

Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District			
BUDGET PUBLICATION - 2026 - 2027			
Required Published Budget Summary Format			
A budget summary, notice of the place where the budget in detail may be examined, the time and place for a public hearing on the budget must be published or distributed under s. 65.90. The required minimum detail for the published summary is as follows:			
GENERAL FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	1,793,288.99	1,602,099.95	1,746,167.64
Ending Fund Balance	1,602,099.95	1,746,167.64	1,728,162.64
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			
Transfers-In (Source 100)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Local Sources (Source 200)	1,551,069.33	1,384,627.92	1,591,658.00
Inter-district Payments (Source 300 + 400)	1,049,051.00	1,083,743.00	1,150,449.00
Intermediate Sources (Source 500)	6,021.60	26,700.59	9,500.00
State Sources (Source 600)	6,105,178.16	6,378,976.86	6,095,805.00
Federal Sources (Source 700)	319,800.16	291,943.05	259,855.00
All Other Sources (Source 800 + 900)	25,730.55	39,563.41	281,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	9,056,850.80	9,205,554.83	9,388,267.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES			
Instruction (Function 100 000)	4,237,826.20	4,219,401.60	4,073,827.00
Support Services (Function 200 000)	3,335,913.09	3,068,216.00	3,460,931.00
Non-Program Transactions (Function 400 000)	1,674,300.55	1,773,869.54	1,871,514.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	9,248,039.84	9,061,487.14	9,406,272.00

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	148,105.63	155,886.35	161,461.87
Ending Fund Balance	155,886.35	161,461.87	161,461.87
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,773,099.89	1,878,789.56	1,870,214.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	1,765,319.17	1,873,214.04	1,870,214.00

DEBT SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	670,734.99	1,009,915.72	943,804.17
Ending Fund Balance	1,009,915.72	943,804.17	461,118.17
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,217,324.73	1,303,036.92	1,214,317.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	878,144.00	1,369,148.47	1,697,003.00

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	628,797.62	205,785.08	2,633,223.31
Ending Fund Balance	205,785.08	2,633,223.31	242,967.31
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	29,585.47	3,437,582.47	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	452,598.01	1,010,144.24	2,390,256.00

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FOOD SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	771.74	771.74	(0.00)
Ending Fund Balance	771.74	(0.00)	3.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	642,382.40	584,278.93	599,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	642,382.40	585,050.67	598,997.00

COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	30,903.86	17,863.44	270,245.43
Ending Fund Balance	17,863.44	270,245.43	110,676.43
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	150,000.00	376,200.00	225,000.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	163,040.42	123,818.01	384,569.00

PACKAGE & COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FUND	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
Beginning Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ending Fund Balance	0.00	0.00	0.00
REVENUES & OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	0.00	0.00	0.00
EXPENDITURES & OTHER FINANCING USES	0.00	0.00	0.00

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Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses			
ALL FUNDS	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
GROSS TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	13,149,523.84	14,022,862.57	16,347,311.00
Interfund Transfers (Source 100) - ALL FUNDS	1,147,543.25	1,104,577.30	1,121,529.00
Refinancing Expenditures (FUND 30)	0.00	0.00	817.00
NET TOTAL EXPENDITURES -- ALL FUNDS	12,001,980.59	12,918,285.27	15,224,965.00
PERCENTAGE INCREASE – NET TOTAL FUND EXPENDITURES FROM PRIOR YEAR		7.63%	17.86%

PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY			
Levy Summary	Audited 2024 - 2025	Unaudited 2025 - 2026	Budget 2026 - 2027
General Fund	\$1,482,908	\$1,329,923	\$1,539,408
Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$1,060,250	\$1,050,000	\$1,013,500
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$45,817
Capital Expansion Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Service Fund	\$150,000	\$375,000	\$225,000
Prior Year Levy Chargeback	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Levy	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	\$2,693,158	\$2,754,923	\$2,823,725
PERCENTAGE INCREASE --			
TOTAL LEVY FROM PRIOR YEAR		2.29%	2.50%

The below listed new or discontinued programs have a financial impact on the proposed 2026 - 2027 budget:

DISCONTINUED PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT
NEW PROGRAMS	FINANCIAL IMPACT

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
VILLAGE OF MERRILLAN

Sealed bids will be received by the Village of Merrillan until **2:00 PM on October 23, 2026**, for the resurfacing of McBride St. (from N. Hayden St. to McBride St. termini). Bids may be mailed/delivered to 101 S. Main St. (PO Box 70), Merrillan, WI 54754, or emailed to hi@merrillanwi.gov. This project is funded by the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) under MSILT Agreement #20454. The Village reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Penny Danielson, Village ClerkWNAXLP

Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing
for the
Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District
Will be held on
Monday, October 19, 2026
At 6:00 PM
Junior/Senior High School Library

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan, or the Villages of Alma Center, Merrillan, Towns of Alma, Cleveland, Garden Valley, Hixton, and Northfield of Jackson County; Town of Mentor of Clark County, that the Annual Meeting of said district, for the transaction of school business will be held in the Junior/Senior High School Library at the Lincoln Jr/Sr High School on the 3rd Monday, being the 19th day of October 2026 at 6:00 p.m.
The proposed 2026-2027 Budget can be reviewed in the District Office or online at www.lincolnhornets.org.
Dated this 7th day of October 2026.
Kara Paul
District Clerk
Published in the Banner Journal October 7 and 14, 2026.
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NOTICE TOWN OF FRANKLIN

Regular Monthly Meeting

7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2026

FRANKLIN TOWN HALL

Ashley Stetzer, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF ADAMS

Monthly Meeting

Will be held on Tues., Oct. 13, 2026

at 7 p.m. in the town hall.

Agenda will include minutes of prior meeting(s), approval and payment of outstanding bills, and any zoning petitions which may be presented. Other items may be added to the agenda prior to the meeting.

Dale Ann Bohac, Clerk

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NOTICE

TOWN OF BROCKWAY

RESIDENTS

The regular monthly meeting of the Town of Brockway Board of Supervisors will be held on **Wednesday, October 14, 2026** at the Brockway Town Hall. Regular monthly agenda will be followed. The Sanitary District meeting is at 5:45 pm with town meeting immediately following.

JULIE BOREK, CLERK/TREASURER

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TOWN OF ALBION

REGULAR

MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2026

at the Albion Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Regular monthly agenda will be followed. Notice will be posted in regular posting places.

Joan Hanson, Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
GERALD R. HJORNEVIK
Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-32
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09-13-1938 and date of death 08-31-2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 311 Bridge St., Taylor, WI 54659 .
3. All interested persons have waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 4, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Room C207.

/s/ Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Sept. 23, 2026
Attorney Mark Radcliffe
107 Main St.
Black River Falls, WI 54165
715-284-1234
Bar No. 1033727
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Public Notice
Sealed bids will be received by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources at the Black River State Forest Headquarters (Castle Mound), W10325 Hwy 12, Black River Falls, Wisconsin 54615; up to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. A timber sale prospectus, map, bid forms and detailed information on each timber tract can be obtained online at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/TimberSales/salesBlackRiver.html> or by contacting Forester Ian Remus 715-928-2462.

There are ten tracts of timber for sale on the Black River State Forest in T20N-R2W, T21N-R2W, T21N-R4W. The tracts comprise 638 acres and contain an estimated 28,940 tons of pulpwood and sawtimber. These timber sales are third party certified.

Results from the bid opening and information on any un-sold tracts can be obtained by checking our website or calling the number listed above. Tracts not sold on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 will be available for re-bid up to 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10, 2026.

The Department of Natural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids will be opened at the Black

River State Forest Headquarters (Castle Mound), Black River Falls, at 9:00 a.m. on October 27, 2026 and November 10, 2026. Interested parties may join the bid opening in person or via conference call at: 1-608-571-2209. Once connected, use passcode 144669179#.

Proof of workers compensation, liability insurance, and logger certification will be required at contract signing.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
BRICE L. HEFNER
Date of Death: Juy 1, 2026

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)
Case No.26-PR-34
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth November 29, 1962 and date of death July 1, 2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of Pine View Care Center, 400 County Road R, Black River Falls, WI 54615 .
3. All interested persons have waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 5, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main St., Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

Electronically signed by
Beth L. Hammond
Probate Registrar
Sept. 25, 2026
Attorney Penny J. Precour
PENNY J. PRECOUR, ATTORNEY AT LAW, S.C.
808 Superior Ave. Suite 201
Tomah, WI 54660
608-372-2014
Bar No.1022320
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School District of Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan 2026 ANNUAL MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Lincoln High School Library
AGENDA

- Call to order – School Board President
- Introduction.
- Election of Chairperson.
- 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes.
- Auditor's Report
- Hearing on the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget.
- Resolutions: Request for Tax Levy
- Resolution: Request authorization for the School Board to sell or dispose of tangible personal proper that the Board determines is no longer needed.
- Resolution: Request authorization for the School Board to furnish school lunches to pupils and to appropriate funds for that purpose.
- Fix the salaries of School Board members
- Authorize date and time of the 2027 Annual Meeting.
- Authorize the School Board to lease property from Immaculate Conception Church.
- Authorize the School Board to short term borrow for operational needs up to \$750,000.
- Authorize the School Board to purchase property, if it becomes available, for possible future additions.
- Adjourn

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT JACKSON COUNTY
IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF:
Petitioner
Brett Patrick Koch
203 W. Sunny Ln
Janesville, WI 53546
and
Respondent
Helena Elizabeth Ortiz
W11666 Oak Grove Rd.
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Summons with Minor Children
Divorce-40101
Case No. 26-FA60
The State of Wisconsin, to the person named above as respondent:

You are notified that your spouse has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Petition states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within 20 days of receiving this Summons, you must provide a written response, as that term is used in ch. 802, Wis. Stats., to the Petition. The court may reject or disregard a response that does not follow the requirements of the statutes.

The response must be sent or delivered to the following government offices:

Clerk of Court, Jackson County, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615

County Child Support Agency: Jackson County Health and Human Services, 421 County Rd. R, Black River Falls, WI 54615

The response must also be mailed or delivered within 20 days to the petitioner at the address above.

It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not provide a proper response within 20 days, the court may grant judgment against you, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

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TOWN OF GARDEN VALLEY

Town Patrolman Position

The Town of Garden Valley is seeking a qualified individual to fill the position of Town Patrolman. The desired qualifications include having a valid Wisconsin Commercial Driver's License (or the ability to obtain one), a high school diploma or GED and three years of relevant and applicable experience. The successful individual must be willing to work nights, holidays and/or weekends as required to provide public safety and service to the community.

Visit our website at www.townofgardenvalleywi.gov for a complete job description. Please contact the Town Chairman at 715-896-1965 or email to: townofgardenvalleychairman@pm.me for more information.

The Town of Garden Valley is an equal opportunity employer.

Position open until it is filled.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PLAN JACKSON COUNTY LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT AND JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on **October 19, 2026, at 8:00 a.m.** on the following:
THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED PLAN:
The Farmland Preservation Plan is to help provide guidance for use of agriculture and rural lands while trying to minimize conflicts between farm and non-farmland uses. The intent of this plan is to meet the minimum requirements of Chapter 91 of Wisconsin State Statutes as well as to provide information to assist in the preservation of farmland and agriculture related businesses in Jackson County.
The Farmland Preservation Plan will be referenced and coordinated with the Jackson County Comprehensive Plan as an addendum, which meets the minimum requirements of Section 66.1001 (1)(a) and 66.1001 (2) of Wisconsin State Statutes.
REVIEW OF THE PLAN AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
The Farmland Preservation Plan and associated maps are available prior to the public hearing through the Jackson County Land Conservation Department. Contact Gaylord Olson II, Jackson County Conservationist, at 715-284-0217 with any questions, comments or to make an appointment to review or obtain copies of the plan.
Jackson County Land Conservation Department
307 Main Street, Courthouse
Black River Falls WI 54615
715-284-0217

This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the Farmland Preservation Plan, and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. Should you desire more information, please call or visit the Jackson County Land Conservation Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0217.
Published in The Banner Journal on September 30th and October 7th, 2026.
Dated this 22nd day of September, 2026.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING JACKSON COUNTY ZONING DEPARTMENT
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held in the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin on **October 19th, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.** on the following:

- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2026-30** as requested by Levi L. Miller JR, on property located in the NE1/4-NW1/4, Section 03, T21N, R05W, Town of Albion, Jackson County, WI; 004-0037.0000. The request is to change 35.35 acres of the C1(Resource Conservancy) District to the R6 (Rural-Residential) District for single-family residential use.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2026-31** as requested by Zachary Schwemmer on property located in the SE 1/4-NW 1/4, Section 32, T20N, R01W, Town of Knapp, Jackson County, WI; 028-0502.0000. The request is to change 2.5 acres of the A2(Forestry and Limited Agriculture) District to the R2 (Residential-Private Water & Septic System) District to propose one new lot for single-family residential use.
- **ZONE CHANGE PETITION #2026-32** as requested by Ricky Matalas on property located in the SE 1/4- SE 1/4, Section 05, T21N, R04W, Town of Adams, Jackson County, WI; 002-0067.0050. The request is to change 1.51 acres of the R2(Residential- Private Water & Septic System) District to the B2(Outlying Business) District to operate a small used auto repair & sales shop.

The petitioner or their agent must attend the County's Public Hearing.
Jackson County Zoning Department
307 Main Street, Courthouse
Black River Falls WI 54615 715-284-0220
Zoning@Jacksoncountywi.gov

This public hearing is being held so that the Committee may hear those persons who have an interest in the proposed changes, and they will consider all input presented which will aid in their decision-making process. The decision of the Committee to conditionally grant any conditional use or grant/conditionally grant or deny any subdivision request will be finalized at this public hearing. The Committee, following the public hearing, will make a recommendation to the full County Board for their final decision to either grant or to deny any proposed zone changes. Should you desire more information regarding the proposals, please call or visit the Jackson County Zoning Department, Telephone Number (715) 284-0220.

A Notice of this Petition will be forwarded to the Town Board. The Town officials will discuss this request and return a "TOWNSHIP POSITION" form. Thus, the Petitioner SHOULD contact the Town Chairman to explain his/her proposal and answer their questions. An effort has also been made to notify adjoining landowners of the proposal/s, so that they may contact the Town Chairman for more information and/or voice their concerns. To ensure that those interested have been notified, please share this notice with your neighbors.
CONTACT THE TOWN CLERK FOR TOWN MEETING DATE and TIME.
Published in The Banner Journal on September 30th and October 7th, 2026.
Dated this 23rd day of September, 2026.
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Notice to Creditors
John R. Murray Estate
(Informal Administration)
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT JACKSON COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JOHN R.MURRAY
Case No. 2026-PR-33
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 03/21/1946 and date of death 08/24/2026, was domiciled in Jackson County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W13418 Murray Road, Room C207, Black River Falls, WI 54615.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is January 7, 2027.
5. A claim may be filed at the Jackson County Courthouse, 307 Main Street, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

Form completed by:
Attorney Alec Sime
Address: 750 3rd Street North, Suite A, La Crosse, WI 54602-0966
Telephone: 608-782-1469
Bar Number: 1138062
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