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Chamber Chatter

Bloody October 2025: The Results Are In!

The votes have been tallied, the glasses rinsed, and another successful Bloody October has wrapped up! With 200 cards sold and over 60 unique voters submitting their picks, this year's competition was one for the books.

The 2025 winners have officially been crowned:

- ☐ **Best Presentation: Bobtown Bar & Grill**
- ☐ **Runner-Up: Ready Randy's Sports Bar & Grill**

- ☐ **Best Taste: Bobtown Bar & Grill**
- ☐ **Runner-Up: Parkside Restaurant & Bar**

A big congratulations to all participating establishments for crafting creative, flavor-packed bloodies that kept voters sipping and smiling across the valley! Voters hailed from 14 different ZIP codes, with the farthest submission coming from ZIP 55433 (Coon Rapids, MN) — proof that word of this year's contest traveled well beyond Hammond & Roberts.

The Chamber extends a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who purchased a Bloody October card, visited participating bars, and supported this fun local tradition. Each sip helps showcase the vibrant hospitality and community spirit that makes the Central St. Croix region such a great place to gather.

Stay tuned for next year's edition — and maybe start working on your garnish game now!

BEST TASTING WINNER



BEST TASTING RUNNER-UP



BLOODY OCTOBER 2025 WINNERS



**BEST PRESENTATION
WINNER**



**BEST PRESENTATION
RUNNER-UP**



Welcome, New Member!

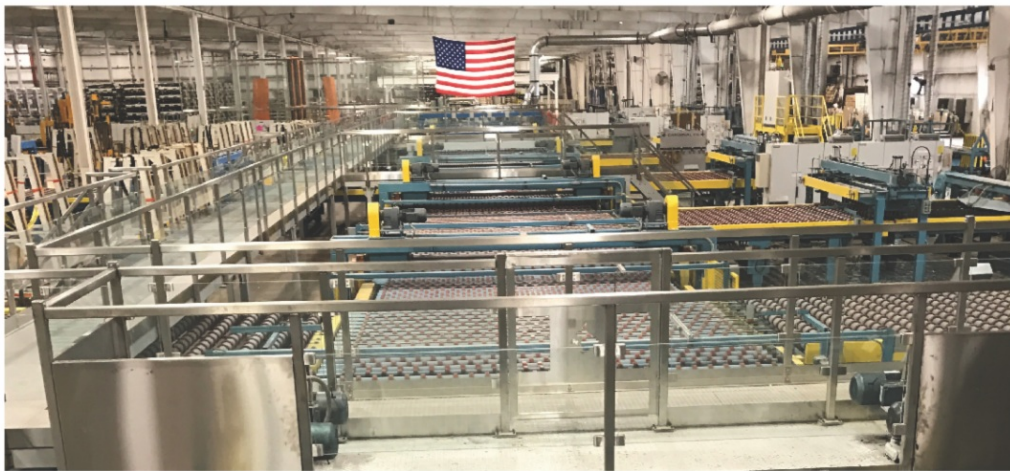
Just in time for Veterans Day, the Chamber is proud to welcome [Deneen-McCabe American Legion Post 432](#) of Hammond/Roberts as our newest member!

Post 432 is a patriotic veterans organization dedicated to serving veterans, their families, and the broader community. The Legion actively advocates for veterans' rights, promotes patriotism, and supports a wide range of youth and community programs — including Legion Baseball and scholarships, the SCC Backpack Program, Roberts Food Pantry, and the Veterans Wing at the Hammond Care Center.

Alongside their partners in the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion, Post 432 works tirelessly to honor service, strengthen community ties, and ensure that the contributions of our nation's heroes are never forgotten.

We're honored to have them join the Chamber family — please join us in giving Post 432 a warm welcome and a heartfelt thank-you to all who have served.





Manufacturing Excellence Series

Empower Your Workforce: Whether you're building foundational skills or exploring the future of smart manufacturing, this series delivers practical tools and insights for immediate impact.

Event Lineup:

Lean Lego Simulation | November 5, 2025

Experience lean principles in action through a fun, fast-paced LEGO factory simulation. Learn how to identify waste, streamline processes, and boost productivity.

Training Within Industry | February 4, 2026 *3-hr session ends at 10:30AM

Discover the timeless power of TWI to build frontline leadership, improve job instruction, and foster a culture of continuous improvement.

5S Workplace Organization | May 6, 2026

Transform your workspace with 5S strategies that enhance safety, efficiency, and visual control—laying the groundwork for sustainable lean success.

Artificial Intelligence in Manufacturing | August 5, 2026

Explore real-world applications of AI in manufacturing—from predictive maintenance to smart automation—and how to get started with emerging technologies.

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Contact Us

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Menomonie, WI 54751
715-232-2397
moc@uwstout.edu



November sometimes gets overlooked between the Halloween fun and Christmas festivities. However, November can be a month of “pause” for us to give thanks and reflect on blessings in the past year.

This month we celebrate our Veterans and give thanks to them for their service; we give thanks for our right to vote on Election Day.

Being National Family Caregivers Month, we give thanks to the superheroes within

our families who care for loved ones. As a small business, we give thanks for our wonderful clients and the community support of what we do to assist folks on their financial journey.

If in this month of thanksgiving, you are looking for ways to share your financial blessings and glean some benefits for yourself while you are at it, please reach out to us. Charitable giving is good for the soul.

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PIES FOR A PURPOSE

NOVEMBER 3-10, 2025

Order your holiday pies through the WWH Auxiliary Pie Sale Fundraiser. Every purchase supports programs and services that care for patients and families in our community.

PIES & CAKES FOR PURCHASE

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APPLE HI \$15	PUMPKIN \$15	PECAN \$15	CHERRY \$15	CHOCOLATE CREAM \$10	CHOCOLATE MINT CREAM COOKIE \$18	CHOCOLATE CAKE (GF) \$15	STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE (GF) \$15

ORDERS DUE

Monday, November 10th

Order online or print an order form at wwhealth.org/contribute

Drop off order form and payment at the WWH Concierge Desk



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ORDER PICKUP

Wednesday, November 19th
WWH Conference Room 1
3:00-5:00pm

Pickup only, delivery not available

Checks can be made payable to WWH Auxiliary

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Pumpkin Pie	\$15		
Pecan Pie	\$15		
Cherry Pie	\$15		
Chocolate Cream Pie	\$10		
Chocolate Mint Cream Cookie Pie	\$18		
3-Layer Dark & White Chocolate Cake (GF)	\$15		
3-Layer Strawberry Shortcake (GF)	\$15		
Order Total Amount Enclosed			\$

Questions? Email Sarah Weiske, Development Manager at sarah.weiske@wwhealth.org

In Case You Missed It: Ras' on Main Welcomes New Owners

If you haven't heard the buzz yet, Ras' on Main

in Hammond officially has new owners — and they're no strangers to the community!

Longtime patrons Cassie and Kyle Price took ownership of the beloved restaurant and bar on October 1, carrying on the legacy built by Glen and Julie Rasmussen over the past 29 years.

Cassie, who's been a customer since 2004, shared that the decision came from the heart. "When you think of Ras', you think of community," she said. "It's where you go after a home game, to celebrate birthdays, or just enjoy a family dinner. We wanted to keep it that way."

The Prices are keeping the same staff and the same great menu that locals love — from homemade soups to the made-from-scratch breakfasts — while adding a few small updates and a renewed energy to the space.

"The community has humbled us," Kyle added. "People have really shown their support, and it's pretty cool to see."

As Cassie summed it up: "We look forward to keeping Ras' the community staple it's always been — same amazing food and familiar faces, with more to come."

Stay tuned for what the Prices call "Ras' 2.0."

The Chamber extends a warm congratulations to Cassie and Kyle on this exciting new chapter at Ras' on Main!



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[Hammond Lions Big Gun Calendar](#)

Fall Finds & Barn Tour

River Falls, WI * tour * enjoy * shop * find

SHOP.
EAT.
ENJOY.
Local.

BIG NEWS!
We expanded the tour!

*** A holiday tradition not to miss! ***

**Upcoming
* 2025 ***

TOUR dates:

Oct. 31- Nov. 2
Nov. 7 - 9
Nov. 14-16
Nov. 21-23

4 weekends!
(Fri-Sun)

Fri/Sat 10am - 6pm
Sun 11am - 5pm

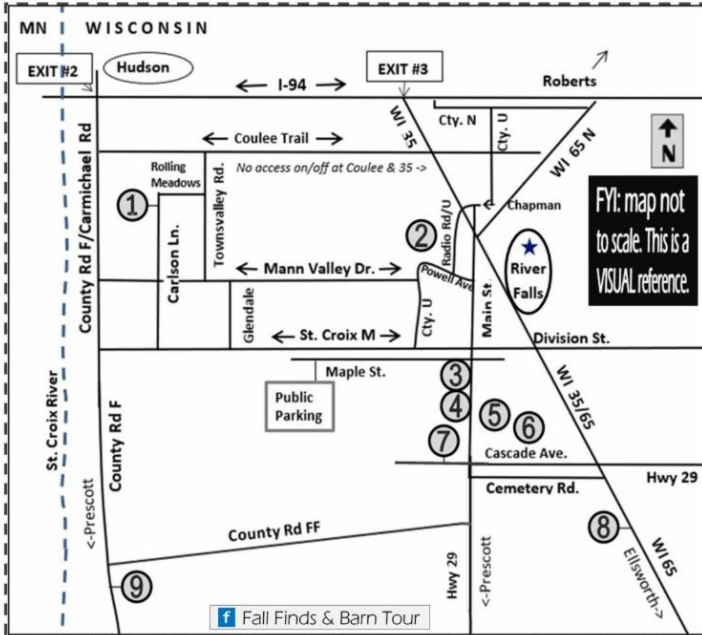
Tour MAP FOUND HERE!

Use this map to plan your route, then pick up your official printed copy at your 1st stop & get it stamped along the way!

Fall Finds & Barn Tour - 2025

River Falls, WI * tour * enjoy * shop * find

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TOUR Participants

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- 3 Schweet Sisters**
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Artisan chocolate, harvest, holiday, soaps, gift shop, gourmet foods & more!
- 4 125 On Main**
125 N Main St, RF (715) 629-2040
30 booths displaying vintage, re-purposed, home decor, antiques, jewelry, gifts.
- 5 Mei Mei's Cookies & Creamery**
113 E Elm St, downtown RF
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- 6 Wild Edge Woodworking**
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- 8 Garden Divas**
N7789 State Rd 65, RF (715) 222-0436
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"A holiday tradition not to miss."



Support the Panther Parent Group with Their Winter Clothing Fundraiser

The Panther Parent Group is teaming up with Stitchin' Post in Roberts for their annual clothing fundraiser—just in time for the holidays! Show your school spirit and stay cozy this winter with Panther apparel for the whole family.

Orders placed by November 20, 2025 will be ready for pickup or delivery the week of December 16, making this the perfect opportunity to grab some Panther gear before winter break.

All proceeds from the sale help support Panther Parent Group programs and events throughout the school year. Don't miss your chance to show your Panther pride while giving back to the community!

Order Here:

<https://stitchinpost.company.site/Panther-Parent-Group-PPG-c39874001>

SWEET STATS

&
Strong Coffee

WAKE UP TO MARKET TRENDS



Barron County Economic
Development Corporation



Thursday, November 13

8:00-9:30 AM

St. Croix Valley Innovation Center

1091 Sutherland Ave | River Falls, WI 54022

8:00 AM – Coffee, light breakfast, and networking

8:30–9:30 AM – Presentation by Dale Knapp, Forward Analytics

Join us for a data-driven look at how shifting demographics are reshaping Wisconsin's economy, especially in our western counties. Presenter Dale Knapp, Director of Research & Analytics at Forward Analytics, brings over 20 years of experience in economics and public policy, including 18 years with the nonpartisan Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance, with the last 15 as Research Director. He will highlight trends in St. Croix, Polk, Pierce, Barron, and Dunn Counties, and preview new research comparing how Wisconsin counties stack up economically against those in other states.

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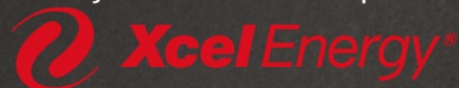


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Christmas

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CENTRAL ST. CROIX
Chamber of Commerce

December 13th
11am-2pm
Roberts

Schedule of Events

Citizens State Bank (10am-12:30pm)..... Partnership with Hazel Mackin Library
Hazel Mackin Library (10am-12:30pm)..... Reindeer Hot Chocolate Make & Take
Bobtown Bar & GrillKids Craft & Holiday Cocktails
Carbone's Pizzeria Cookie Decorating
Croix Coffee Co (at WhiteCap).....Assorted Coffee Samplings
Revive Hair SalonHair Tinsel & Glam Giveaways
R&R Pet Grooming Paw Print Ornaments
Roberts Towing & Repair Fresh Popcorn & Hot Wheels Giveaway
Rowdy's Ranch Supply Snack Packs
Sidetrack SaloonHot Toddies For Adults & Snacks For Kiddos
Stitchin' PostMake & Take Ornaments
TopstitcheryHot Cider & Quilt Giveaway
WhiteCap Financial AdvisorsReindeer Food/Raffle

Plus! Enjoy the sounds of Joyful Brass as they travel Main Street

Roberts Lions Club (1pm-3pm)Visit with Santa at the Park Building
Roberts UCC (at the Park Building, 1-3pm).....Make & Take Ornaments

CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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LOOKING FOR A CHURCH?!?



Welcome to Cross Lutheran Church!

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What's *ELCA*?

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At Cross:

We worship, learn, and serve together. Communion is open to all. Scripture is read and used in every worship service, and we teach directly from the Bible.

CROSS LUTHERAN — WELCOMING ALL, GROWING IN FAITH, SERVING WITH JOY.

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John Sutherland

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pastor@robertscrosslutheran.com

Amanda Swanson
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries
Email
amanda@robertscrosslutheran.com

Worship Services:

- Traditional services are held on Sundays 9a
- A contemporary service, featuring the "Music By Faith" band, Wed Sept-May, select Sun in the summer

Music Ministry:

- The church choir welcomes all skill levels for Thursday rehearsals at 7 PM (September–April)

Prayer Ministry:

- A dedicated prayer team is available after each service and accepts prayer requests online or through the church office.

Adult Ministries:

- Opportunities include small groups, Bible studies, a men's service group, and WELCA (Women of the ELCA), which hosts events like the annual Cookie Fair

Community Engagement:

- Cross supports local organizations such as Grace Place and participates in initiatives like FMSC, food drives, and blood donations.
- We host Central Community Gardens, providing space for communal gardening

Youth and Family Programs:

- Events and Christian education for children, youth and families
- Community events! Trunk or Treat, Easter Egg Hunt

Global Connection:

- The church maintains a sister parish relationship with Chilumba Parish in Malawi



The Mitten Tree

Wrap Others in Warmth | November 10–29

Join us in spreading warmth and kindness this winter season!

Donate **new** or **handmade** winter clothing items to give the gift of warmth to local families in need. Monetary donations also welcome.

Monetary donations will help decorate the tree with paper ornaments!

- 🧤 \$5 & \$10 Mitten paper ornament
- 🧢 \$15 Hat paper ornament

Thank You for your generosity!

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Board Meeting Reminder & Call for New Board Members

The Chamber Board meets at **8:00 AM** on the **third Thursday** of each month at the **Hazel Mackin Library in Roberts**. These meetings are open to all members—join us to learn more about how the Chamber operates and the initiatives we're working on.

☐ **Board Members Needed!** ☐

Serving on the Board is a valuable opportunity to:

- Build relationships with fellow business leaders
- Help guide Chamber programs and events
- Play a meaningful role in shaping our local business community



If you've ever thought about becoming more involved, now is the perfect time! Sit in on an upcoming meeting or reach out to learn more—we'd love to have you at the table.



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