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Fatal UTV vs Motorcycle Crash in Barronett Claims Cumberland Man's Life

At 1:19 PM on Thursday October 22, 2026 a crash occurred on US 63 SB at US 63 at 29 1/2 Ave in Barron County near Cumberland.

The Barron County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Cumberland EMS, Cumberland Fire Department and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries in Barron County on Highway 63 near 29 1/2 Avenue. An ATV, driven by Devin J. Guggenberger, 25, of Barronett, was crossing Highway 63 when it collided with a motorcycle, driven by Daniel R. Hoffman, 77, of Cumberland that was traveling southbound. Hoffman was fatally injured in the accident. The crash remains under investigation by the Wisconsin State Patrol.



A Life Link helicopter landed at the ballpark at the Community Center in Barronett following the tragic accident that claimed the life of Dan Hoffman of Cumberland on Thursday, October 22nd.



Fall General Election Set For Tuesday November 3

Tuesday, November 3rd, a large turn out is expected at the polls for the Wisconsin Fall General Election.

In the race for current Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers seat, are Republicans Tom Tiffany, United States Representative and David Barnam, a Milwaukee County Executive, squaring off against Democrats David Crowley and Sarah Godlewski.

In the race for Attorney General, Democrat Incumbent Josh Kaul squares off against Republican Eric Tony, a Fond du Lac County District Attorney.

In the race for Sarah Godlewski's seat as Secretary of State, (she is running for lieutenant governor) are Republican Jay Schroeder, Democrat JoCasta Zamarripa and Green Party Candidate Pete Karas.

Republican State Treasurer John Leiber looks to hold onto his seat squaring off against Democrat challenger Yee Leng Xiong.

Representative to Congress District 7 sees Republican Michael Alfonso and Democrat Fred Clark seeking the seat vacated by Tom Tiffany's run for Governor.

In the race for State Senator District 23 Republican incumbent and Cameron resident Romaine Robert Quinn will face Democratic Challenger Jeff Foster from rural Colfax and the final contested race sees incumbent Republican David Armstrong looking to retain his position as representative to the Assembly District 67 against Democrat challenger Indiana Thompson.

Three questions will also appear on next week's ballot.

Question #1: Partial Veto. Partial Veto would ban any future Governor from using their partial veto power to raise taxes or fees.

Question #2: Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency: it deals with religious liberty to be amended to prohibit the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency.

Question #3: Governmental entity discrimination prohibited. This would prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting or public administration. Make your voice heard and exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd.



School Board Holds Annual Meeting, Setting 2026-2027 Budget

by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland School Board met at 7:00 pm on Monday, October 19, to hold their annual budget meeting prior to their regular monthly meeting. The preliminary budget was developed and determined using the current law revenue limit formula and is projected to be a balanced budget which will serve as a guiding tool to direct the financial operations of the school district.

Final calculations used to develop the budget came from the number of students in the district, the amount of money each district is allowed to increase the levy per student as defined by state statues, and the amount of state aid as determined by the state legislature.

The Budget Hearing report was given to the Board by District Business Manager Makenna Rademacher and showed a General Fund Balance of $4,949,056 with the request for a Total Mill Rate of $7.69. This would include General Fund Op-

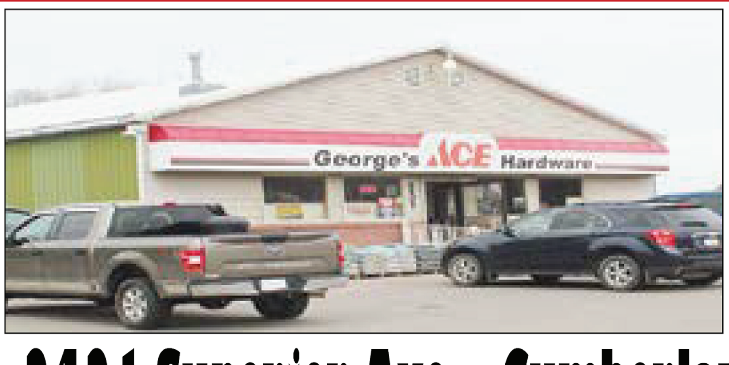
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Lifelong Brewers Fans At The World Series!



Justin, Bernie, Wes, Joe, Lydia and Erin made the trip to Milwaukee for the first game of the World Series last Friday night. The Brewers sent everyone home happy with a 3-2 win over Tampa Bay. Pictured at right are Wes and Lydia in the "Uecker Seats", a statue in the "worst seat" in the house honoring legendary announcer Bob Uecker who passed away in January of 2025.

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Local Soloists to Perform with the Red Cedar Symphony

The Red Cedar Symphony's upcoming concert series, "Happy 250th Birthday, America," celebrates American-born music and composers. Concerts will take place at 7 pm on Saturday, November 7, at Augustana Lutheran Church in Cumberland and at 4 pm on Sunday, November 8, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake.

These concerts feature local special guests Pianist Karen Wilber and Narrator Michael Doran. Wilber displays her virtuosity as piano soloist for George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. Concert-goers will be on the edge of their seats as Wilber's agile fingers dance up and down the piano keys.

RCS board member Michael Doran's rich, resonant voice delivers emotional depth to the historical weight of Abraham Lincoln's words in Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait.

In addition to these local guests, Harpist Kate Eternick will join the orchestra from southern Wisconsin for these fall concerts. Eternick is RCS Cellist Beth Thompson's daughter and grew up in the area.

Other great orchestral works to be performed, include the first movement of Antonin Dvorak's Symphony No. 9, From the New World, modern composer Noah Taylor's Fanfare 250, and Morton Gould's American Salute.

Join the Red Cedar Symphony for an unforgettable evening of music. Admission is $15 at the door, with those age 21 and under admitted free.

Established in 1983 and housed at Bethany Lutheran Church in Rice Lake, the RCS draws classical musicians from throughout northwestern Wisconsin, including Rice Lake, Osseo, Cumberland, Ladysmith, Spooner, Chetek, Gordon, Trego, Springbrook, Bruce, Hayward, Cable, Winter, Bloomer, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, and Foster. For more information, please visit our website at www.RedCedarSymphony.org.

Grade School Reunion!



Three remaining members of our grade school class met at the Lakewood Cafe in Hayward. In the fall of 1948, four nervous six year old kids started first grade at the Roosevelt Consolidated School in Roosevelt Twsp (Burnett County). The large two room brick school was built in 1918 to accommodate 80 students (a level almost met in future years). Pictured L-R are Gene Romsos - Long Lake/Sarona, Lynnette (Johnson) Flottum - Hayward, and Dale Hile (Siren). Unfortunately, the 4th member Donna (Erickson) Lawrence passed away in December 2025. Lynnette's husband, Jim Flottum, originally from Shell Lake, taught in the Hayward school system for many years. Her daughter, Shellee Wampole, also taught in the Hayward school system for years and just retired last spring.

DMV explains steps to obtain an ID to use at the polls

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) explains the steps needed to obtain an ID to show at the polls if the voter does not already have some form of approved ID, such as a Wisconsin driver license or ID.

While Wisconsin residents are required to show identification to cast their ballot, there is no separate "voter ID" and a federally compliant REAL ID is not required in the state to vote.

Voters who are U.S. citizens and wonder what forms of IDs are accepted at the polls should check the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

Those looking to get their first Wisconsin ID should begin at DMV's website wisconsindmv.gov/idcards. They should bring the required documents and apply at the nearest DMV. Appointments are available but not required.

Visit our website to see a list of the required documents that are needed to present at a DMV Customer Service Center in order to obtain identification to show at the polls: wisconsindmv.gov/idcards. A process is available to U.S. citizens, free of charge, to obtain a receipt valid to take to the polls for voting if the ID card is not available in time.

DMV's toll-free hotline at (844) 588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information may be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission website.

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Barron County Tipster Line
EYE WITNESS REPORT
1-800-532-9008
OR TEXT TO: BCTIPS
& the tip information to: tip411 (847411).

Cumberland Area Food Pantry

Open Fridays 1-3 pm

1290 1st Ave. • Cumberland

For first time visit please provide name and address information and bring sturdy bags to carry food. Donations of unexpired food items can be brought to the pantry Fridays from 12 pm to 3:30 pm. Cash donations can be sent to the pantry P.O Box 741 Cumberland.

For further information or emergency food assistance, please call 651/757-5086.

Find us on Facebook @ Cumberland Area Food Pantry

cumberlandfoodpantry@gmail.com

This Pantry is an Equal Opportunity TEFAP Provider

WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS

ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED:

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

Cumberland American Legion

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Weddings, Parties, Reunions, etc.
Hall • Bar • Kitchen
Open to the Public
Wednesday's & Friday's @ 4:00 pm!
www.post98.org
For More Info Contact
715-822-4121

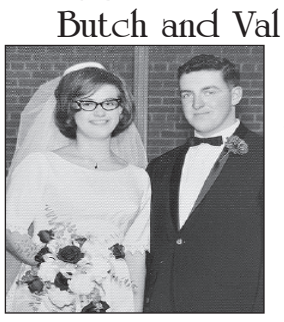
Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 31st
4:00 - 5:30 PM
First Lutheran Church
1180 8th Avenue, Cumberland

Trick-or-treating in the parking lot and games and activities inside for Pre-K and grade school ages. Louie's Hot dogs will also be served.

Everyone is welcome!

Celebrating
60 Years of Marriage
Butch and Val Sutherland



Please join us to celebrate the 60th wedding anniversary of Butch and Val Sutherland. Food, and good conversation provided. Please no gifts.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2026
4:30 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Event Address: Celebrations at the Gables
285 145th Ave,
Turtle Lake, WI 54889

Come share our
"AUTUMN BLESSINGS" BAZAAR

Saturday, November 7, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

MORNING: Coffee & Roll
LUNCH: Potato Bar, BBQ Sandwich, chips, & pie.
BAKE SALE: Cookies, Bars, Sweet Breads, Jams, Jellies, Candy & more
GIFTS: Handmade Crafts, Wreaths, Porch Pots, Fall & Christmas Items, Repurposed items, Holiday Ornaments & Decor

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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

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

LET'S GET CREATIVE

COME MAKE A CHRISTMAS PORCH POT @ GROWING WISHES GREENHOUSE
1637 1 3/4 STREET, TURTLE LAKE

Sunday, November 22nd, 2026 @ 1:-00 pm
Sign up by 11/18/26
Cost with everything needed to make a beautiful porch pot (greenery, pot, bow, and multiple decorations) $55.
Best part....you made it yourself!
(Payment required in advance)

To register for this great opportunity please contact:
Susan Bridger, CCE Director HS: 715-822-5121 ext. 403 / sbrid@csdmail.com

It's the Season...
Let's Make a Christmas Wreath @ Growing Wishes Greenhouse
1637 1 3/4 Street, Turtle Lake, WI

Saturday, November 28, 2026 11 am
Sign up for a 20 minute time slot between 11 am - 1 pm
Cost with everything needed to make a lovely wreath (greenery, bow, and cone clusters) $70
-advance payment required-
To register or further questions:
Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 / sbrid@csdmail.com

Jonelle's Forever Flowers Boutique

OPEN HOUSE
Thursday, Friday & Saturday
Nov., 5th, 6th & 7th
& 12th, 13th, & 14th
2501 3 1/4 - 5th Street
Cumberland •715-419-1786
(Four miles past the new hospital on 3 1/4-5th Street)

I have a SURPRISE for you, and I am so excited to share it with all of you! Stop out and shop for Thanksgiving, Christmas and everyday gift needs. I have added Vantyl Pearl Jewelery overstock, and DoTerra Essential Product's to my boutique. I will be taking orders for winter porch pots, holiday table arrangements and specialty evergreen Gnomes during this sale.

*Jonelle's Forever Flowers will be open for your convenience by calling 715-419-1786

SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, October 29
BBQ Texas Pork Sandwich, Crispy Golden Fries
Simply Steamed Green Beans.
Friday, October 30
Mummy Pretzel Dog, Classic Crunch Chips,
Steamed Garden Broccoli, Pumpkin Cookie.
Monday, November 2
The All-American Hamburger/Cheeseburger,
Campfire Baked Beans, Harvest Carrots.
2nd Option MS/HS: School House Pizza
Tuesday, November 3
ES: Crispy Bite Chicken Nuggets
MS/HS: Burrito Bowl Bar w/ Chicken, Hearty Brown Rice, Homestyle Sweet Corn.
2nd Option MS/HS: School House Pizza.
Wednesday, November 4
Sizzlin' BBQ Pork Riblet, Homestyle Mac & Cheese, Harvest Broccoli Florets.
2nd Option Ms/HS: School House Pizza.

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.
This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

USDA Designates Twelve Counties as Natural Disaster Areas

This Secretarial natural disaster designation allows the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) to extend much-needed emergency credit to producers recovering from natural disasters through emergency loans. Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation, or to refinance certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available, and repayment ability.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, these counties suffered from a drought intensity value during the growing season of 1) D2 Drought-Severe for 8 or more consecutive weeks or 2) D3 Drought-Extreme or D4 Drought-Exceptional.

Triggering Disaster #1 – S6446
Impacted Area: Wisconsin, Minnesota
Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)
Application Deadline: 06/15/2027
Primary Counties Eligible:
Wisconsin: St. Croix
Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:
Wisconsin: Barron, Dunn, Pierce, Polk
Minnesota: Washington

Triggering Disaster #2 – S6440
Impacted Area: Wisconsin, Michigan
Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)
Application Deadline: 06/15/2027
Primary Counties Eligible:
Wisconsin: Florence, Marinette
Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:
Wisconsin: Forest, Oconto
Michigan: Dickinson, Iron, Menominee

Triggering Disaster #3 – S6430
Impacted Area: Wisconsin, Michigan
Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)
Application Deadline: 06/15/2027
Primary Counties Eligible:
Wisconsin: Forest
Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:
Wisconsin: Florence, Langlade, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Vilas
Michigan: Iron

Triggering Disaster #4 – S6404
Impacted Area: Wisconsin, Michigan
Triggering Disaster: Drought (Fast-Track)
Application Deadline: 06/15/2027
Primary Counties Eligible:
Wisconsin: Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Oneida, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Vilas
Contiguous Counties Also Eligible:
Wisconsin: Barron, Chippewa, Douglas, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Taylor, Washburn
Michigan: Gogebic, Iron

Kinship Pumpkin Decorating!



On Thursday, October 22nd, Kinship of Cumberland/Turtle Lake, and Kinship of Rice Lake/Cameron, had a pumpkin decorating and dinner event at the Stanfold Church. A great time was had by all participants. We owe a huge thank you to the Stanfold Church community and to Bob's Produce for the donations of space and pumpkins.

Thank you for reading The Advocate



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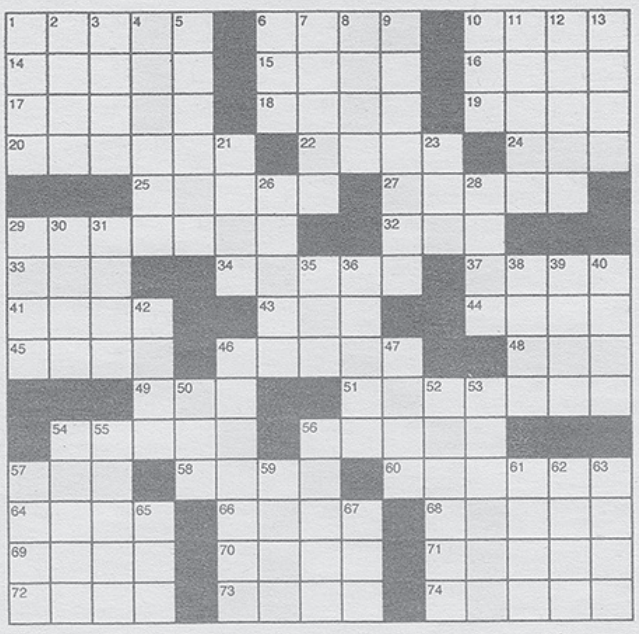
Happy Birthday MaryAnn!



Happy 80th Birthday to the most loving mother and best grandmother in the world. We hope your day is filled with love and happiness!
Love your family and friends!



PUZZLE



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6 Father
10 Pillow covering
14 Regress
15 Potter's oven
16 Dress
17 Sap (2 wds.)
18 Water (Spanish)
19 Tied
20 Literary compositions
22 Assist
24 Only
25 Construct
27 Desert plant
29 Rumor
32 Resort hotel
33 Sweet potato
34 Look out
37 Chilled
41 Let fall
43 Licensed practical nurse
44 Not one
45 Otherwise
46 Cerium
48 Pastry
49 Compass point
51 Steel worker's tool
54 Lay to rest
56 Glass kitchenware
57 East northeast
58 Triad
60 Gain entrance to
64 Whip
66 Lazy
68 Large wave
69 Opposed
70 Tend
71 Japanese city
72 Bird's home
73 Three feet
74 Make a payment

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2 Alleviate
3 Commence
4 Loan shark
5 Biblical outcast
6 Also known as (abbr.)
7 Bay
8 Unhappy
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10 Compass point
11 Trouble
12 Athletic field
13 Get from the earth
21 Salty water masses
23 Puppy
26 Circle
28 First murderer
29 Dr. Jekyll and Mr. __
30 Royalty
31 Famous cookies
35 Choose
36 Single
38 Captain (abbr.)
39 Canal
40 Tinter
42 Insect
46 In a cheerful way
47 Italian currency
50 Wager
52 Guide an airplane
53 Tax
54 Sappy
55 Bird homes
56 Opposite
57 Dash
59 Belief
61 Swiss-like cheese
62 Rice wine
63 Stave
65 Slap
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Sudoku Puzzle #4150-M

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Clifton F. Davis, 47, Chippewa Falls, operating while revoked, $516.00. Alexander L. Griffin, 51, Menomonie, operate with restricted controlled substance, $1,554.00. Donald D. Tew, 45, Emerald, OWI, $3,389.00. Tristan L. Balser, 18, Prairie Farm, OWI, $968.00. Kristine K. Carmeli, 59, Stillwater, MN., speeding, $200.50. Dwight A. Glover, 27, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Zakary R. Henning, 26, Bruce, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Chad C. Magle, 54, Rice Lake, operator violate red traffic light, $175.30. Kenneth W. Pardun, 34, Webster, inattentive driving, $389.50. Dennis W. Prueher, 69, Chippewa Falls, operation without required lamps lighted, $162.70 and possess open intoxications in motor vehicle, $263.50. Emmelee E. Shipley, 22, Ridgeland, OWI, $968.00. Jordan S. Smith, 29, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Riley R. Tomesh, 21, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50.

Complaints

Cody M. Rasmussen, 34, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with ATV-operate in unreasonable/improper manner. His court date is scheduled for November 18, 2026.

Joseph J. Brenny, 43, of Saint Paul, MN., has been charged with operate UTV with passenger riding in improper way and operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for November 18, 2026.

Robert A. Lorenz, 51, of Rice Lake, has been charged with illegal loaded firearm (not handgun) in motorized vehicle. His court date is scheduled for November 18, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

De Andre L. Blair, 49, of Racine, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Wilfredo A. Espinoza-Santos, 25, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Brooke K. Eder, 41, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her initial appearance was scheduled for October 16, 2026.

Julian Cruz, 38, of Almena, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Annamarie H. Jones, 22, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. Her initial appearance is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Jayden R. Meyer, 18, of Dallas, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

Terra V. Lindemans, 44, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Levi A. Hanson, 31, of Clayton, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. His initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Jeremy L. Mosay, 45, of Turtle Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His plea hearing is scheduled for January 8, 2026.

Mitchell S. Jacobson, 36, of Dallas, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Kayla R. Kruppe, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Edward G. Sonnenberg, 47, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse and criminal damage to property. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Haley L. Paulus, 47, of Rice Lake, has been charged with operate without a valid license. Her initial appearance is scheduled for November 4, 2026.

Andrew J. Porter, 69, of Fitchburg, has been charged with theft-false representation. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Bradley J. Carlson, 52, of Barronett, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for November 11, 2026.

Daniel M. Guerrero, 39, of Chetek, has been charged with OWI. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Tammy S. Priest, 54, of Superior, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for October 28, 2026.

Car vs Manure Tanker Accident!



On Monday, October 26th, at approximately 8:30 am, emergency crews responded to a crash on Highway 8, near 5th Street in Almena, where a car reportedly rear-ended a manure tanker. The driver was air-lifted to a hospital.

$50K Cash Bond for Webster Man Charged in Fatal Polk County Hit and Run

On the night of October 3, 2026, the Polk County Sheriff's Department received several 911 calls about a vehicle vs pedestrian crash on US Highway 8 near Centuria.

The criminal complaint states the initial call was from a witness who advised that his friend had just been struck by a vehicle while attempting to cross the highway, and the caller believed his friend was deceased.

Fire Department services, law enforcement and emergency medical services responded to the scene, and the vehicle that was believed to have struck the victim had fled the scene.

The criminal complaint goes on to say the victim was laying in the roadway, and was pronounced deceased.

Law Enforcement advised there was no black marks on the roadway from brakes being applied, even after the impact point.

Law Enforcement contacted the witnesses who had called 911. Additional information was collected regarding a blue SUV type vehicle suspected to striking the victim, with a possible male driver and female passenger.

Witnesses told law enforcement that the vehicle had heavy damage to its front end with the driver's side headlight missing and front bumper damaged or missing.

Law enforcement located pieces and parts, including a part number which matched for a Dodge Journey.

Investigating officers used area business security systems and Flock Camera systems to track down a suspect vehicle observed in the area of the time of the crash. An officer wearing a body-worn camera who responded to the scene also captured the suspect vehicle leaving the crash scene.

The suspect vehicle was registered in Minnesota, and the vehicle's owner advised law enforcement that the vehicle should be at an address near Webster.

The criminal complaint states that law enforcement learned that at the time of the crash, James Harvey, 67, of Webster, was the suspected driver.

The complaint, filed in Polk County Circuit Court, advises that Harvey did not attempt to render aid following the crash or check on the victim, or alert law enforcement.

Law enforcement obtained a search warrant for the Burnett County property where the vehicle was located.

Law enforcement made contact with Harvey, and asked him if he owned a Dodge Journey. Harvey stated it belonged to another family member. When officers asked if he had been driving it recently, he said that his wife had been driving it. While speaking with officers, Harvey asked if he was under arrest and if he needed a lawyer.

Law enforcement stated that a search warrant was going to be executed at the property and that they were investigating a death of a person on Highway 8, and Harvey declined to answer any questions.

The criminal complaint states that during the search warrant, law enforcement found the Dodge Journey parked inside a large hole dug to the south of the residence. The Dodge Journey had severe damage to the driver's side front corner and evidence where the victim's head hit the windshield.

Harvey was immediately taken into custody and was told he was being arrested for hiding evidence related to a homicide.

A little while later, officers located a witness who stated they heard a thump and said, "Oh my God, that was a person, wasn't it?" Harvey allegedly stated that he did not know, pulled over, and had the passenger get into the driver's seat, they left the scene and a little while later Harvey got back into the driver's seat.

After Harvey returned to the Webster property, he moved the Dodge Journey to where law enforcement later found it. Harvey put a mat/rug over the damaged areas.

On October 7, 2026, Harvey appeared in Polk County Circuit Court where he was placed on a $50,000 cash bond.

On October 21, 2026, Harvey had a preliminary examination hearing.

Arrest Warrant Issued for Fitchburg Man for False Representation

Andrew J. Porter, 69, of Fitchburg, has been charged with theft-false representation.

A deputy, with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on August 5, 2026, at approximately 1:20 pm, she was on duty when she was requested by the Barron County Dispatch Center to make phone contact with G.D.H., in reference to a fraud complaint. The deputy reports she spoke with G.D.H., who stated she ordered a headstone from Remembrance America, a company that advertised it was located in Fitchburg, Wisconsin. G.D.H., stated in June 2025, she mailed a check in the amount of $2,575.00 to Remembrance America in Fitchburg.

G.D.H. stated she was living in Rice Lake when she ordered the headstone. The headstone was to have been placed at a cemetery in Almena.

G.D.H. stated she was promised delivery of the headstone in the spring of 2026. When the headstone was not delivered as promised, G.D.H., stated she called Remembrance America several times. At first she was told there was just a delay, but later, her phone calls were no longer being returned.

The deputy reports she obtained a copy of the check, check number, date, amount, etc. The check was signed by G.D.H., with a memo "tombstone."

The deputy reports the check was deposited on June 20, 2025, into a bank account at a bank held by the defendant, Porter. Pursuant to the return on a subpoena for bank records from the bank, the deputy reports she received documents showing a remote deposit receipt in the amount of $2,575.00 for the mobile customer identified as the defendant.

The deputy reports she obtained a copy of the account agreement for the account that G.D.H.'s check was deposited into. The account agreement is dated June 2015, and lists the defendant as the account title holder and sole owner.

The deputy reports she spoke with a Consumer Protection Investigator, with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, regarding Remembrance of America. The agent advised that Remembrance of America is being run by the defendant. The agent further advised his agency is working on several different investigations regarding the defendant and headstones that were never delivered to multiple individuals.

The agent stated he spoke with the defendant, who confirmed he operated a business called Remembrance America. The agent stated the defendant informed him the business is closed. The agent stated the defendant had been evicted from his previous address.

The deputy reports she reviewed information provided to her by the Fitchburg Police Department. The deputy reports, upon review of that information, an officer with the Fitchburg Police Department was tasked to get information regarding a PO Box at the UPS Store in Fitchburg. This is the same address listed online for Remembrance America and the same address the defendant used in his correspondence with G.D.H.

The Fitchburg Police Officer spoke with the manager at the UPS Store, who provided information that the defendant was the owner of the PO Box, with his most recent renewal on September 26, 2025.

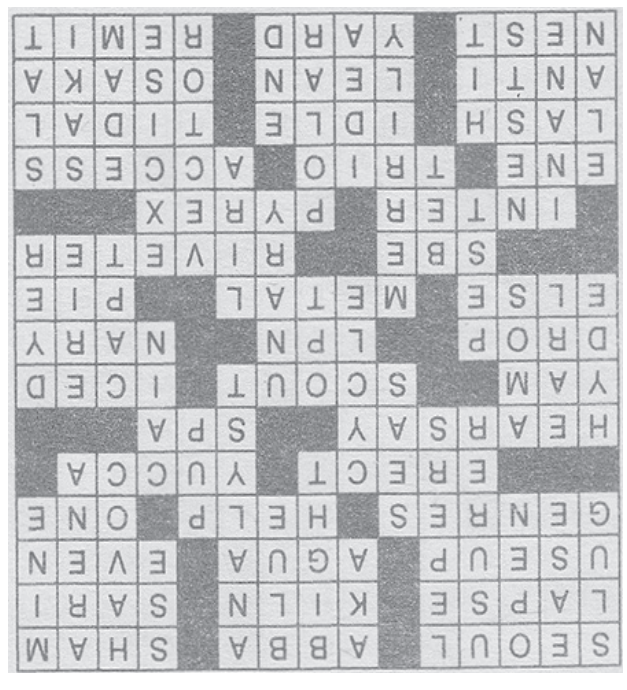
The deputy reports she attempted to make contact with the defendant by phone, leaving him messages to call her back. The defendant did not return any of the deputy's phone calls but did text her. The deputy reports she asked the defendant for the name of the company he ordered the headstone that G.D.H. paid for. The defendant replied, "I am in the process of refunding the total amount to G.D.H. DATCP is coordinating everything."

The deputy reports she again asked the defendant for the name of the company he ordered the headstone through. The defendant did not provide an answer instead replying, "My lawyer will deal with this going forward." The deputy contacted the agent and confirmed DATCP was not coordinating anything with the defendant.

The deputy reported that, on the basis of the information provided by the agent, she was able to provide her about Remembrance America, she contacted two vendors to determine if any orders had been placed by Remembrance America for a headstone under G.D.H.'s name. Representatives indicated no payments had been made for the purchase of a headstone under G.D.H.'s name.

Porter has a warrant issued for his arrest.

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Florence/Northwoods Chapter of KAMO/Great People

Hello friends,

On Monday, March 1st 2007 I woke up on a frozen lake near Mellen after winter camping for two nights and drove in a heavy snowfall to the Florence Resource Center where I would meet Mick Milner, Terry Steber and Dwaine Drewa for the first time, my lifelong buddy Jeff Moll was also there and this would be our first meeting along with several other people for what would become KAMO, "Kids And Mentors Outdoors" www.kamokids.org. We had no idea what we were doing but along with people in 2 other communities in Wisconsin we figured it out.

Saturday, October 17th

High 64, low 30

I stayed at the Northwoods Chapter of KAMO's Presidents, Johnny Johnson home last night and we had a very nice experience at One O One which is a great bar with top notch food which is also where this chapter of KAMO holds their meetings. This morning I would meet Steber, Moll, Milner and Drewa at Shady Game Farm along with about 10 other KAMO members and we would be holding the 20th Shady Farm Extravaganza as Mr. Milner "past president," would call this hunt and it was a very, very cool experience for the 16 young hunters and all the volunteers that pull this operation off.

Shady Farm is owned and operated for the last 40 years by Howard Reed and is a very large tract of forest and field that is a pretty cool place to spend a few hours chasing pheasant. On a side note, Shady Farm, it looked like father time might be putting Shady Farm to sleep, good news, Stephen Sigg is taking is over and will be doing some renovations and that was very good news for a lot of people today.

Our day started out with Mr. Johnny Johnson who I have found out is Mr. Volunteer, who is a Timber Procurement Forester for Rayonier Timber and a long time Florence fireman, brand new hunter safety instructor and the Northwood's chapter president welcoming everyone and giving the days plan. The 16 young hunters would go through a safety class that was given by Jon Niggeling and Tony Erickson, and what these two men would do was very cool. Each hunter would have to shoot several clay pigeons before they could hunt and after each young hunters pheasant experience, they went back and shot more clay pigeons, by days end, 1,600 shells had been fired.

Dan Moore who has a cabin on Lake Emily was here for the experience with his German short hair "Darcy" to assist, and Dan Labeske who is from Chassel, Michigan was here with 8 kids and his German short hair "Echo." Dan Labeske and his young hunters are very proud members of the Ottawa Sportsmen Club, and he put in a heck of a day. Dan has a prosthetic leg from the knee down and in no way did he let that slow him down in helping the 16 kids that were all very anxious to harvest a pheasant.

For me, this was a day of shooting the jaw with old friends as well as new, and it was as cool as it gets talking to the kids and seeing how respectful each and every one of them was. Each experience consists of a hunter, a dog runner, Mr. Jeff Moll taking pictures and two wingers backing up the kids if they missed.

There was some missing, there were a lot of pheasant that are now in heaven and a lot of laughter on a beautiful sunny day in the Northwoods.

After 16 hunts, the kids were fed elk chili, hamburgers and brats and they were also taught how to butcher their pheasant.

I have to tell you for myself watching my old and new friends, watching 24-year-old Blake Mclain who was a KAMO Kid that now is a KAMO mentor this was a day worth more than I can describe.

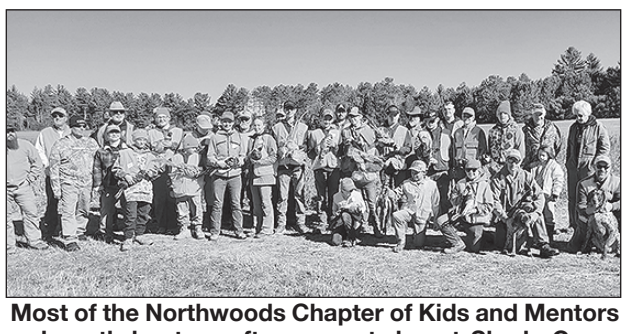
This gang of men and women led by Johnny Johnson get it done and in this region of the world, KAMO is extremely popular and everyone is thankful to all the donors that keep it going.

Join a chapter, start a chapter, check us out!

Sunset

p.s. There were a lot of very cool helpers that I did not mention and simply do not have the space like, Tom Jonet, Randy Foltz, Linda Henry ect, ect!

Sunset



Most of the Northwoods Chapter of Kids and Mentors and youth hunters after a great day at Shady Game Farm.



Ten year old Tyus Schmidt of Upper Pine Creek, Michigan was all smiles after his KAMO pheasant hunt.

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Successful Season!



The Northwest Select baseball team wrapped up its season Sunday, Oct. 11, at St. Paul, Minn., with an 11-9 victory over Minneapolis-Smith. The Northwest Select held tryouts this summer, fielding 14-year-old boys from Barron, Cameron, Cumberland, Hayward, Rice Lake, Prairie Farm and Spooner. The boys played a mix of 15U and 16U teams over five weeks in a Minnesota fall league, finishing with an impressive 7-2 record. Pictured are: row one (from left), Matthew Peterson, Will Johnson, Max Skidmore, Claeson Welnak, Carter LaPoint, coach John Peterson; row two, coach Russ LaPoint, coach Tyson LaPoint, Lucas Haynes, Westin Larson, Keenan Shaffer, Louis Ahlvin, Landyn Gilbertson, Collin Matthys and Walker Bell. Not pictured: Frank Zemaitis.

Drivers cautioned to watch for deer on Wisconsin roads; Fall rut has deer on the move

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of State Patrol is reminding drivers to stay alert behind the wheel as we approach the time of year when most deer crashes occur in Wisconsin. More deer are currently on the move during their annual fall rut or mating season creating a greater risk for crashes. Last year, 42% of crashes involving deer in Wisconsin occurred from October through December. November saw the highest number with 3,389 deer crashes in just one month.

"Anyone driving through Wisconsin should be on the lookout for deer, especially in the fall," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "Deer alongside the road can suddenly dart into traffic, and the shorter days can make them harder to spot. Be sure you're scanning the road ahead and are prepared to respond if you encounter deer."

In 2025, there were 17,793 crashes involving deer in Wisconsin, resulting in six fatalities and 720 injuries. The highest number of crashes occurred in the following counties:

Waukesha – 1,010
Washington – 857
Sheboygan – 830
Dane – 792
St. Croix – 769
Manitowoc – 711
Fond du Lac – 704
Walworth – 642
Outagamie – 590
Winnebago – 566

How to avoid hitting a deer

Deer can be seen any time of day, but they are most active in early morning and evening hours. Be sure to use your headlights, especially at dusk and dawn. Deer movements can be unpredictable, so drivers should slow down and proceed with caution when approaching deer on and near the road. If a deer crosses the road, be prepared for others to follow.

Deer are unpredictable and may suddenly freeze or change directions. Drive at a safe speed, eliminate distractions and make sure everyone is buckled up. Crash injuries are less severe or can be avoided when everyone wears a seat belt.

If you cannot avoid hitting a deer with your vehicle, brake firmly and stay in your lane. Avoid sudden swerving, which can cause you to lose control and result in a more serious crash.

Motorcyclists are at greater risk of injury in a deer crash. In 2025, 223 deer crashes involved a motorcycle, resulting in four fatalities and 80 serious injuries. This means 38% of motorcycle deer crashes resulted in a fatality or serious injury, compared to less than 0.1% in auto or light truck deer crashes. If you encounter deer on your motorcycle, use controlled, straight-line braking to slow as much as you are able. If impact is imminent, execute a controlled swerve only if you can safely remain in your lane.

What to do after a deer crash

If you hit a deer, get your vehicle safely off the road as soon as possible.

If someone is hurt or the deer is in the active portion of the road, call 911.

If no one is hurt and your vehicle and the deer are off the road, report the crash or contact local law enforcement.

Stay buckled up inside your vehicle and wait for help. Getting out of your vehicle and walking along a road is always dangerous.

Never attempt to move an injured deer.

For disposal of car-killed deer, call your county highway department or sheriff department non-emergency line.

Sports Look Back, October 30, 1996

Tyler Odden, Cumberland High School freshman, has qualified for the state cross country meet by finishing in second place at the Cadott Division III Sectional.

Tyler's time for the three mile run was 17:03, one of his best times of the season.

The Cumberland boys team finished in fourth place in a very close race. Only 17 points separated the first and fourth place teams.

The Cumberland girls also ran a good race and finished fifth.

The first Cumberland girl across the line was Becky Peterson with a time of 17:13. She was followed by Jessica Miller 17:20, Candy Kroells 17:25, Sarah Marson, 18:22, Mary Turba 18:23, Jessie Hollister, 19:18, and Carla Ranallo at 20:04. Kroells, Miller, Turba and Ranallo set new personal records at the meet.

Following Odden, for the boys was Adam Doerrer at 18:04, Brian Mathison 18:25, Eric Curtis 18:36, Ryan Avery 18:40, Josh Saffert 18:41, and Ryan Kroells at 18:46. Setting personal bests for the boys were Ryan Avery and Ryan Kroells.

The team earned eight first place trophies, seven second place trophies, and 51 top ten individual medals they competed in 12 season and post-season meets.

Many Hunting Seasons Open Statewide

The leaves are dropping, and the mornings are darker and noticeably crisper than they were just a few weeks ago. For many Wisconsin residents, these changes also signal that it's hunting season.

The nine-day gun deer season opener is still a few weeks away on Nov. 21, but there are many hunting seasons that are ongoing. Below is a list of many of the seasons that are currently open statewide:

Migratory Birds: waterfowl (Open Water Duck Zone opened Oct. 17), woodcock, mourning dove and snipe

Turkey

Other Game Birds: ruffed grouse, pheasant and Hungarian partridge (opened Oct. 17, closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

Small Game: cottontail rabbit and squirrel

Deer: archery and crossbow only

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Week # 6

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11

2nd Place
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**10*

3rd Place
** Jay Nelson*
10

WINNERS!

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Happy Halloween!! I certainly hope we get a few little trick-or-treaters here. When the Arnes boys, Rambo and Barney, were little, we could always count on them coming by at least once during the evening and, as they got older, we could count on them – and their friends – coming by several times. That was great. We always buy way too much candy to give out, and those guys took care of a lot of it. So, anyway, if you are anywhere in the area, please stop by to trick-or-treat at our place. It will save me having to burn off lots and lots of calories.

The Kids' Halloween Party, hosted by Barronett Civic Club members, and held on October 24th, was, once again this year, a big success. There were about 30 kids playing games, doing the cake walk and munching on hot dogs and snacks. Students from Shell Lake and Cumberland schools helped run the games, and their help was greatly appreciated. R&R Pumpkins, which is located right next door to the Community Center, donated pumpkins for the kids to decorate and take home. Civic club members would like to thank the businesses and individuals for their donations and the students for their help.

Colleen Elmberg would like to let you know that she will be teaching a lefse making class at Bear Lake Coffee on Saturday, November 7th at 3:00 p.m. This is the perfect time of year to learn to make lefse as everyone in northern Wisconsin expects to have it served at Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more information, please contact Katie at Bear Lake Coffee.

Duane and I held our annual pumpkin carving party on Saturday afternoon. We had fifteen pumpkins to decorate, and the kids did a very great job making them look scary, sad, weird and happy. They are all lined up on the railroad ties in front of our east side flower bed. Our artists were Garett, Kandice, Kane and Pierce Thon, Tru Lehmann, Jamie Lee Anderson and her kids, Kaitlynn and Jess. Geri Pittman and Lynn Thon were helping too – Lynn cut the bottoms off the pumpkins and Geri and I cleaned out the seeds and muck. Duane sat in a chair and took pictures of everything. We saved some of the seeds for Tina Anderson – she had to work at Oak View AFH that day and couldn't help, so we thought she deserved a little reward. It was a wonderful way to spend the afternoon. We did the work in the garage, and the kids carried all the jack-o-lanterns out to the front for us. (Only good thing about being so old is that the young people tend to spoil us a bit.)

My Grandma Hefty's favorite flower was cosmos, and so I usually plant some of them in the spring. Well, this year I planted a whole packet of them in a couple big planters by the gazebo, hoping for the best. The plants grew beautifully, but I think there was not enough sun because we didn't get one bloom – until last week. We have ONE lonely little cosmos bravely standing all alone in our shady yard. Next year they will go in the south facing flower bed.

I started cleaning the garden this past week. I have all the tomato and pepper plants pulled up and the supports put away for the year. I still have to take down the cucumber, bean and pea fences – and pull an amazing number of weeds that have sneaked in. Funny how they thrive in any kind of weather. I tell the young people who are just starting gardens that, if a couple weeks after they plant seeds, they see some beautiful, green healthy plants and some puny little yellow looking ones, pull out the green healthy ones. Those will undoubtedly be the weeds. I hope my grandchildren and great-grandchildren continue to be gardeners. It is unbelievable how much money we save on produce and canned goods during the year.

Next spring, in addition to the high fences we have to keep the deer out, I think I will put a shorter chicken-wire fence around our carrots and beets. You know, of course, that I refuse to live trap those poor little bunnies any more, so I am going to have to do something about them if we want to have those fresh vegetables.

We did decide this year not to plant potatoes. They are just too much work, and we usually end up with a lot of them that have hollow centers, which is very annoying. So, last week we went over to Kitchen Kleen in Rice Lake and bought fifty pounds. I will can some of them to use for fried potatoes with breakfast. I'll tell you what – the price was extremely reasonable, and I am way too old and lazy to put that much work into digging potatoes any more.

I'm going to go. Please get out and vote on Tuesday. I would like to tell you who to vote for, but I know you have your own opinions and will make good choices. But, vote. We can't complain about how things go if we did not try our best to elect people who we knew would lead with decency, dignity, common sense and fairness. See you next time.

OBITUARIES

Melvin Wiebe

Melvin Wiebe, 73, of Almena passed away peacefully on October 20, 2026 at Marshfield Medical Center in Rice Lake. He was born November 12, 1952 in Goessel, KS to Menno and Rose (Toews) Wiebe. He was married in Copeland, KS on February 17, 1980 to Vera Koehn.

Melvin was a member of the Church of God in Christ Mennonite. He was a talented singer and enjoyed singing with his family and friends. Melvin worked as a dairy and crop farmer. He also enjoyed repairing things, especially for others.

He is survived by his wife, Vera; daughters: Twila (Lesley) Giesbrecht and Janice (Rodney) Koehn; sons: Denton (Karilee) Wiebe and Kevin (Shalain) Wiebe; 12 grandchildren; and siblings: Yvonne (Douglas) Giesbrecht; Elvira (Harlan) Buller; Chester (Patricia) Wiebe; Mary Wiebe; Marjorie (David) Johnson; Anita (Robert) Esau; Lauretta (Darrell) Friesen; and Faith (Lance) Mastre. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Menno and Rose Wiebe.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at Gospel Mennonite Church. Burial was held in Bethany Cemetery, rural Almena, WI.

Skinner Funeral Home of Cumberland is serving the family.

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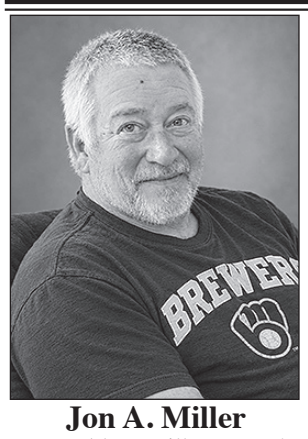
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Jon A. Miller

Jon Alan Miller was the kind of man who made life more interesting. He loved fiercely in his own way, laughed loudly, cheered passionately for his favorite teams, and never passed up a chance to share his opinions, especially if football, racing, baseball, basketball, or his daughters life choices were involved.

He was born on October 19th, 1963, to Loren Miller and JoAnne (Schultz) Miller of Cumberland, Wisconsin, and passed away on October 19th, 2026, his 63rd birthday.

More than anything, Jon loved his family. For 21 wonderful years, he shared his life with the love of his life, Jayne Scheurer. Their relationship was built on friendship, loyalty, laughter, and a love that stood the test of time. Through every season of life, they were each other's constant. Anyone who knew Jon knew how much he adored Jayne, and the simple life they built together. Jon was a proud father to his daughter, Courtney, and an even prouder grandfather to Keli. His family brought him endless joy and headaches but he loved celebrating their accomplishments, sharing stories, and simply spending time together. Whether it was offering advice, giving a hard time, or making everyone laugh, he always showed up with bells on. He also shared a special bond with his son-in-law, Styles. They enjoyed spending time together, sharing laughs, and creating memories that will be treasured forever. Jon considered Styles not just a son-in-law, but a true friend.

Family meant everything to Jon, and nowhere was that more evident than in the relationship he shared with his siblings, Julie, Jeff, Mike, and Lori. They weren't just brothers and sisters; they were lifelong friends. From early adventures to years spent hunting, fishing, laughing, and giving each other a hard time, they built a lifetime of memories together. Whether sitting in a fishing boat before sunrise or sharing stories after a successful hunt, those moments were never really about the fish or the deer. They were about being together. The bond they shared was built on love, loyalty, and a lifetime of friendship, and it remained strong throughout Jon's life.

If there was a game or race on television, Jon was likely watching. He was a dedicated fan of NASCAR and could often be found cheering on the Redskins, Packers, Badgers, and Brewers. He celebrated the wins, endured the losses, and always believed next season would be the season. His passion for sports was only matched by his passion for talking about them.

Even in passing, Jon continued giving to others. Through organ donation, he made the selfless decision to help those he would never meet, offering hope and a better future to others. It was one final act of generosity from a man who always had more heart than he let on. While his family wishes they had more time with him, they find comfort in knowing that his kindness, love, and spirit live on, not only in the memories he created but also in the lives he touched through his gift of donation.

We can picture him now, in the best seat imaginable, watching a NASCAR race, cheering on the Packers, criticizing a referee's call, and keeping a watchful eye on the people he loved most. Though his time here ended too soon, Jon's love, his stories, his laughter, and his final gift to others ensure that his impact will be felt for generations to come.

Jon is survived by his significant other Jayne Scheurer, Daughter Courtney (Styles Wurgler) Miller, Granddaughter Keli Miller, Siblings: Julie Dollahon, Lori (Joe) Close, Jeff (Jill) Miller, and Mike (Loree) Miller. Also survived by many nieces & nephews, great nieces & nephews, and great friends. Jon is preceded in death by his parents Loren and Joanne (Schultz) Miller, brother-in-law Jim Dollahon.

A celebration of life will be held at the Cameron Fire Department on Sunday, November 1st 2026 from 10 AM - 12 PM with a short remembrance service start at 12 PM. Immediately following the service food and refreshments will be served.

Please wear your favorite sports team apparel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family to later be donated to a charity of thier choice.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kilcoyne Memorial Services 637 N. Main Street Rice Lake, Wisconsin 54868. Online condolences may be expressed at www.kilcoynememorialservices.com

Death Notice
Daniel R. Hoffman

Daniel Richard Hoffmann, 77, of Cumberland passed away unexpectedly Thursday, October 22, 2026.

A celebration of Dan's life will be held at a later date and a full obituary will run next week. Details will be made available at skinnerfh.com when arrangements are finalized.



Church Directory

"FAITH OF OUR FATHERS"

by Pastor Todd Ahneman
Barronett Lutheran Church

Before Christianity spread, some religions marked the changes of seasons with gatherings around fires, and in Scotland and Ireland, fall was a favorite time for people to scare their children with tales of 'ghoulies and ghosties, and long-legged beasties, and things that go bump in the night.'

After Christianity was introduced into the world, some of the church leaders thought it would be a nice time to re-center the minds of the people of faith by holding up the memories of early church people who died for their faith, and who received the promises of eternal life.

The early church had celebrated All Saints Day, a day of prayer for remembering the faithful Christians who lost their lives in the ten great persecutions of Rome. It was fitting that it was originally held on the Friday after Easter, connecting it with the death and resurrection of Christ.

Later on, All Saints Day was moved to the day after Halloween, as we know it today. As time passed, this was followed by All Souls Day, a day of prayer remembering the lives Christians of all times and places who were not martyred, but nonetheless had been part of the Body of Christ, called, gathered, enlightened and sanctified, and received the promise of eternal life. As they finished their earthly walk with God, they now rest in the hands of a loving God.

I remember my grandmother who was a guiding light in my life, as well as others who shaped my faith. In her family tree there was a pastor, and I think his active faith helped shape his family and community for generations to come.

Who were the teachers in your life who shaped your faith?

Remember to thank God for present lights of God still among us.

May the peace of God be with you all.

Todd Ahneman, Barronett Lutheran Church

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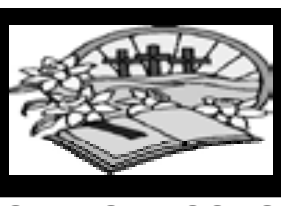
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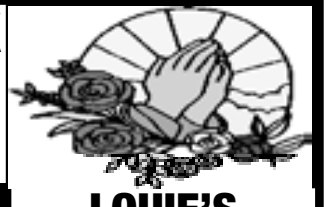
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of General Election and Sample Ballots
November 3, 2026

Office of the Barron County Clerk
To the Voters of Barron County:

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in Barron County on November 3, 2026, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are listed under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, together with any referendum questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

Information to Voters
Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:
- state their name and address
- show an acceptable form of photo identification*
- sign the poll book**

***If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.**

****If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."**

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child/ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting
A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter. If a voter is unable to state their name and address, an assistant may also do so for the voter.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used
The voter shall fill in the oval next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval next to "no" if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device (Express Vote) to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall touch the screen next to "write-in" and type in the name of the person of their choice. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used
The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at "yes" if in favor of the question or the voter shall touch the screen next to "no" if opposed to the question.

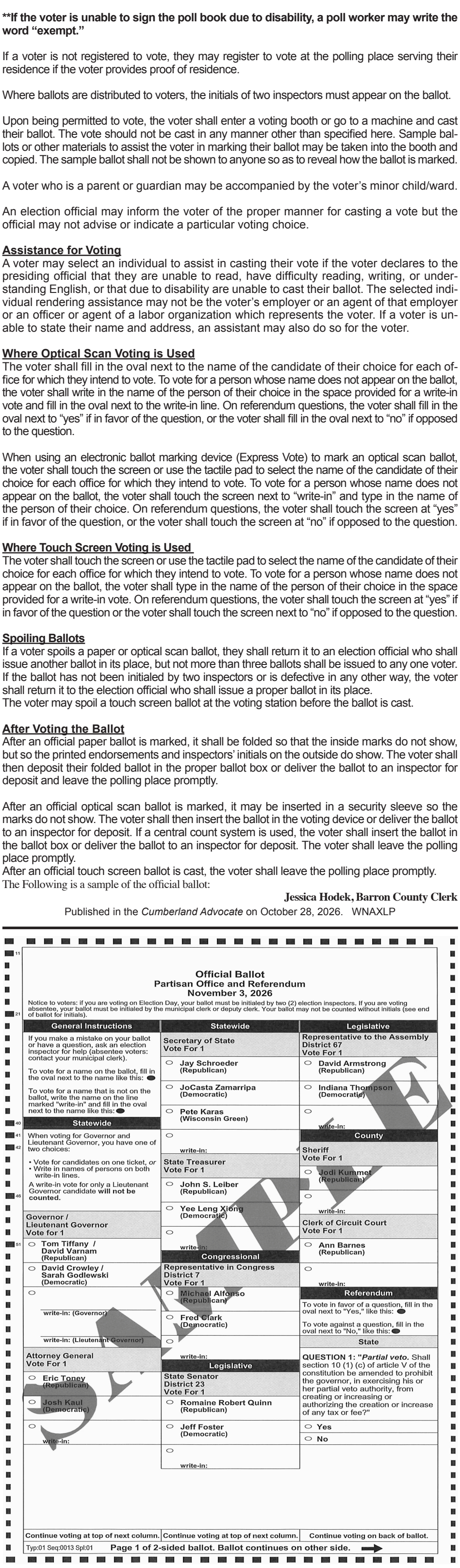
Spoiling Ballots
If a voter spoils a paper or optical scan ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.
The voter may spoil a touch screen ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.

After Voting the Ballot
After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so that the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall then deposit their folded ballot in the proper ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and leave the polling place promptly.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it may be inserted in a security sleeve so the marks do not show. The voter shall then insert the ballot in the voting device or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.
After an official touch screen ballot is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.
The Following is a sample of the official ballot:

Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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Official Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
November 3, 2026

Notice to voters: if you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initialed by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initialed by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ⬬

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ⬬

Statewide

When voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, you have one of two choices:

- Vote for candidates on one ticket, *or*
- Write in names of persons on both write-in lines.

A write-in vote for only a Lieutenant Governor candidate **will not be counted.**

Governor / Lieutenant Governor
Vote for 1

- ⬭ Tom Tiffany / David Varnam (Republican)
- ⬭ David Crowley / Sarah Godlewski (Democratic)
- ⬭ write-in: (Governor) write-in: (Lieutenant Governor)

Attorney General
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Eric Toney (Republican)
- ⬭ Josh Kaul (Democratic)
- ⬭ write-in:

Statewide

Secretary of State
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Jay Schroeder (Republican)
- ⬭ JoCasta Zamarripa (Democratic)
- ⬭ Pete Karas (Wisconsin Green)
- ⬭ write-in:

State Treasurer
Vote For 1

- ⬭ John S. Leiber (Republican)
- ⬭ Yee Leng Xiong (Democratic)
- ⬭ write-in:

Congressional

Representative in Congress
District 7
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Michael Alfonso (Republican)
- ⬭ Fred Clark (Democratic)
- ⬭ write-in:

Legislative

State Senator
District 23
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Romaine Robert Quinn (Republican)
- ⬭ Jeff Foster (Democratic)
- ⬭ write-in:

Legislative

Representative to the Assembly
District 67
Vote For 1

- ⬭ David Armstrong (Republican)
- ⬭ Indiana Thompson (Democratic)
- ⬭ write-in:

County

Sheriff
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Jodi Kummet (Republican)
- ⬭ write-in:

Clerk of Circuit Court
Vote For 1

- ⬭ Ann Barnes (Republican)
- ⬭ write-in:

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ⬬

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ⬬

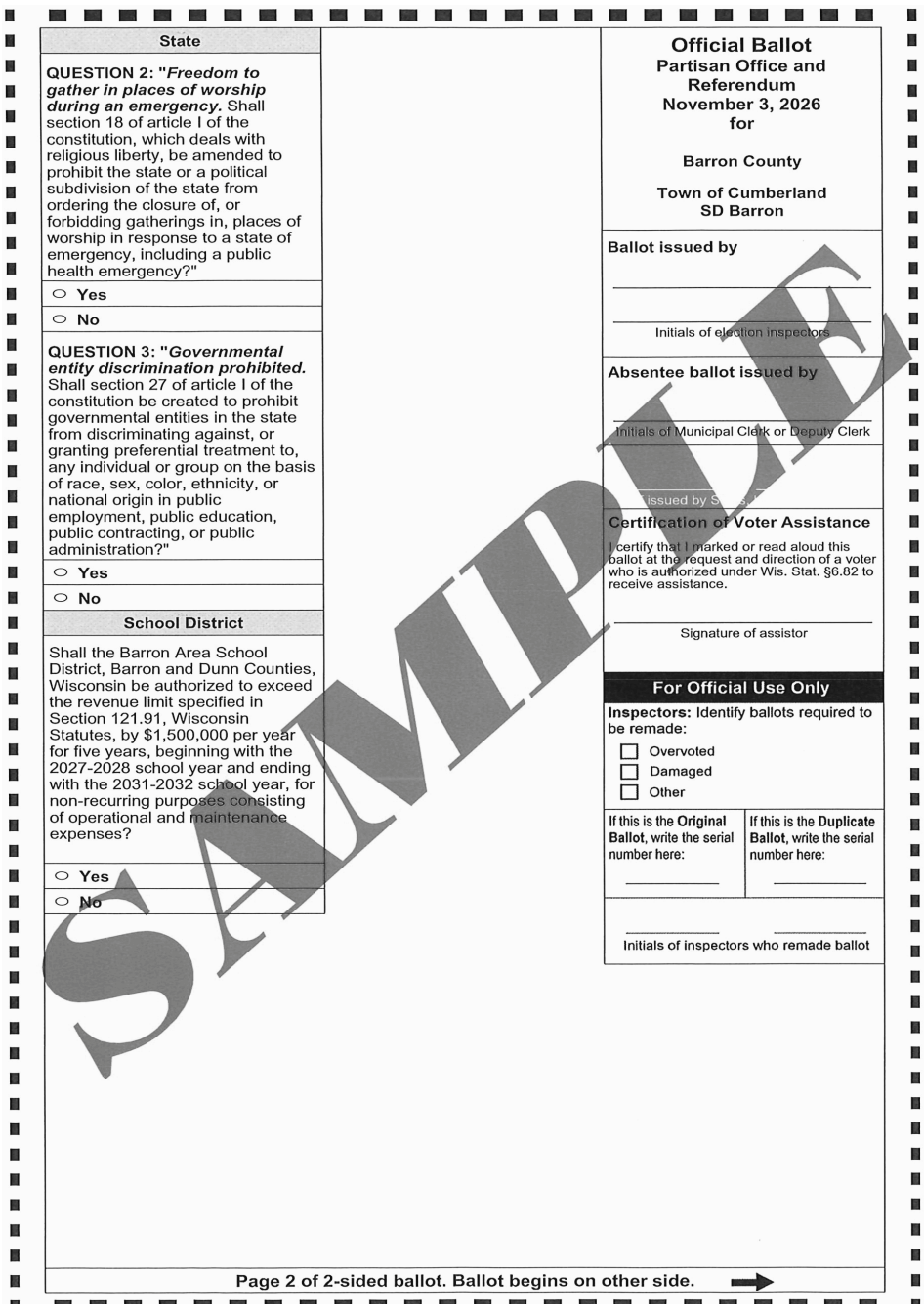
State

QUESTION 1: "*Partial veto.* Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"

- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

Continue voting at top of next column. | Continue voting at top of next column. | Continue voting on back of ballot.

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State

QUESTION 2: "*Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency.* Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"

- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

QUESTION 3: "*Governmental entity discrimination prohibited.* Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"

- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

School District

Shall the Barron Area School District, Barron and Dunn Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by $1,500,000 per year for five years, beginning with the 2027-2028 school year and ending with the 2031-2032 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of operational and maintenance expenses?

- ⬭ Yes
- ⬭ No

Official Ballot
Partisan Office and Referendum
November 3, 2026
for

Barron County

Town of Cumberland
SD Barron

Ballot issued by

Initials of election inspectors

Absentee ballot issued by

Initials of Municipal Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Issued by Special Voting Deputy

Certification of Voter Assistance

I certify that I marked or read aloud this ballot at the request and direction of a voter who is authorized under Wis. Stat. §6.82 to receive assistance.

Signature of assistor

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Inspectors: Identify ballots required to be remade:

- ☐ Overvoted
- ☐ Damaged
- ☐ Other

If this is the **Original Ballot**, write the serial number here: _____

If this is the **Duplicate Ballot**, write the serial number here: _____

Initials of inspectors who remade ballot

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side.

SAMPLE

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
before the County of Barron Wisconsin
Zoning Committee
Barron County Government Center
335 East Monroe Ave
Barron, WI 54812

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that the Barron County Zoning Committee will consider a public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m., in room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 East Monroe Ave, Barron Wisconsin, for the following matter:

COUNTY OF BARRON FLOODPLAIN ZONING ORDINANCE

The Zoning Committee proposes to rescind the existing County of Barron Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, Chapter17.42, and to adopt a new County of Barron Code Chapter 19 entitled Barron County Floodplain Ordinance, Chapter 19, and a portion of the code of ordinance of Barron County.

The proposed ordinance is required for county adoption by state law. The proposed regulations are intended to protect life, health, and property in floodplain areas and will govern uses permitted in the floodplain. The proposed ordinance is available for viewing in the office of Barron County Land Service during normal business hours.

All persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to: ben.cole@co.barron.wi.us

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 21st day of October, 2026.

Audrey Kusilek, Chair
Barron County Zoning Comittee

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED 2027 BUDGET TOWN OF CUMBERLAND, BARRON COUNTY, WI

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 12th, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue), a public hearing on the proposed 2027 budget for the Town of Cumberland will be held. The Hall is accessible to all persons. The proposed budget in detail will be available for inspection at the Town Clerk's office by appointment. Following the Public Hearing, a Special Town Meeting of the Electors called pursuant to 60.12(1)(c) of Wisconsin State Statutes will be held to adopt the 2026 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2027, pursuant to 60.10(1)(a) of Wisconsin Statutes.

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2027 Budget, a Special Town Meeting of the Electors called pursuant to 60.12(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Statues will be held at the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The purpose of this meeting is to adopt the 2026 Town Tax Levy to be paid in 2027 pursuant to 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 14th Day of October, 2026

Sara Mathison, Clerk

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS (INFORMAL ADMINISTRATION)
CASE NO. 26PR92

In the Matter of the Estate of Charles T. Boe. Case #2026PR92

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth December 29, 1956, and date of death September 5, 2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 816 Elm Street, Cumberland, WI 54829.

All interested persons waived notice.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 21, 2027. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center Court House, 1420 St. Hwy 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

Sarah Lynn Palodichuk
N5625 1245th St.
Prescott, WI 54021
651-724-8749
Bar #1105190

Date Signed: October 8, 2026
Deanne E. Larson
Probate Registrar

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF WISCONSIN SS
COUNTY OF BARRON

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that the Barron County Zoning Committee will consider at public hearing on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. in the Room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, the following request relative to rezoning amendments of the official zoning maps:

Request to rezone the following parcels: Plat 1-1 frac NE-NE lyg N&W of RR ex hwy 63; Plat 2 frac NW-NE 33 acres mfl-c and Plat 3-1 prt SW-NE lyg nwly of hwy 63 row consisting of 106.60 acres in total, all parcels located in Section 04, T34N, R14W, Town of Almena, to rezone approximately 70 acres from the Agricultural-2 and Residential-1 to the Mineral Reserve district.

Property owned by 1764 Ranch LLC

Applicant: Matt Torgerson

The Zoning Committee reserves the right to view the property and convene in executive session prior to rendering a decision.

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 21st day of October 2026.

Barron County
Zoning Committee
Audrey Kusilek, Chair

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF REFERENDUM ELECTION
November 3, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the several towns, villages, wards, and election districts of the State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, the following questions will be submitted to a vote of the people pursuant to law:

2025 Senate Joint Resolution 116

To amend section 10(1)(c) of article V; relating to: prohibiting the governor from using the partial veto to create or increase any tax or fee.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 112, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 16, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution is amended to read:

[Article V] Section 10 (1) (c) In approving an appropriation bill in part, the governor may not create a new word by rejecting individual letters in the words of the enrolled bill, ~~and~~ may not create a new sentence by combining parts of 2 or more sentences of the enrolled bill, and may not create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the senate, the assembly concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further
Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further
Resolved, That the questions concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendment to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 1: ***"Partial veto.*** *Shall section 10 (1) (c) of article V of the constitution be amended to prohibit the governor, in exercising his or her partial veto authority, from creating or increasing or authorizing the creation or increase of any tax or fee?"*

2025 Assembly Joint Resolution 10

To amend section 18 of article I of the constitution; **relating to**: the freedom to gather in places of worship during a state of emergency.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Senate Joint Resolution 54, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 11, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 18 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

[Article I] Section 18. The right of every person to worship Almighty God according to the dictates of conscience shall never be infringed; nor shall any person be compelled to attend, erect or support any place of worship, or to maintain any ministry, without consent; nor shall any control of, or interference with, the rights of conscience be permitted, or any preference be given by law to any religious establishments or modes of worship; nor shall any money be drawn from the treasury for the benefit of religious societies, or religious or theological seminaries; nor shall the state or a political subdivision of the state order the closure of or forbid gatherings in places of worship in response to a state of emergency at the national, state, or local level, including an emergency related to public health.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further
Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further
Resolved, That the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 2: ***"Freedom to gather in places of worship during an emergency***. Shall section 18 of article I of the constitution, which deals with religious liberty, be amended to prohibit the state or a political subdivision of the state from ordering the closure of, or forbidding gatherings in, places of worship in response to a state of emergency, including a public health emergency?"

2025 Assembly Joint Resolution 102

To create section 27 of article I of the constitution; **relating to**: prohibiting governmental entity discrimination.

Whereas, the 2023 legislature in regular session considered a proposed amendment to the constitution in 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 109, which became 2023 Enrolled Joint Resolution 15, and agreed to it by a majority of the members elected to each of the two houses, which proposed amendment reads as follows:

Section 1. Section 27 of article I of the constitution is created to read:

[Article I] Section 27 (1) In this section, "governmental entity" means the state, its political subdivisions including municipalities, the University of Wisconsin System, the Technical College System, any public college or university, any public school district, and any office, department, independent agency, board, commission, authority, institution, association, society, or other body in state or local government created or authorized to be created by the constitution or any law, including the legislature and the courts.
(2) A governmental entity may not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.
(3) This section does not prohibit action that must be taken to establish or maintain eligibility for any federal program, if ineligibility would result in a loss of federal funds to the governmental entity.
(4) Nothing in this section prohibits bona fide qualifications based on sex that are reasonably necessary to the normal operation of public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.
(5) If any part or parts of this section are found to be in conflict with the United States Constitution or federal law, the section shall be implemented to the maximum extent that the United States Constitution and federal law permit. Any provision of this section held invalid shall be severable from the remaining portions of this section.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution is agreed to by the 2025 legislature; and, be it further
Resolved, That the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be submitted to a vote of the people at the election to be held on the first Tuesday of November 2026; and, be it further
Resolved, That the question concerning ratification of the foregoing proposed amendments to the constitution be stated on the ballot as follows:

QUESTION 3: ***"Governmental entity discrimination prohibited***. Shall section 27 of article I of the constitution be created to prohibit governmental entities in the state from discriminating against, or granting preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration?"

Explanatory Statements as to the Questions

Explanatory statement regarding Question 1:
Under current law, the Governor may partially veto language in a spending bill passed by the Legislature. The veto may result in either more or fewer taxes or fees being imposed and may also result in local government entities being authorized to increase or decrease local taxes or fees.

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to Article V, section 10(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Constitution, providing that the Governor's veto "may not create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee." This language would not only prevent a veto from increasing any state taxes or fees, but also prevent a veto from allowing local governments, such as school districts, to increase their own taxes or fees.

A "yes" vote on Question 1 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. V, § 10(1)(c) to prohibit the Governor from partially vetoing a spending bill in a way that would create or increase or authorize the creation or increase of any tax or fee.

A "no" vote on Question 1 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. V § 10(1)(c) of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 2:
Under current law, Article I, section 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution, like the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, protects religious rights. In a declared state of emergency, officials may limit public gatherings, including religious gatherings, so long as religious and secular gatherings are treated equivalently.

The proposed amendment would add a new clause to the end of Article I, section 18, prohibiting the state and local governments from ordering the closure or forbidding gatherings "in places of worship" when there is a state of emergency. That language would prevent officials from forbidding gatherings in places of worship even when other types of public gatherings have been closed.

A "yes" vote on Question 2 would vote to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 18. The amendment would prohibit the state and local governments from closing or prohibiting gatherings in places of worship during a state of emergency.

A "no" vote on Question 2 would vote not to amend Wis. Const. art. I, § 18 of the Wisconsin Constitution.

Explanatory statement regarding Question 3:
Under current law, both under Article I, section 1 of the Wisconsin Constitution and the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, states and local governments may not discriminate based on race, ethnicity, color, national origin, or sex except under specific circumstances. For race, color, ethnicity, or national origin, discrimination in favor of or against a group is permissible only if the government has a compelling interest and a narrowly tailored remedy. For sex, discrimination is permissible if it serves an important government interest and is substantially related to that interest. Current law also makes distinctions depending on whether discrimination is overt and intentional, or merely a disparate impact of a neutral policy.

The proposed amendment would create a new provision, Article I, section 27, which would prohibit state and local governmental entities from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

This language appears to impose stricter standards against discrimination than the standards under current state and federal law.
The amendment contains three exceptions. It does not apply if it would cause the governmental entity (1) to lose eligibility for a federal program or (2) to violate federal law. And the amendment's prohibition on treating people differently based on sex does not apply to measures that are "reasonably necessary" to the "normal operation" of public employment, education, contracting, or administration.

A "yes" vote on Question 3 would vote to create a new provision of the Wisconsin Constitution—Wis. Const. art. I, § 18, which would prohibit any governmental entity from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in public employment, public education, public contracting, or public administration.

A "no" vote on Question 3 would vote not to add Wis. Const. art. I § 18 to the Wisconsin Constitution.
Done in the County of Barron, on this 19th day of October, 2026

Jessica Hodek, Barron County Clerk

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CUMBERLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
Tuesday, September 15 2026
Regular Board Meeting
Middle School Commons, 6:00 p.m. Open Session

Present: Board – Hyatt, Rieper, Skinner & Stone
Video: Gideo
Administration - Rose, Hopkins, Lundquist, & Miller
President Stone announced that this was a legally and properly noticed meeting.
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
1. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve items a-e on the Consent Agenda as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.
2. a. Lorne Majewski, Athletic update
b. Benjamin Kisling, Curriculum update
c. Tami Bowman, Special Education update
3. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve Emily Bristlin's resignation as Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
4. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Hyatt, to approve employment of Nick McMillan as Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
5. Motion was made by Skinner, seconded by Rieper, to approve David Olson as Assistant Girls' Golf Coach. Hyatt abstained, all voting aye, motion carried.
6. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Skinner, to approve Abbie Thill as High School Assistant Cross Country Coach. All voting aye, motion carried.
7. Motion was made by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper, to approve employment of Brandi Bahr as Special Education Aide. All voting aye, motion carried.
8. Heard various discussion items, administrative reports, and noted meetings/events.
Having no further business to conduct, motion was made to adjourn by Hyatt, seconded by Rieper. All voting aye, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
LAKELAND SANITARY DISTRICT #1

Lakeland Sanitary District #1 Barronett, Wisconsin, will be holding their budget hearing meeting on **Wednesday, November 18th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m**. The meeting will be held at the Lakeland Township Town Hall in Barronett. Immediately after the budget hearing, the Sanitary District will hold their annual meeting to approve the 2027 budget. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

Kristine Strom, Secretary
Lakeland Sanitary District #1

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NOTICE
Town of Lakeland

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Lakeland will hold a Budget Hearing concurrently with the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m**., at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue, to hear public input as relates to the Proposed 2027 Budget. The hall is accessible to all persons. The Town Monthly meeting will follow the budget hearing. The budget summary is posted and is available on the Town's website, www.townoflakeland.wi.gov

Notice is further given that the Town of Lakeland will hold a Special Town Electors Meeting on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m**., immediately following the budget hearing, at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The purpose of this meeting is to vote to approve the levy for the 2027 budget. The hall is accessible to all persons.

Notice is finally given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and can also be found on the Town's website, www.townoflakeland.wi.gov

Danielle E. Maxwell-Parker, Clerk
Town of Lakeland

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Check the Resource Guide at
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Aging and Disability Resource Center of Barron and Rusk Counties

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WENGER'S FIREWOOD: Oak - Cut, split & delivered to your door.. Also avail. - 8 ft oak wood by semi load. 715.419.3479 26TFN

PERSONALS

Weekly Al-Anon Meetings: Mondays, 6:30 p.m. at Cumberland Baptist Church, Hwy 48, Cumberland. 1-651-402-7902 tfn

PRAYER OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail): Oh Most Beautiful Flower of Mt. Carmel, Fruitful Vine, Splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Holy Mary, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this prayer in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish and it will be granted to you. C.F. A36

HELP WANTED

Employment Opportunity
Loan Processor • Full-Time
Cumberland Federal Bank, FSB

Applications are currently being accepted from qualified candidates for a Loan Processor position with Cumberland Federal Bank at our Cumberland location.

This position involves processing loan documents and accurately inputting information into a loan origination system, communicating with borrowers and loan officers to request documentation and set expectations, prioritizing tasks based on importance, and other duties as assigned.

Successful candidates should possess excellent computer, problem solving, oral and written communication skills. In addition, candidates must be detail oriented, be able to multi-task and work independently. Prior experience with appraisal, financial and real estate documents is preferred, but not required.

Cumberland Federal Bank offers competitive pay, a benefits package including health, life, and LTD insurance, paid sick and vacation time and 401(k).

If you have any questions, please direct them to Michelle Beyreis at 715-822-2249. Interested candidates should send their cover letter and resume to mbeyreis@cumberlandfederal.com no later than Friday, October 30th to be considered.

Cumberland School District
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
-Food Service Helper/Server-
4.5 Hours Per Day, Monday - Friday On School Days

Job Description: Food Service Helper/Server

Job Description: The Cumberland School District Food Service Department is looking for a part-time Food Service Helper/Server for the 2026-2027 school year. The successful candidate will perform a variety of support responsibilities for food service operations including things such as, food preparation, meal serving, and clean-up of kitchen areas and equipment.
Requirements: Applicants must be able to lift 50 Pounds.
How to Apply: If interested in this position an application can be found on the District website. Please mail or email your application, resume, letter of interest, and two letters of recommendation to:

Daniel Hopkins, Principal
Cumberland High School
1000 8th Avenue
Cumberland, WI 54829
dhopk@csdmail.com

Deadline: Until Filled
Website: www.cumberland.k12.wi.us
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2026 Safe Trick or Treat!



The weather was absolutely perfect for the annual Safe Trick or Treat held on Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Northwest Region Construction Update

Barron County
Highway: County D
Location: Lake Chetek Bridge in Chetek
Schedule: Aug. 3 through late November
Cost: $2.39 million
Description of work: Placing a 1.5-inch concrete overlay over the bridge deck; repairing the concrete sidewalk, bridge piers and parapet; making joint repairs; cleaning drainage grates; painting bridge girders; milling 2 inches of the existing asphalt pavement on either side of the structure and paving 2 inches of hot-mix asphalt over the roadway; replacing curb, gutter and sidewalk; and restoring the landscape around the construction site
Traffic impacts: County D remains open to a single lane of traffic at the bridge controlled by temporary traffic signals.
Highway: County O
Location: East Branch Upper Pine Creek Bridge north of the village of Dallas
Schedule: June 15 to late August
Cost: $501,425
Description of work: Replacing the bridge and reconstructing 149.5 feet of approaching roadway
Traffic impacts: None; project complete.
Highway: County O
Location: Wisconsin Avenue intersection in Rice Lake
Schedule: April 20 to late September
Cost: $1.1 million
Description of work: Realigning and extending the County O left-turn lanes, constructing right-turn lanes both north and south along Wisconsin Avenue, replacing traffic signals and adding sidewalk and a pedestrian crossing on County O
Traffic impacts: None; project complete.
Highway: US 53 South
Location: Bridges between Cameron and New Auburn, structures over US 8, Knapp Street, County A, County AA and Carlson School Road, 2025; and structures over 20th Street, County I and the Chetek River, 2026
Schedule: Feb. 23 to late October, 2026 construction; May 5, 2025, to late October 2026, overall project
Cost: $10.91 million
Description of work: Replacing the decks on the bridges over the Chetek River and 20th Street; replacing the bridge over County I; milling pavement on both sides of each structure and placing new asphalt pavement on the approaches; milling and overlaying the pavement on the southbound US 53 on- and off-ramps at the County I interchange; and replacing guardrail, pavement markings and signage
Traffic impacts: Southbound US 53 will be fully opened to traffic by mid-day today, completing work for 2026.
Construction will resume in spring 2027 for remaining work on County I.
Highway: US 63
Location: US 8 East in Turtle Lake to WIS 48 West in Cumberland
Schedule: July 20 to mid-November
Cost: $8.66 million
Description of work: Milling 2.25 inches of asphalt from the roadway surface and paving 3.25 inches of hot-mix asphalt; cleaning, lining or replacing culverts; replacing guardrail; replacing curb and gutter at various locations; installing new pavement markings; and completing the following improvements to increase safety: Installing shoulder rumble strips, placing a high-friction surface treatment on two curves and widening paved shoulders from 3 feet to 5 feet
Traffic impacts: US 63 is open to traffic, but motorists will encounter single-lane closures controlled by flagging and temporary traffic signals.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARILYNN SHAURETTE (LEFT) AND BONNIE PFAFF FOR COMPLETING THE 1,200 MILE HIKE ON THE ICE AGE TRAIL, QUITE THE ACOMPLISHMENT.

Two Local Women Complete 1,200 Mile Hike on Ice Age Trail

Marilynn Shaurette and Bonnie Pfaff completed hiking the 1,200-mile Ice Age Trail on Monday, October 4th at approximately 4:00 p.m. Marilynn started hiking the trail in September of 2020, accompanied by Joan Zetner who introduced her to the trail and encouraged her to start the long trek. Marilynn was also accompanied by Ann Egstad for a few segments of the trail. Her longest walk in one day was seventeen miles. Marilynn said that the trail, although challenging in some places, was usually well marked. She said that there were a few places that were a bit iffy, and she was glad that she had the "Far Out App" that would let her know if she had ventured off the trail. Marilynn said that she met lots of wonderful people and that there were "trail angels" who would give hikers a ride from where their car was parked to the area of the trail that they wanted to start hiking. She said, too, that sometimes she and Bonnie would park one car at the point where they would be ending their hike for the day and the other car where they would be starting the hike that day. (She called that "leap frogging." She said that, in order to complete the hike, a person had to walk the connecting roads as well as the trails, and that bikes or other vehicles with wheels were not allowed. Great work, Marilynn and Bonnie!! Now we can hardly wait to hear about your future adventures on the Appalachian trail.

School Board...

erations of $8,852,111, Referendum approved debt of $1,990,060, and a Community Service Fund of $250,000. The requested Mill Rate is the fifth lowest in the last eight years and puts it almost exactly in the middle of local district numbers.

With 2026-2027 General Fund Budgeted Revenues listed at $16,245, 440 coming from Federal, State, Local and other funds equal to the budgeted General Fund Expenditures of the same number, the budget would be balanced.

Following the election of David Stone to chair the meeting, the 12 people present along with the Board voted to adopt the proposed levy by voice vote, with all voting aye.

The meeting then authorized a number of agenda items including allowing the board to provide and furnish textbooks, purchase transportation vehicles, apply any remaining fund balance to be designated for working capital, to pursue cash flow borrowing if needed, provide school breakfast and lunch programs, and the ability to equip and maintain school district buildings.

Once these items were passed, Dr. Stone made a motion to adjourn the annual budget hearing.

This was followed by the regular monthly October Meeting, which started with the approval of the Consent Agenda. The floor then recognized attendee Steve Mann, who had requested to speak.

Mr. Mann congratulated the Board and Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose for the building project, saying the project was, "Very successful and completed while also running a school. You focused on kids and education and the project was done on time and within your budget. Together you showed great leadership and I thank you for your work."

The evening then turned to District Reports which included briefings from Tami Bowman, Director of Special Education and Ben Kisling, Director of Education.

Bowman gave the Board an update on the upcoming Child Development Day, scheduled for November 19 at the Elementary School. For youngsters 4 and under and not yet in 4K, the day will include the testing of motor skills, speech and language, and vision and hearing screening. Bowman announced that anyone that would like to be included in the activities, but cannot come that day, should contact her.

Bowman concluded her report by discussing new post-graduate opportunities for her students as part of Project Transition Service Goals.

Mr. Kisling, meanwhile, discussed the work on report cards, which will be released on November 17.

This took the Board into Action Items.

The Board began by passing the 2026-2027 budget and school levy. They then approved Early College Credits for Second Semester for 11 students and approved 23 other students to enter the Start College Now Program, allowing them to take Technical College credits. The Board thanked Principal Dan Hopkin for his work in the pre-approval of these students.

The Board concluded the Action Items by approving Joe Rademacher and Jay Gardner as Assistant Wrestling Coaches.

The Evening concluded with Administrative Reports.

Elementary Principal Heidi Miller began things by discussing the many activities at her school. Among these, she discussed upcoming training for the Lodge, a place as needed to help youngsters establish zones of regulation. She also covered the many recently completed field trips and the October 30 Beaver Bash activities.

Principal Isaac Lundquist discussed a recent speaker at the Middle School which he said was, "A very successful event," talked about the students "Kindness Retreat," and discussed the upcoming Red Ribbon Week, calling for kids to "Stand up to Drugs."

High School Principal Dan Hopkins then summarized Homecoming Week activities, for which he was extremely pleased with the participation, the Upcoming Broadway Showcase by the Band and Choir, a soon to be held freshman "Respect Retreat," approaching Veteran participation in History Classes, and described his joy and admiration for the outstanding work by Director Pierce and the many parts of the Marching Band, who came home with a State Championship.

The Administrative Reports concluded with Dr. Rose giving a summary of the few areas in the new High School which need "Tweaking and tiding Up."

Following the Administrative Reports, the next meeting was set for 6:00 pm on November 17 and the Board meeting was adjourned.

Smiles All Around!



CUMBERLAND POLICE OFFICERS HAD A FUN TIME HANDING OUT CANDY LAST SATURDAY MORNING AT THE CUMBERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAFE TTRICK OR TREAT. THANK YOU TO ALL THE BUSINESS OWNERS FOR MAKING THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!

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VOTER GUIDE

RECOMMENDED REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES

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Eric Toney (R) — Attorney General
Jay Schroeder (R) — Secretary of State
John Leiber (R) — State Treasurer

U.S. CONGRESS
Michael Alfonso (R) — 7th Congressional District

STATE ASSEMBLY
Dave Armstrong (R) — 67th Assembly District

STATE SENATE
Romaine Quinn (R) — 23rd State Senator

COUNTY OFFICES
Jodi Kummet (R) — Barron County Sheriff
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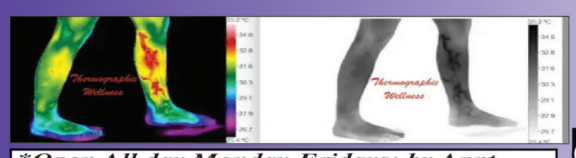
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Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

Its hard to start out again this week not talking about the scorching hot, record setting Milwaukee Brewers. I am a life long baseball fan and have never seen anything like this and am pretty sure I never will again. Hopefully by the time you read this, the Brewers are World Champions. Turns out the Rays won an extra winning thriller late Tuesday night to send the series to game five. The Brewers had won 8 straight games against the best teams in the game, scoring 8 runs with two outs in an inning, it doesn't matter who is pitching, they all look like Cy Young, the lineup is getting contributions from the lead off spot all the way through the number 9 hitter. If there ever was a team of destiny it, sure looks like the 2026 Brewers. It has no doubt been a magical run, not only as they buzz through the playoffs, but they also won 103 regular season games. Long suffering Brewers fans can hopefully soon rejoice! Some where up there in the sky one of the best to ever call a baseball game is smiling, waiting for the Brew Crew to get it done. GO BREWERS!

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It's that time of year again that we get to turn the clocks back on Sunday, November 1st. The powers that be continue to talk about doing away with the time changes as it has been shown to affect people in a negative way. I for one wish it would happen. I would prefer standard time as I personally don't need it light outside until 9:30 pm on summer nights. I'm sure it would not be the most popular decision, just my preference, pick one and move on.

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Make plans to get out and vote next Tuesday if you haven't done so already. Early voting has been heavy and I'm assuming the polls will be busy on Tuesday as well. As the old saying goes, if you don't vote, you don't have the right to complain. Its what makes America great, every vote does indeed count!

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I just missed smoking a deer on my way into work this morning, it is getting to be that time of year when they will be on the move. Give the car in front of you a little more space as deer crashes will no doubt be on the rise for the next several weeks. Speaking of deer, there sure seems to be more of them around this year than there has been in quite a while, hopefully that translates into some excellent bow hunting and rifle season is now just a little more than three weeks away!

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It sure looks like we will have some more warm temps moving forward into this weekend and beyond. Be sure to keep an eye out for trick or treaters roaming the streets this Saturday evening. Enjoy the fall weather while it lasts! Have a great week!

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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Attack ads build on misinformation about data centers in Wisconsin"

MADISON, Wis. – Once upon a time, major political candidates were fearful of television ads or mass mailers in which they were accused of favoritism, bribes and other old-fashioned scandals or corruption.

This election year, among the highest crimes alleged on the campaign trail is being a supporter of building data centers.

Independent attack ads backing Democratic candidate for governor David Crowley proclaim that Republican opponent Tom Tiffany "stands with big-tech billionaires, not with us" because he took pro-data center and artificial intelligence votes in Congress.

Third-party ads supporting U.S. Rep. Tiffany label Crowley as "Data Center David" and claim AI infrastructure hubs "guzzle millions of gallons of water per day" while driving up electric bills and ravaging farmland.

Demonizing candidates for keeping an open mind about data centers is a bipartisan pattern in other Wisconsin election campaigns, as well, mainly because the people behind dark-money ads can read polls that show data centers to be unpopular.

Leaving aside the fact that Silicon Valley has done a miserable job of explaining how data centers work while sometimes trying to ram them down the throats of unprepared local governments, here's why claims about water, electricity and farmland use are overblown – if not outright wrong.

Newer data centers are quickly moving to "closed-loop" cooling systems. Such systems absorb heat from computer servers and transfer it through heat exchangers without exposing fluid (often a water and glycol mix) to the open air. That greatly reduces evaporation loss. Closed-loop processes can reduce water use to roughly what it takes to keep a single golf course nourished during the summer. Wisconsin manufacturers are among those who build such systems, which means next-generation data centers may help keep related businesses and jobs close to home.

Concerns about data center electricity costs spilling over into the bills of other industrial, commercial and residential customers run counter to the facts in Wisconsin. Early in October, American Transmission Co. posted its projected 2027 "transmission revenue requirement" with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. It projected a 6% decrease in network rates, even if FERC approves pending filings related to new electric loads. That's important because ATC is a state-based company that builds and maintains a common electric "grid" for much of Wisconsin and three other Midwest states. In addition, the state Public Service Commission has a history of not endorsing electricity "cost-shifting" from big projects to other users.

Possible sites for data centers may depend on a mix of factors, but old industrial sites can make for strong locations because they're often already served by the electric grid, water lines, roads and other infrastructure. Plus, if those former paper mills or factories need environmental clean-up, data center owners have deep enough pockets to pay for it. Farmland can be a different question. Data centers are big, often unsightly and can alter how neighbors view their slice of heaven. On the flip side, Wisconsin is home to 13.7 million acres of farmland – only 6.3 million of which is categorized as "prime." Wisconsin farmers struggle enough to turn a profit; should political candidates deride those who sell land that may not be in production?

Most voters recognize attack ads for what they are: Attempts to "go negative" on a political candidate for the purpose of swaying votes or at least tamping down turnout on election day. Such commercials or mailers are not renowned for being factual, beyond whatever their dark-money sponsors see as minimally necessary to seed doubt in the minds of voters.

As their Oct. 21 debate in Milwaukee revealed, either Crowley or Tiffany would take a cautious approach to regulating data centers. It would involve transparency on the part of developers, rational tax incentives, if any, and helping local governments and citizens react knowledgeably if there's a proposal to build one.

Of course, all that is too complex to fit into a 30-second ad.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
November 2, 2016

The Cumberland Fire Department was called to the Brad Nevin residence out on County Highway T at 4:57 a.m., on Monday for a barn fire. The barn was fully engulfed when firefighters arrived on scene. The barn, a shed and a pump house were lost, but a hay shed and tractor were saved. A silo, believed to have been smoldering since August, may have caused the fire which spread to the barn. Firemen had previously been at the residence in August. Fire prevention to the silo was not done, as was previously recommended by Fire Chief Barry Kuenkel, and is believed to be the cause of the fire. There were no injuries or loss of livestock.

20 Years Ago
November 1, 2006

The Cumberland School District wrote and received three cash grants from 3M. The total amount of the grants was $7,000 and will be used to support academic growth and materials for students at risk of not passing and character building with our portrait of a graduate.

The Cumberland Middle School held it's annual induction ceremony for National Junior Honor Society. To be eligible, students must maintain a grade point average of at least 3.5. The students are: Ryan Behling, Beau Bergstrom, Ashli Butzler, Samuel Clark, Anthony DaBruzzi, Angela Denver, Stephanie Germer, Jaime Lundequam, Megan Moss, Malorie Nyhus, Josh O'Neil, Eric Sorensen, Morgan Yeske and Thomas Zappa.

30 Years Ago
October 30, 1996

Cumberland native John Behling has been selected by GOP presidential candidate Bob Dole to serve as Political Director of the Dole/Kemp campaign in Wisconsin. Behling, 25, is responsible for directing political strategy and grass roots volunteer activities for the Republican presidential campaign in Wisconsin.

40 Years Ago
October 29, 1986

Tony Cifaldi, Cumberland, was presented with an award for outstanding sales performance and customer satisfaction by Chrysler Zone Manager J.D. Holden. It was Cifaldi Motors eighth award.

Cumberland native, Dan Wistrcill, son of Roger Wistrcill and Bonnie Modjeski, will be one of the ensemble members for the first WSU Symphonic Wind Ensemble Concert at Winona State University.

50 Years Ago
October 28, 1976

The unseasonably cold weather continued in these parts still another week and the early preview of winter is unappreciated. On several days the highs didn't get out of the 30's and it has been below freezing every morning for the past week. Along with cold temperatures, there has been some snow and cold winds.

60 Years Ago
November 3, 1966

Dr. Gordon Toftness, local Scoutmaster, will be in Chicago, this Saturday, for a dinner where will receive the Silver Antelope Award. Dr. Toftness will be the first Scoutmaster to receive this high award which is normally given only to top executives.

70 Years Ago
November 1 , 1956

Governor Walter J. Kohler has approved the Highway 48 (Luck, Cumberland Road) Contract. The $211,465.61 contract includes covering the grading, draining, sand gravel fill, and gravel or crushed stone on 6.2 miles of Highway 48.

80 Years Ago
October 31, 1946

Pvt. Roy Moe, son of Albin Moe of Timberland, recently completed an eight-week's course for motor vehicle operators at the common specialists schools, Medical Training Center, at Fort Sam, Houston, TX.

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10/21	66	41	0.00
10/22	72	43	0.00
10/23	72	43	0.00
10/24	74	48	0.00
10/25	73	44	0.00
10/26	57	42	trace

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

Sports

Soccer Team Picks Up Win; Loses in Second Round of the WIAA Playoffs

The Cumberland Boys Soccer season ended last Thursday night with a 3-1 loss to the Barron Bears in the second-round of the WIAA playoffs. This came after an 8-0 first-round victory over Faith Christian Academy in the tournament opener.

It didn't take long for the Beavers to get started against Faith Christian Academy when Senior Mason Capra scored in the game's first 15 seconds. It was the first of his two scores in the contest. Senior Braden Johnson also had an excellent game with two goals, while single scores came from Cash Rouzer, Ryker McMillian, Christopher Murdza and Bryan Sonora. Sonora and Austin Hornstein added assists in the team's dominant win.

"Great teamwork along with controlled passing made for a great victory," said Head Coach Brent Sellent about the win. The seventh seeded Beavers then headed to second seeded Barron two nights later for round-two.

The Bears jumped to an early 1-0 lead, only to see the Beaver Freshman Ryker McMillian tie things up with a laser from 25 yards out. It stayed that way until a Barron penalty kick gave them a 2-1 lead and they added a final goal late in the contest to seal up the 3-1 victory.

"Taking on the Conference Champions and only losing 3-1 was a victory in my book. We have had only 13 players all season of which seven of them had never played high school soccer. I am very proud of all of my players as they have all grown throughout this season," concluded Coach Sellent.

Cross Country Season Ends at Bruce Sectional

The Cumberland Cross Country Team saw their 2026 season come to an end at the Bruce Sectional last Saturday afternoon. Phillips and Solon Springs/Northwood qualified for the State Team Tournament, while Phillips and Grantsburg qualified for the boys. The Cumberland Girls, meanwhile, finished 10th overall and the Cumberland Boy's fifth.

Sophomore Jovina Skinner finished up her strong 2026 campaign with a run of 21:39 to finish 13th. Freshman Riley Muench added a 43rd place finish in 25:34, while Senior Violet Small concluded her career by running a 26:31 to finish 49th out of 88 runners.

The top individual in the girl's run was Freshman Reese Thompson of Bruce, who ran a time of 20:39.

The top boy's runner was Senior Ben Giesregen of Drummond, who ran a 16:57. Cumberland was led by their fast improving Freshman Jack Odden, who ran a 18:30 to finish 13th. Junior Ben Dettinger added a 27th place finish with a 19:29, while Senior Tyler Gentatempo finished his career with a time of 20:19 to finish 43rd.

Volleyball Season Ends at WIAA Tournament Opener

The Cumberland Volleyball season came to end last week as the team dropped the WIAA Tournament opener to Elk Mound in three sets, losing a tough 26-24 match and then falling 25-21 and 25-14. "We played extremely hard and gave a great effort, but came up just a little short," said Head Coach Erin Miller.

Leading the Cumberland effort was Lily Murphy with 14 digs, Hailey Paulson with seven kills and 11 digs, Lauren McCreary with eight kills and Andi Olson with three service aces.

Eighth Grade Volleyball Team Completes Season Undefeated

The 8th Cumberland Eighth Grade Volleyball Team, Coached by Kristin Juleff, has completed their season with a perfect 13 and 0 record. "These girls worked hard all season, showing determination, perseverance, and unselfishness. We are proud of everything they accomplished this fall," added Coach Juleff.

During the year, the team played 64 total sets, losing only 10 and outscored their opponents 1367 to 878.

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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.

WIAA Tournament Win!



#3 Cash Rouzer and #10 Bryan Sonora are surrounded by Faith Christian Academy players during the WIAA Regional opener last week at Endeavor Stadium. Both Rouzer and Sonora found the back of the net in the 7-0 win.



Cumberland senior Braden Johnson scored twice in the Beavers win over Faith Christian Academy.

Undefeated Season!



Congratulations to the Cumberland 8th grade Volleyball Team on a perfect 13-0 season.Pictured from Left to Right are Back Row: Coach Kristen Juleff, Stella Skinner, Isabella Palmer, Reeve Feidt, Brooklynn Hoffman, Rylee Polich, Brooklynn Nybeck, and Jordyn Melichar. Front Row from left to right are Maggie Young, Charlie Lehmann, Grace Grinage, and Riley Majewski.

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10/30	Fri	9:41	3:26	10:13	3:57	07:44	05:58	9:34p	1:17p	4:52a	5:23p	*
10/31	Sat	10:48	4:33	11:19	5:03	07:45	05:56	10:54p	2:01p	5:54a	6:24p	*
11/01	Sun	11:49	5:35	-----	6:03	07:47	05:55	NoMoon	2:34p	6:52a	7:20p	*
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