss opening the bridge before all the dredging and Lake St. work is complete. Stay tuned!

Super Low Lake Levels!



This summers drought has taken its toll on many area lakes and rivers in the area. Docks, boat lifts and pontoons are on dry ground on some lakes. Pictured here is Shell Lake (top photo) and Kirby Lake. Shell Lake is reportedly nearly 5 feet low while Kirby is several feeet low as well. We sure could use some good rains and a snow filled winter.

Thank You To True Heroes!



The Cumberland Police Deprtment presented the Legion with a framed canvas that was signed by dozens of kids during the National Night Out event here in town. The framed canvas thanked veterans for their bravery and service to our country. Veterans pictured from left to right are: Katherine Husby, Terry Olson, Jerry Townsend, Allen Jones, Bert Parker, Laura Nelson, Ray Nelson, Denny Epple, Terry Manke, Mike Nowlan and John Wackerfuss. Awsome gesture!

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Author Matt Goldman at Thomas St. Angelo Public Library

Join us for an author talk with Matt Goldman at the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland on Thursday, October 1 at Noon.

Matt is a New York Times bestselling author and Emmy Award-winning television writer!Best known for his popular Nils Shapiro mystery series, Matt has also written for hit television shows including Seinfeld and Ellen.

He will discuss his latest novel, The Prohibited, which brings 1920s St. Paul to life with bootleggers, gangsters, and the dangerous world of Prohibition.

Please register by calling 715-822-2767 or emailing cupl@cumberlandpl.org

Update on Community Service projects from the Cumberland Rotary Impact Club

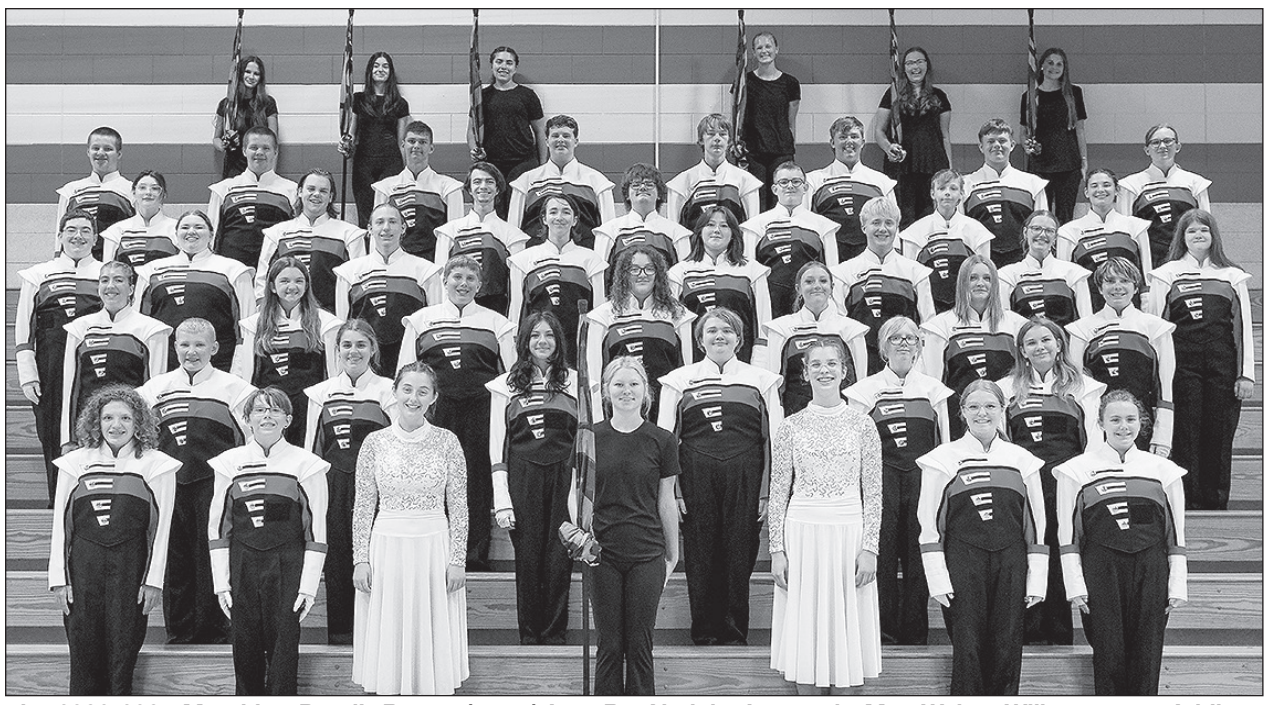
The Cumberland Rotary Impact Club just completed another successful school supply drive for the Cumberland Elementary School, the Cumberland Middle School and Ascension Academy. Thank you to all who contributed and helping make school fun and smooth for students in need. Later this month our club will deliver dictionaries to all third graders in Cumberland and Almena. These dictionaries are part of Rotary's focus on literacy. Even though a lot of information is online, third graders like having a book of their own. This dictionary also includes some world atlas information and American history.

September 21 is International Day of Peace, another theme of Rotary International. International Day of Peace was first designated by the United Nations in 1981. The 2026 Theme is "Invest in Peace-for everyone, everywhere every day". The Cumberland Rotary Impact Club has purchased a peace pole and is looking for a public spot for it to be installed in our community in the near future. The words on the peace pole are "Let peace prevail on earth." It is in four languages, English, Italian, Norwegian and Spanish.

Another project we are supporting is the Northwoods Out of the Darkness Walk. A suicide prevention walk on Saturday September 26, starting with registration at 9:30 and the walk starts at 10 am at University of Wisconsin Eau Claire Barron County campus in Rice Lake. The 5K walk is hosted by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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2026-27 CHS Marching Band!



The 2026-2027 Marching Band! Row 1 (Front) L to R: Ahnicka Leonardt, Max Weise, Willow Franc, Addison Shaffer, Elsa Carlson, Lucy Ruppel, and Audri Peterson. Row 2 L to R: Daniel Ekenstedt, Violet Small, Riley Muench, Audriana Hanson, Miranda Shock, and Natalie Olson. Row 3 L to R: Kiera Fox, Brooke Hoffmann, Aiden Donica, Christine Severson, Jovina Skinner, and Austin Theese. Row 4 L to R: Emmett Jasperson, Isabel Gonyer, Bryce McNulty, Carson Hornstein, Bridgette Anderson, Austin Jobe, Brooke Pittman, and Ellie Miller. Row 5 L to R: Sophie Lokker, Andrew Carlson, Cash Daniels, Alex Matthew, Owen Schwarz, Brently Schug, and Reina Furseth. Row 6 L to R: Jaden Enget, Connor Enget, Keenan Shaffer, Davis Ristow, Ashten Hauser, Alex Weise, Aydan Jones, and Jena Schwarz. Row 7 L to R: Tory Dickson, Tatum Hedke, Maria Perez, Quinn Fauske, Grace Erickson, and Scarlett Stuntz.

Cumberland Marching Band Earns 1st Place at Baldwin-Woodville Invitational-Northern Lights Marching Classic This Saturday at Endeavor Stadium

On Saturday September 12, 2026, the Cumberland High School Marching Band traveled to Baldwin, WI to take part in the Baldwin-Woodville Marching Arts Invitational. 10 marching bands competed for top honors in music, marching, percussion, and colorguard in front of a panel of 8 Wisconsin School Music Association adjudicators.

This was Cumberland's first competitive show of the season and the band earned a first place finish in their division (A/AA) including securing caption awards for Best Musical Presentation and Best Visual Presentation.

Cumberland will continue their season on Saturday September 19 when they host the annual Northern Lights Marching Classic here at Cumberland High School. The show begins with a performance of the Star Spangled Banner by the Cumberland High School Chamber Choir at 6:45pm with the first competitive band taking the field at 7:00pm. The Cumberland Marching Band will perform in exhibition at 9:15pm. Be sure to stick around after Cumberland's performance to see the 300+ member UW-Eau Claire Blugold Marching Band perform in exhibition at 9:30pm

Complete results for the Baldwin Show were as follows:

Class A/AA

1st Place - Cumberland High School - 66.313 2nd Place - Merrill High School - 64.688

3rd Place - St. Croix Central High School - 48.488

Class AAA/AAAA

1st Place - River Falls High School - 72.863

2nd Place - Onalaska High School - 69.363

3rd Place - Chippewa Falls High School - 56.888

Exhibition

Arcadia High School

Hudson High School Baldwin-Woodville High School UW-River Falls

Cumberland's Remaining Schedule for 2025:

-Saturday September 19 – Northern Lights Marching Classic (Cumberland) -Saturday September 26 - Irondale Show (New Brighton, MN)

-Saturday October 3 – Chippewa Falls Show/Hudson Shows

-Saturday October 17 – State Championships – UW-Whitewater

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Come Share a Cup of Tea with Corrie ten Boom!



Join us for an afternoon of delicious food, tasty teas, and an authentic portrayal of Miss Corrie ten Boom.
Dressed in costume and with a Dutch accent, professional traveling storyteller Pati Kachel will tell about Corrie's inspiring life in the first person narrative style. Come and experience this unforgettable story of God's love, hope and forgiveness.
Sunday, September 20, 2026 1:00 PM
North House Tea Room
Located below The Apothecary at 1470 Webb Street, Cumberland, WI
Tickets are $30 per person which includes food, tea, entertainment and gratuity.
Advanced reservations are required by September 15.
Contact Gege O'Connell at 715-645-0031
or gegeoconnell@gmail.com

Fall Extravaganza!
Free Event - Sept.26, 2026
1-4pm
Car Show
Inviting Classic cars: Original, Restored and Work in Progress.
Dash plaques to first 20.
People's Choice Awards.
Free registration.
Kids Carnival
Games with great prizes, and much more!
Free event.
Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley
2532 15th St. Cumberland, WI 54829
(10 miles west of Cumberland on Hwy 48)
Details posted on our Facebook Page
@Trinity Lutheran Church of McKinley.
Concessions will be available.
EVERYONE is welcome!

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Matt Goldman
Thursday, October 1 | Noon
Please join us in welcoming New York Times bestselling author and Emmy Award-winning television writer Matt Goldman!
Best known for his popular Nils Shapiro mystery series, Matt has also written for hit television shows including Seinfeld and Ellen.
Matt will discuss his latest novel, The Prohibited, which brings 1920s St. Paul to life with bootleggers, gangsters, and the dangerous world of Prohibition.
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Find out more at cumberlandpl.org
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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 17: •4:00 Pm Girls Golf Meet at Cumberland • 5:00 pm Boys Soccer vs Amery @ Endeavor • 5:00 - 7:00 Girls Volleyball Home vs Spooner
FRIDAY, SEPT 18: •7:00 pm Varsity Football vs Northwestern at Home
SATURDAY, SEPT. 19: : 9:00 am Girls Volleyball Tournament @ Unity • Boys and Girls Cross Country at Osceola Invite • 7:00 pm Northern Lights Marching Classic
MONDAY, SEPT 21: 4:00 pm Girls Golf @ Ashland • 6:00 pm JV Football @ Northwestern
TUESDAY, SEPT 22: 4:00 pm Girls Golf Invite @ Turtle Back Golf Course • Boys and Girls Cross Country @ Barron • 4:30 pm Boys Soccer vs Barron @ Home. 5:30 pm - 7:00 Girls Volleyball @ Northwestern. • 6:00 Middle School Football vs Unity @ Endeavor.

Community Ed Offerings

Choose Fit For Fall 2026
(High intensity interval training)
A great overall body workout
Instructor: Pat Chuchwar
Benefits: Improve Strength/Great Aerobic Workout/Work Your Core/ High - low Intensity/ All Ages.
For class meet in the Cumberland Middle School Commons Area.
Benches are available also Big Ball Exercise
10 Classes for $25 or 24 Classes for $45
First class is free-come check it out!
Mondays: 3:45 pm - will use exercise balls & weights
Wednesdays: 3:45 pm - will use bench, chair & bands
(Texts will be sent if there is any sort of a class change).
To sign up or questions please contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 / sbrid@csdmail.com

Cumberland Fitness Center Fall 2026
Come and Check out the NEW CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER!
Located in the west wing of the newly remodeled high school.
STILL FREE!
FALL HOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1:
Mornings: Monday - Friday 6:00 am - 8:00 am
Afternoons: Monday - Thursday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday afternoon- Closed
Please enter through the back Middle School Bus Doors in the morning.
AS ALWAYS, OUR "VERY" QUALIFIED AND FRIENDLY STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY!
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SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, September 17
Classic Italian Flatbread w/ Red Sauce, Steamed Garden Broccoli.
Friday , September 18
The All-American Classic Hamburger/Cheeseburger, Campfire Baked Beans.
Monday , September 21
Mini Corn Dog Dippers, Crispy Golden Fries.
Tuesday , September 22
Mandarin Orange Chicken, Hearty Brown Rice, Homestyle Corn.
Wednesday , September 23
Baked Potato Bar w/ Diced Chicken & Cheese, Steamed Garden Broccoli, Handcrafted WW Bread.

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pints of milk, seasonal fresh, frozen and canned fruits & fresh garden vegetables. Fresh salad bar available daily in all schools. A la carte menu available in High School.
2nd Option available in all schools: PB & J Uncrustables.
2nd Option for MS/HS Only: School House Pizza.

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Cumberland Healthcare recognized for advancing rural stroke care

The American Heart Association's Get with the Guidelines® - Stroke Rural Recognition Gold award recognizes efforts to address the unique health needs of rural communities

People who live in rural communities live an average of three years fewer than urban counterparts and have a 40% higher likelihood of developing heart disease and face a 30% increased risk for stroke mortality, according to an American Heart Association's presidential advisory on rural health. Cumberland Healthcare is committed to changing that.

For its efforts to optimize stroke care and reduce gaps in rural health outcomes, Cumberland Healthcare has received the American Heart Association's Get with the Get Guidelines – Stroke Rural Recognition Gold Award.

Stroke is the No. 4 cause of death and a leading cause of disability in the U.S, according to the American Heart Association's 2026 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics Report. A stroke occurs when a blood vessel supplying the brain is blocked by a clot or ruptures, preventing blood and oxygen from reaching brain tissue. When this happens, brain cells begin to die. Early detection and rapid treatment are critical to improving survival, minimizing disability and supporting faster recovery.

The American Heart Association recognizes the importance of health care services provided to people living in rural areas by rural hospitals that play a vital role in initiation of timely evidence-based care. For that reason, all rural hospitals participating in Get With The Guidelines - Stroke are eligible to receive award recognition based on a unique methodology focused on early acute stroke performance metrics.

"We are proud that our team at Cumberland Healthcare is being recognized for the important work we do every day to improve the lives of people who are affected by stroke, giving them the best possible chance of recovery and survival," said Dr. Miller, Emergency Department Medical Director. We have made it a priority to ensure those challenges never compromise the standard of care our stoke patients receive. Rural communities deserve high-quality stroke care. I'm proud of our team's commitment to stroke care excellence and this achievement."

This recognition goes to hospitals for their commitment to acute stroke care excellence, demonstrated through performance on guideline-directed measures including intravenous thrombolytic therapy, timely hospital inter-facility transfer, dysphagia screening, symptom timeline and deficit assessment documentation, emergency medical services communication, brain imaging and stroke expert consultation.

"Patients and health care professionals in Cumberland and the surrounding community face unique health care challenges and opportunities," said Karen E. Joynt Maddox, M.D., MPH, chair of the American Heart Association Quality Oversight Committee and co-author on the Association's advisory on rural health. "Cumberland Healthcare has advanced the important work of improving care for all Americans, regardless of where they live."

About Get with the Guidelines®

Get with the Guidelines® is the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's hospital-based quality improvement program that provides hospitals with the latest research-based guidelines. Developed with the goal of saving lives and hastening recovery, Get with the Guidelines has touched the lives of more than 18 million patients since 2001. For more information, visit heart.org.

Cumberland Police Department K9 Golf Tournament!



On Friday, September 11, the 3rd annual Cumberland Police Department K9 18-hole Golf Tournament was held at the Cumberland Golf Course. All proceeds went to the Cumberland K9 Fund. Pictured are the "Orange is the new Black" Crew and Cumberland Police Officer Anthony Brunner with K9 Kilo.

Cumberland Rotary...

which provides the 988 crisis line for the nation. Donate to our team named "Out of the darkness comes light pink". The donation link is https://afspwalks.donordrive.com. Type in Northwoods and then scroll down for our team's name. Join us for support even if you are not able to walk. Our longer-term goal is to set up a bereavement group for those affected by suicide in our area.

One more project Cumberland Rotary Impact Club is participating in along with Rice Lake Rotary Club and Barron County Sunrise Rotary is Sleep in Heavenly Peace, which is a non-profit that builds beds for children. We will be building 60 beds for distribution in Barron County and in the surrounding area. This event will be held at the Barron County Fairgrounds on 10/3. Volunteer to help build by using this link https://x.gldn.io/e/ubsRbrI0L5b. If you know of a child that needs a bed you can fill out an application at www.shpbeds.org.

Our club appreciates the support of this community. If you are interested in helping to improve our community, come and check us out. We meet at 7 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Harvest Grill inside the lower level at Cumberland Healthcare. You can also reach us via email at cumberlandrotaryimpact@gmail.com.

Barron County Fairgrounds to Host The Monster Truck Nitro Tour and Barron County Truck Show

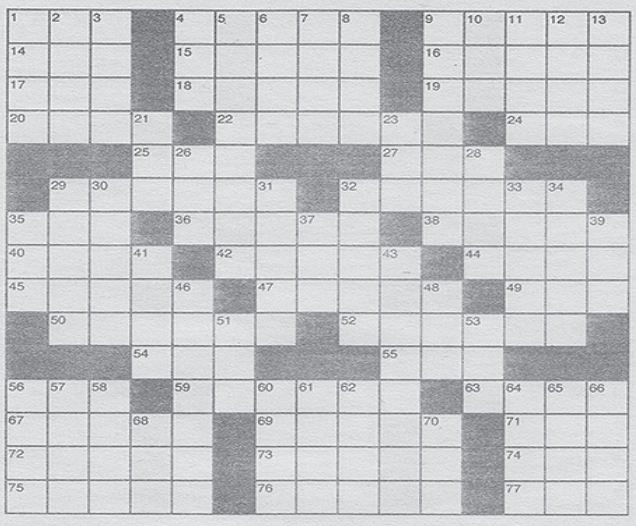
The Barron County Fairgrounds in Rice Lake, hosts several events in September 2026. The Monster Truck Nitro Tour runs on Saturday, September 19, with shows at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm at the Barron County Fair Grandstands. Tickets start around $55 to $92 and a Pit Party is offered for both shows. The tour features head-to-head racing, freestyle jumps, and car-crushing stunts on a custom dirt track.

The Barron County Truck Show takes place Saturday 25-26, 2026 at the Barron County Fairgrounds with free admission. The event supports the Meyer Family of Rice Lake through truck displays, vendors, and community activities under the theme, "Giving Back One Truck at a Time." A Kauffman Fall Bash Truck Pull is scheduled for 1:00 pm on September 26, featuring horsepower competitions.





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Sudoku Puzzle #4147-M

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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Boy did things change in a hurry around here! it went from the 80's to 60's and low 70's in a matter of a couple days. I wore jeans for the first time in months this past weekend, except for when working outdoors and they felt good, so did the sweatshirts! Our house was down to 65 degrees this morning and that was with most of the house shut up, made for great sleeping weather. Hopefully the forecast holds and we get the rain they are forecasting for Monday night into Tuesday. I think Fall is here, bring it on!

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Well that was quite the football game to kick off the 2026 season for the Packers and Vikings. Green Bay dominated the first half before the Vikings took over in the 4th quarter. It is a troubling trend for the Packers who have now lost six games in a row, dating back to last year in the same late game collapse fashion. I find it hard to believe that one player, (Micah Parsons) can make that big of a difference, but they have been bad since he was injured, at least the Jets are next, who won three games all of last year and the Falcons the week after, who are on QB #3. Its a long season with plenty of time to turn things around. As a Vikings fan, it's tough to see your quarterback go down in the first quarter on a nasty hit by Packer Safety Javon Bullard, who I'm sure will be fined for the unnecessary hit. You can't win in the NFL without a good starting QB, so hopefully Kyler Murray will be back sooner than later. The Bears, meanwhile, scored 59 points in week 1 and look to be a force in the North, time will tell.

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This coming Saturday is the annual Steve Ranallo Memorial Golf Benefit at the Cumberland Golf Course. Steve was a great friend of mine who was involved in a 4 wheeler accident that left him paralysed. Stevie, who has since passed, wanted the benefit to continue and to donate the proceeds to Spinal Cord Injury Research. Half of the proceeds will stay local and go to Cumberland Community Cares and half will go to the Jack Jablonski Foundation to help with medical research for the treatment of paralysis recovery. It is such a fun day, nothing serious, just friends and family coming together for a great cause. Come golf or just a chance to win raffle prizes and visit. Hope to see you there.

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The Northern Lights Marching Classic is this Saturday at Endeavor Stadium. Numerous bands from Wisconsin and Minnesota will take the field beginning at 7 pm. Get there early as the stands will fill up. One highlight of the evening will be when the Marching Bluegolds from Eau Claire take the field. Over 300 band members are sure to be a crowd favorite!

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On a sad note, I heard of the passing of Mick Ritchie. Mick stopped in my office every single week without fail for many, many years to pick up his copy of the Advocate. He always thanked us for putting out the paper and told us many stories including his adventurous snowmobiling with the "Crazy Eights" and his love of the Green Bay Packers. He will be truly missed. Rest in Peace Mick!! Have a great week.





Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Higher ed rift in Wisconsin deserves pre- and post-election attention"

MADISON, Wis. – A simmering feud is emerging in Wisconsin's higher-education "family." Settling it in a way that helps all types of students, from those seeking job-related certificates to those pursuing four-year or graduate degrees, is a job that will fall to the next governor and Legislature.

The older sibling (founded 1848) in this fight is the Universities of Wisconsin, with about 164,000 students spread across 13 four-year campuses and a dozen satellites. The younger sibling (1911) is the Wisconsin Technical College System, with roughly 293,000 students pursuing two-year associate degrees, technical diplomas or certificates through 16 districts with 52 campuses.

The two systems have distinct missions and have long competed for different kinds of students, from graduate-level researchers in the case of the UW to people who are already working and feel the need for customized instruction at the tech colleges.

The core of this feud is state government financing for both, with a recent study by the Center for Research on the Wisconsin Economy – part of the UW-Madison's Department of Economics – rekindling debate over which sibling "mom" loves most.

Both institutions just submitted two-year spending requests to the state Department of Administration, so the debate should continue in this fall's election campaigns. It will become part of the 2027-29 budget debate after the new governor and members of the state Assembly and Senate are sworn into office in January.

The fight was renewed on Aug. 20, when CROWE researchers issued a report concluding that state and local governments provided $14,099 per full-time-equivalent student to the tech college system compared to $6,974 to Universities of Wisconsin students. Based on 2025 data analyzed by CROWE, WTCS ranked seventh in the nation in public support and the UW system was 43rd. Local property tax bills reflect support for tech colleges, but it's offset dollar-for-dollar by reductions in state aid.

"Future budgets should rebalance toward the four-year sector rather than presume that a larger total higher-education budget is required," a report summary said.

In essence, CROWE called for state budget cuts for the tech colleges and diverting that money to the UW system.

That prompted a sharp response from tech college leadership, who noted only 20% of its students are "full time" in the sense of pursuing two-year associate degrees. The rest are part-time and enrolled in programs that provide hands-on training for people who quickly join the workforce or are already employed. The real public spending average for its students, tech college leaders said, is about $3,000.

"Wisconsin's technical colleges deliver results for students, employers and taxpayers every day," said Layla Merrifield, the system president. "Every firefighter in the state is certified at a technical college. Every dental hygienist, every law enforcement officer and every respiratory therapist is educated at a technical college. All are currently in short supply across Wisconsin..."

An earlier WTCS news release noted the four-year UW system received a $250 million increase in the last state budget, compared to $2.7 million in general aid for the tech colleges. It added some fighting words: "This year alone, taxpayers will support UW-Madison athletes with $15 million – five times as much – in name, image and likeness (NIL) payments."

Take that, Badger sports teams.

Dan Klecker, a member of the statewide tech college board with deep experience in automotive tech, agriculture and youth apprenticeships, said it shouldn't come down to an argument over which "sibling" deserves special treatment. The state economy needs a mix of talents, Klecker noted, but state officials should know that some critical tech college programs are at risk if budget pressure isn't eased.

"Both systems need money to do what they do best," he said.

Wisconsin's projected budget surplus has grown to nearly $3 billion following stronger-than-expected tax collections for the 2025–26 fiscal year. Some lawmakers and candidates want to return it all to taxpayers; others would prefer a mix with more support for programs such as education.

It's a debate that cannot be avoided during this election cycle. Family feuds don't often end well.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
September 21, 2016

In a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, September 15, 2016, the St. Croix Education Department unveiled the new St. Croix Tribal Library, now officially named by Cumberland Middle School student Sasha Allis. "Niiwiikeya Wayndaanimuk Agindaasoowigamig," The Four Directions Library. Sasha envisions people coming from four directions, four races, to learn about the native culture, and to learn and respect all cultures! Sasha was presented with a book and $200.

20 Years Ago
September 20, 2006

The 2006 Homecoming Court members are: Kelly Warwick, Zach Strickland, Elizabeth Brown, Derrick Zappa, Marissa Ranallo, Cody Baker, Sarah Carlson, Blake Cifaldi, Sami Johnson and Devon Broome. The 2006 Homecoming Queen is Alyssa Lundquist and the 2006 Homecoming King is Jordan Erickson.

The 2006 new staff members of the Cumberland School District are: Lisa Baldocchi, Intern at Early Learning Center; Kate Koehler, High School Guidance Counselor; Heidi Fauski, 7th Grade Math and Science; Kirsten Sandman, Speech and Language; Breena Lind, Elementary Guidance Counselor; Toni Kellen, Spanish Intern; and Jennifer Schimek, Special Ed Intern.

30 Years Ago
September 18, 1996

Justina Lange, daughter of Donald and Sandy Albee of Barronett, earned a Reserve Champion in Western Pleasure, age 12 division at the 4-H State Competition in Milwaukee. She also placed in the top ten riding Banto Jigalo in western aquitation and trail class.

40 Years Ago
September 17, 1986

The Comstock Sewage Treatment Plant was vandalized sometime Sunday evening, according to several witnesses and a treatment plant operator with dollar damage believed to be approximately $25,000. An outside ventilator was damaged, apparently to gain entry. In addition, the door to the facility was damaged, flow meters were torn off the wall and several refrigerators were also damaged. The vandalism is still under investigation.

Mark Kasper, owner of Spanky's Supper Club in Barronett, was presented with a plaque of appreciation for his quick action of the heimlich maneuver which saved the life of a Spooner man during a choking episode at Spanky's Supper Club.

50 Years Ago
September 16, 1976

An open house will be held on September 17, at Jim's Barber Shop in downtown Cumberland no note Jim Catone's 50th year as a barber. It was 50 years ago this week that Mr. Cotone graduated from barber school in Minneapolis, MN. Cotone's first shop here was in the building next to the Cumberland Telephone Company office. When Catone started in the business, haircuts were .50 cents.

60 Years Ago
September 22, 1966

Miss Peggy Fink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Fink of Cumberland, was named as 1966 Miss Cumberland. Her attendants were Pam Thompson, first runner-up, and Sheri Lofy, second runner-up.

70 Years Ago
September 20 , 1956

Police Chief Denham wants to remind parents of the curfew law in Cumberland. Any person under the age of 16 caught out at night after curfew will be taken home. Sunday through Thursday nights, all children under 16 must be off the streets by 10:00 pm. On Friday and Saturday nights curfew is at 11:00 pm.

80 Years Ago
September 19, 1946

Elaine Peterson, 19, of Comstock, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Peterson, was one of the top seven of the 57 county Dairy Queens in the final judging. Peterson was picked as Barron County's Dairy Queen last week at ceremonies at Rice Lake.

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09/13	69	49	0.00
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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Angel L. Corado-Mejia, 21, Barron, operate without a valid license, $642.00. Lever RiveraMueller, 36, Barron, operate without a valid license, $642.00. Dulcie J. Smith, 22, Eau Claire, operate without a valid license, $705.00. Jeffrey J. Bischel, 62, New Auburn, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Judson B. Koenitzer, 70, Chetek, speeding, $175.30. Luke J. Loughlin, 24, Mahtomedi, MN., speeding, $200.50. Zachary T. Magaw, 28, Bay Port, MN., speeding, $200.50. Mitchell L. Monchilovich, 17, Cumberland, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Jay F. North, 63, Chetek, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Johana L. Parga Rosales, 22, Barron, fail/yield right/way from stop sign, $175.30 and operate without a valid license, $200.50. Vladyslav Pyrogivsky, 38, Buffalo Grove, IL., speeding, $200.50. Lever Rivera-Mueller, 36, Barron, OWI, $1,049.50. Kerry A. Stage, 30, Cumberland, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Humphrey S. Van Gorden, 86, Couderay, unsafe lane deviation, $175.30.

Complaints

Markis C. Stoll, 26, of Barron, has been charged with obstructing an officer. His court date is scheduled for October 14, 2026.

Kelly D. Sellers, 70, of Cumberland, has been charged with improperly operate ATV or UTV on public property. Her court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Bradley D. Hanson, 70, of Rice Lake, has been charged with improperly operate ATV or UTV on public property. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

John H. Ahrens, 76, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with operating ATV or UTV while intoxicated, operate UTV without operator and each passenger wearing safety belt and ATV or UTV-fail/take alcohol test. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Ashley R. Miller, 43, of Monroe, WI., has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for September 8, 2026.

Stefanie L. Rydberg, 39, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for September 8, 2026.

Curtis R. Myers, 59, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court appearance was scheduled for September 8, 2026.

Kaedyn B. Peterson, 20, of Eau Claire, has been charged with underage drinking. Her court date is scheduled for November 25, 2026.

Nicole M. Heyer, 40, of Ramsey, MN., has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. Her court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Mariah M. Houle, 28, of Centerville, MN., has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. Her court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

James A. Matthews, 52, of Chetek, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Wyatt J. Boettcher, 24, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

William D. Podulke, 51, of Spooner, has been charged with possession of THC and party to a crime. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Wesley W. Musgrove, 49, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Gonzalo A. Benitez, 21, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

James A. Cluver, 54, of Almena, has been charged with operate firearm while intoxicated. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for October 14, 2026.

Amy J. Anderson, 41, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Linda A. Blair, 58, of Spooner, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Denise L. Lunsman, 59, of Spooner, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC and party to a crime. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 10, 2026.

Anthony A. Cooper, 21, of Cumberland, has been charged with neglecting a child (no harm and child <6 years or disability). His initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Estelle J. Severud, 21, of Cumberland, has been charged with neglecting a child (no harm and child <6 years or disability). Her initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Anthony R. Matteson, 24, of Cumberland, has been charged with neglecting a child (no harm and child <6 years or disability). His initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Jazmyne J. Jones, 24, of Cumberland, has been charged with neglecting a child (no harm and child <6 years or disability). Her initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Alexus M. Olson, 26, of Rice Lake, has been charged with fail/report to county jail. She has a warrant issued for her arrest.

Marco A. Olivo, 61, of Rice Lake, has been charged with threat to cause harm to certain individuals involved with a court or legal system. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Levi J. Erickson, 21, of Elk Mound, has been charged with battery to an elder person or adult at risk-intend to bodily harm, disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

William S. Selden, 60, of Minong, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and OWI. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Amy J. Anderson, 41, of Chetek, has been charged with OWI, possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Keith P. Holmes, 36, of Birchwood, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of narcotic drugs. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Dunn County Man Facing Six Years in Prison for Beating a Senior Citizen

Levi Erickson, 21, of Elk Mound, is facing a six-year prison sentence for punching a 78-year-old man at Rice Lake Speedway on September 5, 2026.

The criminal complaint states that security footage at the Race Track shows Erickson pushing past a witness and punching the victim, who fell into the seating area.

The man was taken to a near by hospital where he sustained a facial bruise and a laceration to his arm.

The complaint goes on to say a Barron County Sheriff's Deputy who responded to the call, found witnesses holding Erickson down when he arrived at the scene. The deputy stated that Erickson elbowed him in the chest, knocking his body camera loose and continued to resist arrest.

Erickson's charges include battery to a senior citizen, a felony and two misdemeanors that include disorderly conduct and resisting an officer. He has an initial appearance on September 16th, 2026.

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Five Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized after Traffic Stop

Valerie L. Owen, 71, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of narcotic drugs, and possession of THC.

Thomas A. Schuld, 71, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine.

An officer, with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports that on August 30, 2026, he, along with a City of Rice Lake Police Department Investigator, the Rice Lake Sergeant, as well as two detectives with the Barron County Sheriff's Department were conducting a narcotics detail in Barron County.

The officer's reports reflect that officers had received information that a vehicle was returning to Wisconsin from California and may be trafficking narcotics.

The officer reports he conducted a traffic stop on said vehicle in the general location of Highway 48 near 9 1/2 Street, outside the City of Cumberland for a speeding violation. The officer reports the vehicle pulled over next to the driveway of 941 22 1/2 Avenue in Cumberland.

The officer reports he approached the vehicle on the passenger side and noted a male driver and female passenger. The officer reports the driver was identified as Schuld. The officer reports the female subject was identified verbally as Owen, and they advised that they were coming from Palm Springs, meaning California, and that they were on vacation.

The officer reports he conducted a K9 sniff of the vehicle and then spoke with Owen. The officer asked Owen if there was anything illegal in the vehicle and if they returned with marijuana, and that Owen said there might be some "smoke" that she had been smoking.

The officer reports he asked Owen where the marijuana might be and she advised she did not know. Owen agreed that she was smoking marijuana in California.

The officer reports he and the sergeant conducted a search of the vehicle and located a ziploc bag with a green plant material within it, that the officer recognized to be THC based on his training and experience. The substance weighed 1.15 grams and later field tested positive for the presence of THC.

The officer reports he asked Owen if the item was the marijuana that she had spoken about, and that she replied, "yes." The officer reports Owen later approached him and advised that there may be more marijuana in her purse.

The officer reports he later located a gem bag with a green plant material that the officer recognized to be THC, which weighed 4.21 grams and later field tested positive for the presence of THC.

The detective reports reflect that after he completed searching the interior of the vehicle, he emptied Owen's purse onto the hood of the vehicle. The detective separated the items the officer had already located and gave them to the investigator. The detective reports that amongst the remaining items, there was a small baggie which contained approximately 10 white oval shaped pills. The detective gave the bag to the investigator for identification.

The investigator's reports reflect the pills provided to her by the detective where white oval pills with the imprint M367. The investigator reports she searched the pills on Drugs.com using Pill Identifier and observed the pills to be Acetaminophen and Hydrocodone Bitartrate325 mg/10mg. The investigator reports this medication is used for pain or cough and is a schedule II controlled substance, available by subscription only.

The officer reports that within the glove box he located a vape style smoking device and the cartridge to which had a brown liquid within it, which the officer recognized to be THC.

The officer reports he asked Schuld if the marijuana in the vehicle was his, and Schuld denied.

The officer reports that throughout the car there was clothing, suitcases and a cooler full of drinks with food and other items consistent with travel.

The officer reports that while searching the rear hatch area of the vehicle, he lifted up the divider for the spare tire and then peeled up the rear driver's quarter panel. The officer reports that upon doing so, he and the detective observed a vacuum sealed package under the plastic paneling. The officer removed this large package, which appeared saran wrapped, red in color and sealed.

The officer reports upon showing Owen and Schuld the package, he asked if it was "food" and that Schuld hestitated while smoking and replied, "no, where did that come from?" The officer reports he told Schuld that it had been located within his car and Schuld replied, "I dont' know what it is."

The officer reports based on past police experience, the substance within the package felt like a rock like substance, which he recognized as methamphetamine.

The officer reports he continued a search of the area of the vehicle, and located three more vacuum sealed packages, which were retrieved from behind the driver side quarter panel rear paneling. The officer reports that three of the four packagers were red in color and the other was part red and silver.

The officer reports he showed the three packages to Schuld and asked if they were "just more food" and that Schuld replied, "yep." The officer asked if they were vegetables, and why there were vacuum sealed, and Schuld stated something along the lines of to keep the items cool. The officer brought all four vacuum sealed packages to the front of his patrol vehicle and asked Schuld why there would be food to keep cool, in the quarter panel of his vehicle. The officer reports Schuld stated, "because I don't want anybody to steal it."

The officer reports he asked Schuld if he cut a package open if it would be Wagyu, and expensive kind of beef, and that Schuld stated, "don't" before advising, "go ahead."

The officer asked Schuld if there was anything else he wanted to tell him about the packages, and if he wanted to stop lying, and that Schuld replied "No, I don't want to stop lying." The officer told Schuld that the items feel like methamphetamine.

The officer reports the detective and sergeant asked Schuld if the items found were fentanyl, and Schuld said "no, its not fentanyl, I don't know what is its, it's not fentanyl."

The officer reports he cut open the package and removed the inner package. The officer reports he cut the saran wrap with his knife, and observed some sort of automotive grease. The officer reports he knows that grease can be used to mask odors in the context of smuggling/trafficking narcotics. The officer reports the methamphetamine located was possessed with the intent to distribute for the following reasons: Typical user amount of methamphetamine vary in range, but rarely surpass 3.5 grams, methamphetamine can be sold in points, by the gram, 8 ball, quarter ounce, half ounce and even by the ounce, the methamphetamine was located behind paneling, it was saran wrapped and covered in grease then vacuum sealed, users of methamphetamine typically would not hide narcotics in inaccessible places and go to great lengths to contain the odor, the occupants made a trip to Palm Springs and stopped approximately 1,939 miles away, with California known to be a state with high volumes of narcotics, and the methamphetamine weighed approximately 5.3 pounds or 2404 grams.

The officer reports the packaging that was cut was later field tested at the Rice Lake Police Department, and that the substance within the package field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine using a Nark II test.

On August 31, 2026, the investigator interviewed Owen.

The detective reports Owen admitted that she is growing marijuana plants at her residence. Owen admitted that she has grown the plant from seed to harvesting bud that she can smoke, and admitted it was a marijuana plant. Owen admitted that in the house she has a digital scale, and that she and Schuld have used the scale to weigh her marijuana to make sure that she is not getting ripped off.

The officer reports on August 31, 2026, he and fellow officers executed a search warrant at her residence located in Rice Lake.

The officer reports he noted a female at the rear residence and called out to her. The female advised that she was at the residence alone. The officer reports the female requested to pick tomatoes in the garden, and that he followed.

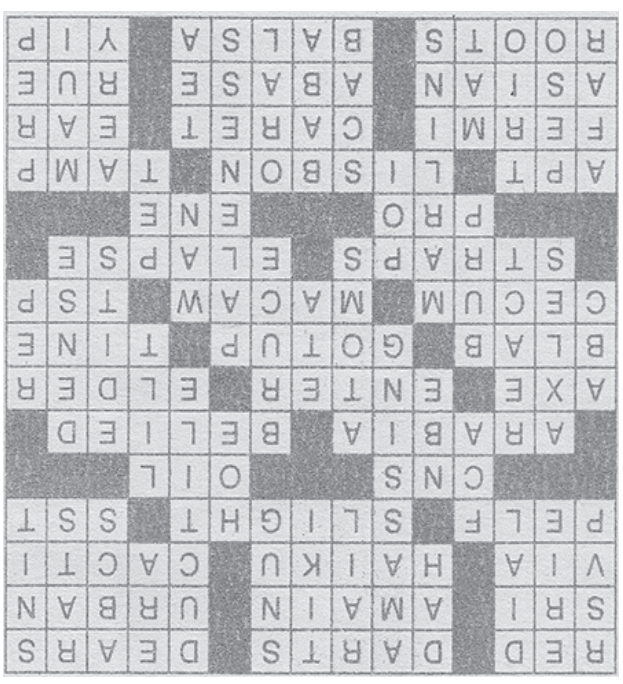
The officer reports the deputy observed a glass smoking device with white residue in the vehicle. The officer reports that when the female placed her tomatoes in the vehicle, she covered up the pipe. The officer reports the deputy requested that she remove the pipe, and observed it to be a methamphetamine pipe. The female advised that she used methamphetamine on that date, in the morning. The officer reports the deputy also searched the vehicle and located THC.

The officer reports the de-

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Sports

Football Team Comes up Just Short in 7-6 Loss to Spooner

The Cumberland Beavers fell just short of victory last Friday as they dropped a 7-6 decision to the Spooner Rails in Spooner. The Beavers record now stands at 2 and 2 with the undefeated Northwestern Tigers on the schedule this Friday in a 7:00 pm home contest at Endeavor Stadium. The game will feature Teacher Appreciation Night.

In Friday's contest, Spooner scored early in the game to take a 7-0lead. They kept their lead for much of the contest, thanks to their fast pursuing, penetrating defense. The Beavers kept battling, however, finally getting on the board with 7:14 left in the contest on a beautiful halfback option pass from halfback Rhowan Ruppel to Max Odden of 74 yards. Unfortunately, the extra point kick was missed wide left leaving the Beavers still one-point down.

With 7:14 left in the game, the Beavers hoped to get the ball back for one last chance for victory. The Rails strong running game, however, kept the ball for the rest of the contest running out the clock for their first win of the year. In the drive, Spooner overcame both a holding and blocking in the back penalties.

Cumberland made a strong effort despite playing without two talented seniors out with injuries, Mitchell Monchilovich and Brody Gilbertson. Their presence might well have made a difference in the outcome.

The Beavers were held to 193 total yards of offense, 74 coming on the one play. Max Odden led the team with 52 yards on the ground in 19 carries while the passing game only yielded three completions in nine attempts. Spooner had one interception for the games only turnover.

Defensively, Senior Max Odden had an impressive 17 team-leading tackles, while Graier Corns had nine and Sophomore Jake Gilbertson eight.

Northwestern will prove a tough test this Friday as they are coming off a 68-0 victory over Hayward. They are averaging 50.8 points per game in their four victories. Cumberland fans know, however, the Beavers will come ready for the challenge.

Volleyball Team Plays Well at Chetek Tournament

The Cumberland Varsity Volleyball Team traveled to Chetek last Saturday for their Invitational Tournament. After dropping all three sets to the Bulldogs in the day's opener, Cumberland rallied to defeat New Auburn, Bruce, Cornell, and Siren in consecutive games to finish 4 and 1 on the day. "We really played well and everyone contributed," said Head Coach Erin Miller.

Team members having good days included Natalie Anderson with 17 serving aces, 60 assists, and 19 digs. Kennedy Campbell, meanwhile, had 22 kills, 21 digs, and seven aces, while Hailey Paulson had 34 kills and Lily Murphy 32 digs.

Earlier in the week, the Beavers dropped contests to both Somerset and Boyceville, while both JV1 and JV2 won their games. Hailey Paulson had 34 kills and 31 digs in the two losses, while Natalie Anderson had 60 kills and Lily Murphy 32 digs.

This Thursday, September 17, Cumberland is home against Spooner, while Saturday, the Varsity and JV1 travel to Unity for the Eagles Invite beginning at 9:00 am.

Secure Your Tickets for the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame

The 12th Annual Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet will be held at the American Legion on Saturday evening, October 17. The evening begins with a Social Hour at 6:00 followed by a meal at 7:00 and the program at 8:00 pm. "It is a great evening to celebrate the long history and success of Cumberland High School Athletics," said Committee member Mark R. Fuller.

Inductees this year include Jim Doar, Randy Capra, Alyssa Lundquist Peterson, and Adam Diesterhaft.

To purchase your $25 tickets to the event, either email Fuller at mfull@csdmail.com or text him at 715-790-0109. "I hope we have a great crowd to enjoy an evening of memories and celebration," he concluded

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 17
Golf Home vs Grantsburg/Ladysmith 4:00
Soccer Home vs Amery 5:00
Volleyball Home vs Spooner 7:00

Friday, Sept. 18
Football Home vs Northwestern 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 19
CC @ Osceola 9:00
Volleyball @ Unity 9:00

Monday, Sept. 21
Golf @ Ashland 4:00

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Golf @ Rice lake 9:00
CC @ Barron 4:30
Soccer Home vs Barron 4:30
Volleyball @ Northwestern 7:00

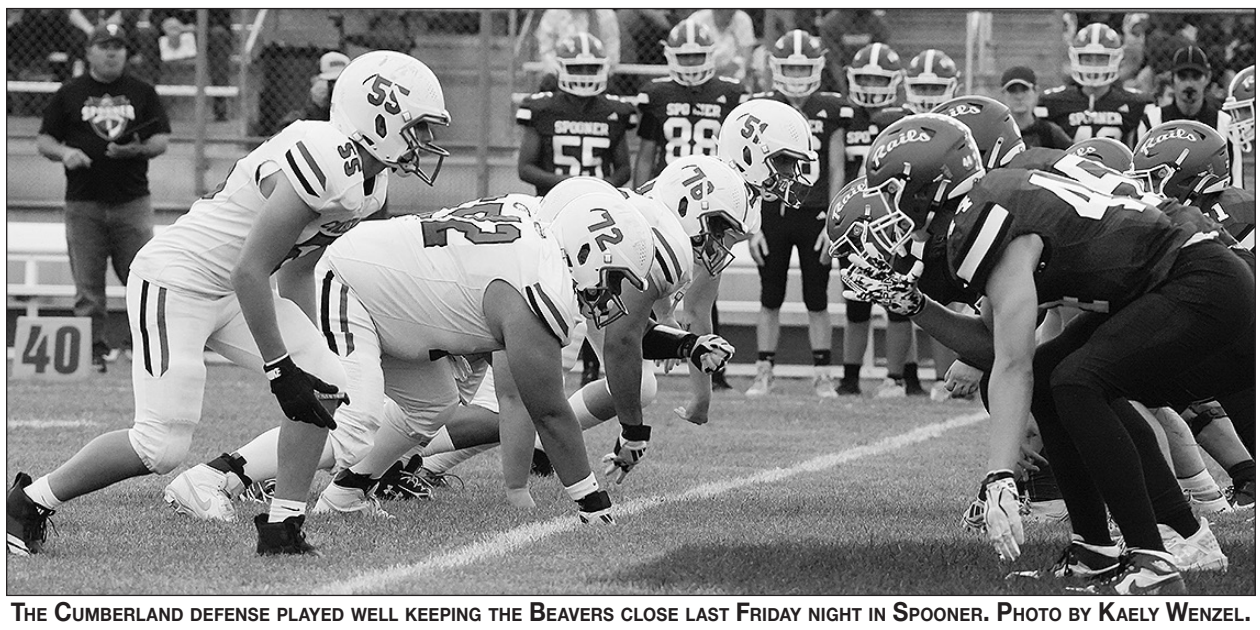
Wednesday, Sept. 23
Golf @ Spooner 9:00

Thursday, Sept. 24
Soccer Home vs Ashland 5:00
Volleyball @ Cameron 7:00

Tough Loss!



Rhowen Ruppel tries to break free from a Spooner defender last Friday night in Spooner. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



The Cumberland defense played well keeping the Beavers close last Friday night in Spooner. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Max Odden led the Beavers with 52 yards on the ground and also hauled in a 74 yard touchdown pass at Spooner. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Cumberland quarterback Alex LaBlanc lofts a pass downfield Friday night vs the Rails in Spooner. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Operation Musky/A Barrel of Laughs

Hello friends,

From 1981 to '87 I did a 6 year enlistment in the Wisconsin Air National Guard with the 115th Tactical Fighter Wing out of Madison. I was a jammer driver on a 3-man weapons loading crew. At first, it was OA/37s and then A10s. I got out to attempt to canoe up the Mississippi River when my enlistment ended in '87 and basically stayed outside and on adventures since then.

For the last 26 years I have been a part of what we call Operation Musky which is a group of 6 men that are still left from that era and my deer camp, "The Red Brush Gang," and a few other really fun people.

We stay at The Hiawatha Motel in Eagle River and fish the Eagle River Chain. I highly recommend The Hiawatha as a clean, friendly and very laid back place to hang your hat and tie up your boat.

Friday, August 28th
High 77, low 52

Perhaps the most fun day of this 3-day outing is day 1. No one really fishes as the fishing runs on Saturday from 6am to 8 pm and Sunday until 11:00. Last year I got real lucky and caught one each day. On day 2, my 2nd musky was landed, photographed and released with 4 minutes left. The real joke and everyone knows it, is I suck in this tournament, and got lucky, but my partner Jeff Moll and I won.

All about the Friday fun, we all hang out in front of The Hiawatha, cook really good food, most people make fun of me and we laugh a lot.

Saturday, August 29th
High 62, low 48

My partner was a bit on edge as we did not start fishing until 7:30. I was well aware that we would not get out of the boat until 8:00 pm and my mood was excellent. There was off and on rain in the air all day and the conditions were like fall not summer. This kept 90% of the people not with our group off the water and we loved it.

What Mr. Moll and I do is fish, chat with others a few times a day, and have a beverage with our friends as we tie our boats together and drift. Most importantly, we laugh. As long as a person was dressed for the conditions, the weather was superb. For Jeff and I the fishing was slow, we did have a nice talk with one of my bosses from back in the day, John Meier, his son Robb and grandson Garrett. Minutes after that ended, Robb had a good fish hit the green and yellow "Swimmin Dawg" that he was throwing and his 14-year-old son Garrett netted what would be a 38-incher, which would be Robb's first musky ever in this outing. The following morning Robb would land a 34-inch northern pike which would earn him first place with that side bet.

This evening our group had a very cool party in front of The Hiawatha and all we did was sit in lawn chairs and visit with each other.

Sunday, August 30th
High 77, low 53

The mood was excellent for all teams this morning and some musky were caught. Jeff and I had several experiences of which none included catching fish. First, we came across a kind of family member, Kenny Schuster and his 34-year-old grandson Jade Tylinski. The 20 hsp that Kenny was running had a serious problem and it was dead on the water. I mentioned him working his way back to the landing and casting as he was over some good water.

Kenny is in his mid-70s, the definition of a seasoned outdoorsman, as he spends a lot of time each fall chasing elk and has a good sized chunk of land near Mazomanee where he raised his family. Kenny was throwing a black Top Raider and had a dandy hit it and Jade ended up netting a 43.75 inch musky that would be his first ever in this event and would earn him top prize. Moments later Kenny had another dandy hit but get away. Bottom line, Kenny and Jade won Operation Musky this year.

Next event was seeing my brother Mike and his partner Chris Grinde. It appeared they had a problem and they did, as in Mikey had a good-sized treble hook in his thumb, which Mr. Moll removed.

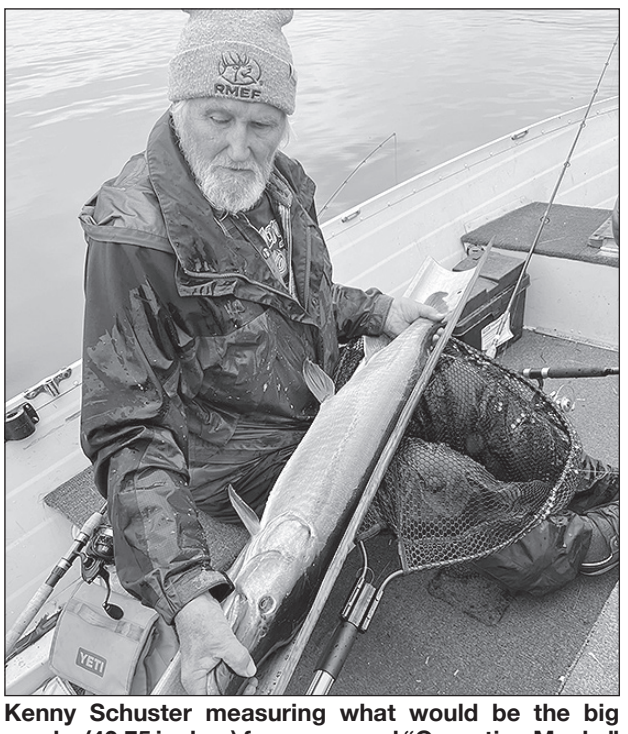
With 6 minutes left to catch a fish I had a dandy hit my Creek Chub Pikee 3000, clear the water by 2 feet and sail across the top of it for 8 feet as it threw the hook, what a cool way to end a great outing.

Tommy Gilbertson was my immediate boss back in the day and runs this event about as perfectly as possible. We fish, laugh and enjoy life!

Sunset



Kenny Schuster and his grandson Jade Tylinski took first place in this year's "Operation Musky" adventure on the Eagle River chain of lakes.



Kenny Schuster measuring what would be the big musky (43.75 inches) for our annual "Operation Musky" get together!

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Home Meet!



Raegan Beecroft lines up her drive at the Beavers home meet last week.

Medalist!



Makenzie Tahtinen took medalist honors shooting a 48 on the Beavers home course.

Girl's Golf Team Has A Solid Week

It was a good week for the Cumberland Girl's Golf Team as they took first in a five-team meet on their home course on Tuesday, September 8 and then finished fifth in a 14-team meet held by Northwestern at Hidden Greens in Solon Springs on Thursday, September 10.

In their home meet, Cumberland defeated Barron, Cameron, Grantsburg and Luck by shooting a team score of 214. Cameron finished second with a 222. Cumberland's Makenzie Tahtinen was Medalist with a 48, while Freshman Zoey Brandenhoff tied for second with a 51. Freshman Lilli Herman was a third Cumberland golfer in the top five finishers with a 54.

"It was nice to play on our home course as the girls felt very comfortable and it helped them play well," said Head Coach Jess Olson.

In Thursday's 18-hole competition, Hayward defeated Spooner by one stroke, 400 to 401. Cumberland finished fifth with a 450.

Spooner's Avery Voeltz was Medalist with an 80, while Cumberland's top finisher was Tahtinen, who finished tied for 10th with a 106. Brandenberg continued her excellent freshman campaign with a 107, while Lilli Herman shot 118 and Raegan Beecroft 119.

"It was exciting to see Makenzie finish in the top ten as well as see two freshmen like Zoey and Lilli play such good golf," concluded Coach Olson.

Cumberland Girl's Golf in its 36th Season

As the Cumberland Girl's Golf Team hits the Course this week, they will be participating in a sport in its 36th season as a WIAA sponsored activity by the District. Although the WIAA began its golf tournament program for girls in the fall of 1972, Cumberland would not add the sport to its offerings until the fall of 1990.

Coach Jim Chuchwar did not have to totally start his squad from scratch, however, as Molly Jacobson was one of the young ladies who came to the team's first practice. Prior to 1990, Jacobson had been a starter on the boys team in the spring and played volleyball in the fall, where she was a two-time First Team All-Conference selection. Her first love was golf, however, as she made the switch without hesitation.

The team's first ever competition came on a match in Rice Lake on August 21 of the year. Although Cumberland finished behind their neighbors to the East as well as Hayward, they placed ahead of Eau Claire North as Jacobson shot an 84 to gain Medalist honors on the day.

Other Cumberland golfers on the team included Hollie Haverly, Tawnya Dayton, Tara Ritchie, Megan Rhode, Brenda Kastner, and Becky Skinner. Jacobson was also the Medalist in the team's second match in Bloomer where she shot a 37.

The team led by Jacobson continued on to have a good first season as a WIAA sport. She would go on to become the Medalist at the Conference Meet with an 84, while the team finished in sixth place. Jacobson then went on to shoot an 88 at Sectionals to qualify for the State Meet in Milwaukee.

In her one opportunity there, she would shoot an 83 and a 91 to finish 7th overall in the State. For the team, they had become the first group to play Girl's Golf for the Red and White. Today, another group of young ladies carries on the tradition.

So Close!



The Cumberland Soccer team played well but lost two 1 score games last week. Here Christopher Murdza battles for a loose ball vs Spooner.

Cumberland Cross Country Team Runs in Rice Lake

The Cumberland Cross Country Team was back in action on Tuesday after a week's rest as they participated in the Rice Lake Cross Country Meet. Coverage will be in next week's paper.

Following the meet, the Beavers next competition will be this Saturday, when they participate in the Osceola Invitational beginning at 10:00 am. Next Tuesday, September 22, the team heads to Barron for the Bears Invitational beginning at 4:30 pm.

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#15 Max Weise takes on a Spooner defender last Thursday in Cumberland. The Rails escaped with a 1-0 victory.

Soccer Team Suffers Two One Goal Losses

"They were two disappointing outcomes," said Head Coach Brent Sellent about his team's 2-1 and 1-0 losses last week as the Cumberland Soccer Team played Regis and Spooner. They were back in action this past Tuesday in Hayward and then return home to Endeavor Stadium this Thursday night for a 5:00 pm contest against Amery. Next Tuesday, September 22, they entertain Barron, also at home, in a 4:30 pm match-up.

"The boys had one of our best passing games of the year, but could not get anything past their goal tender until late in the contest when Bryan Sonora scored," said Coach Sellent about the Regis loss.

It was unfortunately a similar theme in the shutout defeat by Spooner. "Our defense led by Cash Rouzer, Mason Capra, Max Weise, Austin Hornstein and Carson Hornstein made it tough for the Rails to take high quality shots, while Parker Peterson was excellent in goal. We just didn't score," said Sellent about the loss. He added, "Size and numbers seem to be common theme this year and it's one thing that we don't have."

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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Our family had a fantastic three-day vacation at Treeland Resort in rural Hayward over the Labor Day weekend. We were so happy to see our new little great-granddaughter, Chiara, and her parents, auntie, uncle and cousin, of course. She will have her first birthday in November, and is absolutely adorable. And, we were so glad that our granddaughter, Savana, and her boy- friend, Ryan, came all the way from San Diego for the weekend too. We are always happy that everyone can come, but those two families came from so far away – one on the east coast, and one on the west coast. Family means everything to us.

Suzy and Ryan Lehmann had to go through Laramie, Wyoming this last Friday, and decided to stop and have breakfast with Rick Zappa, one of their old friends from Cumberland. Suzy said that they had such a great time talking about old times and laughing a lot. She said that Rick reads the Cumberland Advocate, so he was the one catching them up on everything happening around here. I certainly hope that, when he decides to come back home for a visit, he stops by our house for coffee and a piece of pie.

Isaac Neitzel was at Cenex getting fuel on Saturday afternoon and told me that his grandson, Owen, took first place in the Wisconsin pedal tractor pull. Wow!! Owen's mom, Morgan, is going to text me all the details about that, so I will let you know more about it next week. There is something about a real tractor that Grandpa is going to give Owen too. (To be continued.)

Sue Meier called to let us know that her weekend with her son and his girlfriend, Andy and Jody, went very well. Sue was with us at Treeland until Saturday morning, then traveled to Scandinavia, Wisconsin to spend time with her family. She said that they all enjoyed sitting around a bonfire in the evening and did a lot of playing in the lake during the day. She usually spends the entire weekend in Hayward, and we did miss having her there, but we are so happy she was able to spend time with her family too.

This is my absolutely favorite time of year. The weather is getting a little cooler, and soon we will be seeing the beautiful fall colors on the trees. And, of course, the Barronett Color Fest is rapidly approaching, September 25th through the 27th!! By the way, if you are into photography, this year's theme for the contest is animals. Lynn Thon should enter that – I don't know anyone who takes more pictures of their dog than she does. And, the required ingredient for the baking contest will be apples. Those two contests will take place on Sunday, the 27th. And, you know that there are lots of other things going on – the women of Barronett Lutheran will be hosting their pie and ice cream social on Saturday the 26th, the Civic Club members will have lots of events planned – look for the posters hanging all over town for the full details.

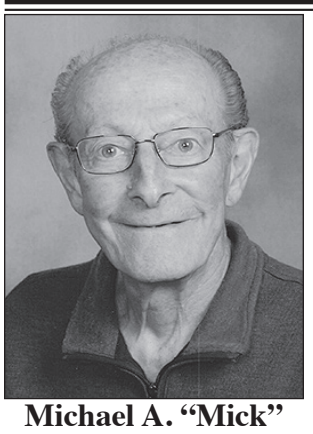
I am so busy – I have been trying to get all the weeds out of the garden so that someone can till it for us before the ground freezes. Lynn Thon has been helping out a lot by getting all the vegetables picked. She and I will be canning more green beans today, and that will probably be the end of them. Garett knew that the rabbits got every one of our carrots, so he bought two big boxes of carrots for me to can. He, Kandice, Kane and Pierce will be moving into their new home in Rice Lake soon, so I am going to give them a bunch of canned goods to get their pantry off to a good start.

Our maple tree by the garden always sends out the little helicopters into the garden before we plant, and I must have saved at least a dozen little starter trees when I was hoeing rows for the seeds. I put them in cups, and they have grown beautifully. Lynn and I are going to plant them on the hill by her house – this is not nice, but our aim is to block out the sight of the new welding plant. I'm sure it's a beautiful building, but not exactly the view a person wants to see while washing dishes and looking out the kitchen window. We did plant some little pine trees up there too, so hopefully in a few years it will look like a forest instead of an industrial area.

Don't get me wrong – I know that the new welding shop is very good for our town – more jobs, increased property taxes, etc. It's just not fun having it in a place that was a hay field and deer run a couple years ago.

I'm going to run – have to get the carrots and beans canned. Have a wonderful week, and I'll see you next time.

OBITUARIES



Michael A. "Mick" Ritchie

Michael Alan "Mick" Ritchie, 86, proudly of Cumberland died on September 11, 2026 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. He was born April 19, 1940 in St. Paul, MN to Michael E and Jesse E (Chido) Ritchie and was raised in Cumberland. In 1953, Mick participated in the Boy Scout National Jamboree at the Irvine Ranch in California. He graduated from Cumberland High School in 1958 and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business from St. Thomas College in Minnesota in 1962. Mick went on to join the Army National Guard and served for six years.

He was married in St. Ann Catholic Church, Turtle Lake on June 23, 1962 to Shirley (Balog) Ritchie who preceded him in death on October 23, 2009.

Mick was a people person who loved to strike up conversations with anyone he came across. He thrived owning Central Motor Sales with his father where he was able to talk to his heart's content. His favorite topics were the Green Bay Packers and Ford cars. He treasured attending Packer games as a season ticket holder with his daughter.

His love of people led him to volunteering with and joining the Knights of Columbus with the pepper stand and Tootsie Roll sales, the Elks Club, Jaycees, Indian Waters Girl-Scouts Council, United Fund of Cumberland, St. Anthony Finance Committee, and driving in the Rutabaga Parade beginning in 1957 through this year. He also enjoyed joining the Crazy 8s on their snowmobile trips and spending quality time with his many dear friends. Most of all, Mick cherished the yearly vacations with Shirley and Sheri and winters spent with Shirley in Mesa, AZ.

He is survived by his daughter, Sheri Ritchie; sister-in-law, Joan Bauer; nieces; nephews; cousins and more friends than can be counted.

Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Tuesday September 22, 2026, at St Anthony Catholic Church, Cumberland, WI. Burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-7 PM Monday September 21, 2026, at Skinner Funeral Home in Cumberland, and one hour prior to the service.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

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Fire on the Mountain Men's Revival

Attention All Men and boys! You are welcome at the 4th Mountain Men's Revival. Saturday, September 26, 2026 from 1:00 - 5:30 pm, will be an afternoon of inspirational speakers, praise and worship.

Oasis Church is the host location at 3445 Gateway Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Mountain Men is the sponsor and excited to offer this event at no charge. However, a $20.00 contribution will be accepted to help defray some of the expenses. To register go online at mountainmenrevival.org

Steve Sonderman, founder of "No Regrets Conference" and Ministry and Joe Rigelsky, pastor and founder of Upstream International will share in biblical teaching along with Josh Edwards leading in worship.

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Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

We had a nice turn out for our fall prevention presentation. Will be scheduling a stepping on session if there is enough interest. Will let you know.

The next presentation will be on hospice, Thursday, September 24th at 1230 pm. This will be a good chance to ask questions with your concerns. Hope to see you at the center

The Annual Fall Festival is coming up October 10th from 9am till 2pm

This is always a fun event. Silent auctions items, Raffles, gift certificates to business places, And we will have a garage sale too. So if you have anything to donate please bring it in any time. We have some gift baskets donated already. If you are bringing in garage sale items that's fine We don't want clothing, there is no room to display and no large furniture cant accept either otherwise. New and slightly used items all acceptable.

Michelle is having another Watercolor paint class at our center. October 22 starts at 1pm.

If you are interested, you can sign up at the center. There will be a $5 dollar fee for materials this time.

Will talk about these events in the coming weeks. Hope to see you at the center.

Any questions about any of these events let me know. Everyone always welcome to stop in and check our place out good to come and visit and relax and meet new people.

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Tuesday, September 22
Slippery Hill Entree Salad w/ Deli Meat, HB Egg, Cheese, Veggies, Cottage Cheese, Bread Stick, Cook's Choice Cookie.

Wednesday, September 23
Ham & Swiss Sandwich, Beef Vegetable Soup with Crackers, Fresh Fruit Cup.

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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OBITUARIES



Eugene C. Standaert

Eugene Charles Standaert, age 88, of Cumberland, WI, passed away peacefully on August 31, 2026, surrounded by his family.

Eugene was born on June 20, 1938, at home in Glenwood City, WI, to Ed and Christine Standaert. He was the oldest of seven children. He married Alberta Ranallo in July 1961. Later that fall, Eugene was drafted into the U.S. Army, where he proudly served his country from 1961 to 1963. Eugene and Alberta welcomed their daughter, Deb Standaert, in August 1962, followed by their son, Scott Standaert, in November 1963. They eventually settled in Cumberland, WI, where Eugene worked at Stella Cheese for 33 years. He also worked at L'Cars, where he performed custom upholstery on award-winning classic cars.

Eugene was a renowned upholsterer, skilled pilot, devoted gardener, and traveler. With his hardworking hands, he could craft or repair nearly anything. Above all, he was a beloved dad, grandfather, and great-grandfather who treasured his one and only grandson and one and only great-granddaughter more than anything. He also had a well-known love of candy—his family could find candy wrappers tucked away in the most unexpected places.

Eugene is survived by his children, Deb (Ken Pendleton) Standaert and Scott Standaert; grandson, Ryan (Alyssa) Standaert; great-granddaughter, Ryssa Standaert; and siblings Boni Berg, Sally Dedrickson, Lani (Ward Anderson) Standaert, and Robin (Laura) Standaert, along with many other family members and friends who will forever cherish the memories they shared.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Christine Standaert; his wife, Alberta Standaert; and his brothers, Jeff and Randy Standaert.

Eugene requested a private celebration of life with his immediate family, who plan to do something special in his honor.

His love, laughter, creativity, and sweet tooth will be remembered always.

Eugene may be gone from our sight, but the love, memories, and moments shared will remain in our hearts forever.



Marianne L. Koser

Marianne L. Koser, age 93, was called home to be with Jesus peacefully in her sleep on Labor Day, September 7, 2026 in her home at Brentwood Assisted Living in Rice Lake.

Marianne was born a New Year's baby on January 1, 1933 in Washington, Iowa as the third daughter to J. Arthur and Edna Taylor. She grew up in a busy home of 5 children and attended Superior Schools, graduating from Superior High School in 1951. Marianne then attended Superior State University (now UW-Superior), where she majored in music and had many leading roles in musical performances, most notably as an accomplished soprano soloist.

At college, she met the handsome Robert Koser of Almena, who sang with her in many choirs and musicals. They fell in love and were married in July, 1954 after her graduation. They moved to Almena as Bob worked in the family Koser Silo business and Marianne taught music at Cumberland Schools, teaching elementary, junior high and high school choral music through her career, while also giving private voice and piano lessons at home. In 1966, she was recruited by Harris Balko, then choir director at Rice Lake High School, to play the Mother role in their unforgettable musical production of 'Amal and The Night Visitors'.

Marianne and Bob raised three children in Almena and supported them in every activity, especially their musical advancement and never missed a concert, sporting event or horse competition through all their years. In the 1970's, she and Bob founded and led the Christian Singing Group 'New Song', made up of young high school Christian musicians taking their traveling ministry of music to churches throughout Northwest Wisconsin and Eastern Minnesota. Marianne's music and testimony of her personal relationship with Jesus was a blessing for so many who heard her speak and sing.

Marianne and Bob moved briefly to Eau Claire and then to their beloved Cabin/Home on Upper Eau Claire Lake, splitting time between Wisconsin and their home in Tucson, AZ during their retirement. The joys of being Grandma and Great Grandma were the best times for her until her passing.

Preceding her to heaven are her husband of 67 years, Bob- just 5 years ago, her beloved daughter, Nancy-18 years ago, her parents, and her 4 sisters. She is survived by her brother John (Annette) Taylor of Menomonie, son, Tom Koser (Dianne) of Rice Lake, daughter Katy (Joel) Cairy of Burnsville, MN, son-in-law Jim Johnston (Theresa) of Birchwood, 8 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

Her family expresses their appreciation and love to the wonderful staff and caregivers at Brentwood Assisted Living for their loving and expert care given to Marianne over her years of residency at Brentwood.

A Celebration Of Life service will be held Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake at 11:00 a.m., with visitation from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. the day the service, and burial at St. Matthews Cemetery in Almena. Appleyard's Home for Funerals in Rice Lake, Wisconsin is assisting and serving the family with the arrangements.

Marianne was passionate about missions. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Assemblies of God World Missions in Springfield, MO - Giving #289672.

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by Pastor Paul Green
Hope Community Church

Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. John 12:3 ESV

Mary gets it; she was always at Jesus' side, taking time to be with Him, commune with Him, and now we see her serve and anoint Jesus in a radical way. So the first thing we need to figure out is how much smell goodie are we talking about here? I call my cologne smell goodie because that's what it does, makes you smell good. We know from further along in this chapter, that the pound of expensive nard cost a year's wages.

Some think this bottle was an heirloom that had been passed down through the generations of Mary's family and had been given to her. Others think that Mary was wealthy and went out and bought a pound of it at some point. And then I think, does it really matter how she got it? The fact is that she had it and used it in this way as an act of extravagant love towards her Lord and Master, Jesus. She gave the very best that she had as an act of worship to Him.

In her times of being with Jesus, hearing about the things that He'd done, listening to him teach about God and the scriptures, Mary knew that Jesus wasn't just another guy from Galilee; He was the Son of God, and she gave what she had, the most priceless to her, as an act of worship to him.

It got me to thinking, am I giving my very best to Jesus? I've given Jesus a lot. I've given Him my life, my marriage, my finances. I gave Him my career path, my addiction, my sin, and my hope of eternal life. But if I'm honest, there's still more that I need to give Him as an act of worship. And how about you? Are there things that you're still holding on to that are keeping you from worshipping Jesus as Mary did?

As followers of Jesus, each of us needs to regularly assess where we're at, ask ourselves, am I all in on Jesus, willing to give him every part of my life, or are there limits to our relationship?

Mary poured out a year's worth of wages upon Jesus' body, and I bet when she was done, she thought Jesus was worth every last drop.

Pastor Paul
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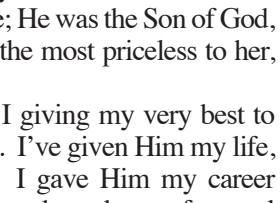
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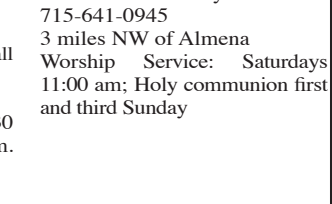
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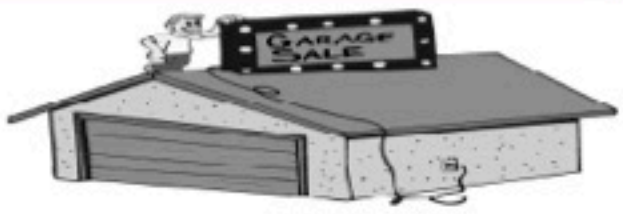
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Barron County Real Estate Property will be sold on Wisconsin Surplus Online Auction, Auction Number 26-1000B. Listed below are the parcels that are up for bids. The auction is running NOW through September 28, 2026. Please visit w https://wisurplus.ws/26-1000B for registration and bidding instructions. Please contact the Treasurer's office at (715) 537-6280.

Parcel Number	Description	Minimum Bid
002-4044-16-000	1426 3 1/2 St Turtle Lake WI 0.53 acres 3 bdrms, 2 bthrms 2080 sq ft approx 120 feet waterfront Upper Turtle Lake	$225,000.00
010-4449-02-000	2517 28th Ave, Birchwood, WI - Dilapidated Home 1 bdrm, 1 bthrm, 2 acres on Chain Lake/Twin Lake Approx 145 feet waterfront	$40,000.00
101-8001-36-000	Vacant land 0.51 acres 16.5 feet wide off CTH P, Almena WI	$1,100.00
116-8023-09-000	Landlocked vacant land 0.3 acres near 3rd Ave N/CTH U Dallas, WI, Approx 110 feet waterfront-Dallas Flowage	$200.00
212-8068-38-010	Landlocked vacant land 0.03 acres near 1st Ave/CTH P Cumberland, WI	$75.00
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STATE OF WISCONSIN SS COUNTY OF BARRON
Appeal #4026

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, relative to a proposal for a variance to the terms of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance as follows:

Requests a variance to construct an addition to a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling with a reduced setback to the ordinary high water mark to Loon Lake in a Recreational Residential district on property described as Lot 9 Nessen's Loon Lake East, located in Section 32, T35N, R14W, town of Crystal Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin.

The Board of Adjustment reserves the right to view the property and may convene in executive session prior to rendering a decision. Contact Zoning Office staff at 715-537-6375 with questions regarding this appeal.

Property owners: James A & Rebecca J Close

Property address: 142 18 3/8 Ave, Comstock, Wisconsin

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 9th day of September, 2026.

Barron County Board of Adjustment
Gary Nelson, Chairman

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
POLK COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING
(PROBATE)
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 1996PR000053

In the Matter of the Estate of Lola F. Woodley, deceased, Case No. 1996PR000053.

This case is scheduled for Court Trial regarding a claim filed by Northern Pines Community Programs.

Notice of hearing is scheduled for October 29, 2026 at 9:00 am. Location Branch 1, 1005 West Main Street, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Daniel J. Tolan.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-485-9299 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 78

In the Matter of the Estate of Gary Ladd, AKA: Gary William Ladd. Case #2026PR78.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/17/1957 and date of death 07/07/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2135 Superior Ave, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 11, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

/S/ Deanne E. Larson
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Diane M. Ladd
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Methamphetamine Seized...

tective spoke with the female, who advised that the pipe was her "bubble."

The office reports the female was asked how much methamphetamine she used on that date, and she advised that she used what was left in the bubble. The officer asked the female if she was "all out" and if she was "smoking the residue," to which the female stated, "pretty much."

The officer asked the female if she was at the residence to buy dope, and that she denied such. The female advised that she does not by methamphetamine, however that people give it to her. The female advised that "Tom has given it to me." The female estimated that Schuld had given her methamphetamine approximately three times.

The officer reports he assisted with a search of the property, and located several drugs, and drug related items.

If convicted for possession of narcotic drugs, Owen may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months or both. For possession of THC, she may be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months or both.

If convicted for possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, Schuld may be fined not more than $100,000 or imprisoned to not more than 40 years or both.

Avian Influenza...

type A viruses, the disease varies in severity depending on the strain and species affected. The disease can be spread by contact with infected birds, commingling with wild birds or their droppings, equipment, or clothing worn by anyone working with the animals.

DATCP continues to urge all livestock owners to implement strong biosecurity measures to protect their flocks and herds from the disease. This includes washing hands, disinfecting equipment, restricting access to animals, and separating new additions to the flock or herd for at least 30 days. Poultry owners are asked, when possible, to keep their birds indoors.

When HPAI is diagnosed in a Wisconsin poultry flock, a control area is established within a 10-kilometer area around the infected premises, restricting movement on or off any premises with poultry. To help producers determine if their poultry are located within an active control area or surveillance zone, poultry owners are encouraged to use DATCP's mapping tool.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and Barron County Public Health are monitoring exposed farm workers for HPAI symptoms. The risk to the general public in Wisconsin remains low. Find information related to prevention information for farmworkers or others who have close contact with birds, dairy cows, or other relevant animals.

DATCP reminds Wisconsin livestock owners to register their premises. State law requires that all livestock owners register where their animals are kept. Poultry is included in the definition of livestock for premises registration. Registration helps animal health officials communicate with flock and herd owners during disease outbreaks.

To report increased mortality or signs of illness among domestic birds, dairy cattle, or other animals, contact DATCP by following the instructions on the Animal Disease Reporting webpage. For updates on how the virus is affecting domestic birds in Wisconsin, and to find resources on protecting Wisconsin poultry, visit DATCP's HPAI in Poultry webpage: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/HPAIWisconsin.aspx.

HPAI in Other Species

The HPAI virus has continued to circulate in both wild and domestic birds in North America since December 2021. Since that time, the HPAI virus has also affected other species, including mammalian species. DATCP continues to work with USDA to conduct testing for HPAI, encourage biosecurity, and provide resources to producers.

For updates on how the HPAI virus is affecting dairy cattle across the country, and to find resources on protecting Wisconsin dairy cattle, visit DATCP's HPAI in Dairy Cattle webpage: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/AvianInfluenzaCattle.aspx.

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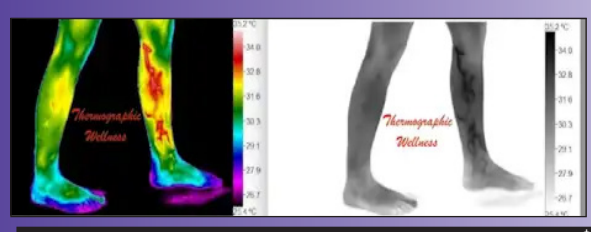
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