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Motorcycle Crash on Highway 63 Results in Fatality

On Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:52 p.m., the Barron County 911 center received a call of a motorcycle vs car accident on Hwy 63 at 16th Ave, north of Turtle Lake.

Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff's Department along with the Cumberland Ambulance, Turtle Lake Fire Department, Barron County First Responders, Turtle Lake Police Department and the Life Link Helicopter all responded to the scene.

Initial investigation shows a motorcycle driven by a 63 man from Comstock failed

to stop at the stop sign and struck a car driven by a 26 year old male from Comstock. A 22 year old female from Barron was also a passenger in the car.

The motorcycle driver was flown to an area hospital in serious condition and once at the hospital passed away from his injuries. Neither the driver nor passenger in the car were injured.

The crash remains under investigation by the Barron County Sheriff's Department

**Per Chris Fitzgerald,
Barron County Sheriff**

Man Dies After Saving Grandchildren Near Mikana Dam

On Saturday, June 29, 2024, at 2:36 pm, the Barron County 911 Center received a 911 call of an adult male that had went into the

water below the Mikana Dam to help a child struggling in the water. The kids had gotten safely out but the

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Changing Hands!



The Spot Bar, a staple on Cumberland's Main Street has been sold. Bob and Kathy Otto (left) have sold the bar after 29 years. Jim Carlson took over July 1st. Jim is excited to move back home from New Jersey to start a new chapter and Bob and Kathy say a Big Thank You to all who supported them through the years.

July 4, 1911; Celebrating our Independence

by Mark R Fuller

The celebration planned for July 4, 1911 was made under the unpleasantness of the death of Tom Tom the Elephant just over a week earlier. The headline in the June 30 Advocate summed it up quickly, with the headline, "The Big Elephant is Drowned." It described up the unusual occurrence that had taken place in the Island City shortly after the Yankee Robinson Three Ring Circus had come to town the previous Saturday.

Nevertheless, plans for Independence Day was underway. The tradition began in 1777, a year after the signing of the Declaration of Independence. In an early June edition, the Advocate called the day, "The greatest of our National Holidays,"

as preparations began around the city.

A meeting was held at the high school to form a chorus to sing during the day's celebration. The observance was to start at exactly 9:30 am with a big automobile parade. The paper assured its readers that, "Every automobile in the city and surrounding country has been secured and it will be classy in every respect."

The parade was to be followed by a number of aquatic sports at the lake shore including a canoe fight, a tub race, and log rolling. Those in attendance were asked to then make their way to the park for a program at 11:00 am. At 1:30, foot races, an egg race, wheelbarrow race, and other street games

would take place on main street, followed by a bicycle race at the fairgrounds.

The day would conclude with a baseball game between married and single men and "A grand display of fireworks." Finally, everyone was invited to a free dance at the "bowery" with music played by Professor Stone's Zobo Band.

Those that arrived to the day's activities were sure to see a growing city. A new street light had been recently put on the post office corner. Its approval was noted by the Advocate which said, "This light seems to be a great improvement over the old one, not only in brilliancy, but in steadiness and the claim it consumes much less current." The Post Of-

fice also announced it had sent out over 30,000 pieces of mail in May, while receiving 48,000.

The night before the event was interrupted for some city residents, by the activities of "Several boys, who commenced to make the night hideous with cannon crackers and dynamite booms and other things of a like nature until it was choked off by a thunderstorm around 9:00 pm."

Unfortunately, this rain continued into the morning of the 4th preventing the "Carrying out of many features of the advertised program." Fortunately, a lull in the rain allowed the water sports and baseball game to take place with the back-

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2024 Miss Cumberland Candidates



Presenting the 2024 Miss Cumberland Candidates. Pictured from left to right are Chloe Herrick, Kylie Nystrom, Keyra Spychalla, Braelynn Albrecht, Zarina Nelson and Mya Hagen. The Pageant is set for August 18th, 2024 in the Cumberland High School Gymnasium.

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Marge Pederson and family

Friends of the Library Membership Drive

During the month of July, the Friends of the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library conducts its membership drive. We offer annual memberships and lifetime memberships.

Money raised by Friends of the Library is used to pay for presenters, library programs, special events and enhancing projects and

equipment in its facility. Membership is open to everyone. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month and are available in person or via zoom. The time and location will be designated by the officers.

For more information, stop at the library and pick up a Friends brochure and/or membership form.

DAV Northwest Chapter 52 to Hold Meeting

DAV Northwest Chapter 52, will be holding a meeting on Monday, July 8, 2024, at 1PM. Meeting location is the American Legion building, 122 Northwestern Drive, Spooner, WI (715-939-1049).

The Other Brothers!



Left to right: Dustin DeGulier (guitar, vocals), Dave Shrader (drums), Tyler Lustek (keys, trumpet, melodica), Barry Wells (bass, vocals).

The Other Brothers at the Beach July 9

An Eau Claire "classic rock band" called The Other Brothers will make its Island City Music debut at the City Beach on Tuesday, July 9.

The band, which includes Cumberland guitarist Dustin DeGulier, plays music that features "three-part vocal harmony, keyboard, guitars and drums, as well as trumpet and melodica, to convey a tightly-arranged catalog of familiar dance tunes and deep rock 'n roll cuts," DeGulier said.

Besides DeGulier, the band,

based in west central Wisconsin, consists of Dave Shrader, Barry Wells and Tyler Lustek.

The performance is sponsored by Kwik Trip, and the food will be served by members of the First United Methodist Church. That's the same group that serves food at ETC's annual Celebration of the Arts.

The school district's kayaks will be available at Tourist Park for use during the concert, which is from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you're interested in reserving a kayak,

email community education director Susan Bridger at sbrid@csdmail.com or call her at 715-822-5121.

The summer concerts are in their eighth year. But this is the first year they are at Tourist Park. For seven summers, they were on the Library Lake stage. If it rains on the evening of the concert, The Other Brothers will play at the Cumberland Arts Center, 1595 Second Ave.

The concerts are free. Bring a lawn chair if they are outside.



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Pictured left to right: Greg Egstad, Troy Kelly, Derrick Capra, Marty Lundequam, Tom Bergmann, Joe Ranallo, Mike Schoonveld

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DISTRIBUTION FROM 8 TO 9:30 AM
Donation \$25 per Share
Cash Preferred - No Checks Please
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TUESDAY, JULY 9: 8-10 pm CCE: Adult Volleyball.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 10: 4:30-5:30 pm CCE: Choose Fit/Bench Stepping • 6-8 pm CCE: Pickleball.

Kayaks & Music on Beaver Dam Lake

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 7th year that **Cumberland School District kayaks and life jackets** will be available on **Tuesday evenings** during the Concert Series on the shores of the **Cumberland Beach** from 6-8 p.m.
Kayaks will be available TUESDAYS beginning Tuesday, June 11, 2024
Cost: FREE however, **donations will be much appreciated!**
So come on down, listen to some tunes, and bring the whole family!
** Launch located near the music on the shores of Beaver Dam/Cumberland Beach **
So that we are prepared and know you are interested please reserve your kayaks by Tuesday morning of the week you wish to use them by calling the following number:
Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 / sbrid@csdmail.com

SUMMER HAPPENINGS
@ Firefly Fields
1st Saturday of the Month 2024
Hosted by: Scott & Colleen Johnson
2553 10th Street - Cumberland, WI
This is between Cumberland and Rice Lake
Second Event on Saturday, July 6th - 9:00 am to 12 noon/Event at 10:00 am
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Mikana Dam...

male was unaccounted for. Deputies from the Barron County Sheriff’s Department along with Birchwood Fire Department, Marshfield Medical Center Ambulance, Rice Lake Fire Department, North Memorial Air Care Helicopter and the WI DNR all responded to the scene. After a search of the area for the 71 year old male was unsuccessful, the Chetek Fire Dive and Rescue

Team was called in to assist. The Mikana Dam was also closed and during their search of the area the male was recovered by the dive team and was found to be deceased. Initial investigation shows the male subject (Grandpa) had taken his two grandkids fishing and swimming in the area. Both kids were wearing life jackets when one of them started to struggle. Grandpa went to help the

kids, got them to where they could stand again and they made it to shore. For an unknown reason the male went under and drowned. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time. Special thanks to all of the first responders who jumped into action to do all they could for the family. **Chris Fitzgerald Barron County Sheriff**

July 4th, 1911...

elor’s winning the contest 9 to 6. The paper called “The best feature of the game, George Stahl’s hat.” The city then attempted to hold the fireworks at the park, which were halted when, “Another storm broke out and a rush was made for home and bed.” This happened, but not before individual festivities left three injuries from fireworks to Ethel Peter-

son’s burned hand, W. H. Corcorcan’s injured eye, and to Arthur Chubb, who had a lighted squib, which he thought was unlighted, go off in his back pocket. The storm’s lightening also hit the steeple of St. Mary’s Church causing considerable damage and took down a large tree in A. Madill’s yard. With part of the evening missing from the celebration, the Commit-

tee in charge announced it would “Complete the portion of the celebration interrupted by Tuesday’s storm, on Saturday night at 8:30 pm.” The free dance would follow and all were invited to attend. Rain and storms had canceled the resident’s fun for a short time, but the Island City wasn’t about to let a little weather take away a chance to celebrate an important day like this!

Sons of Norway Dovre Lodge to hold Meeting

Sons of Norway, Dovre Lodge will meet Tuesday, July 9th, 6:00 pm, at the “Main Shelter” in Anderson Park, Barron, WI. Enter Anderson Park on N 3rd Street which leads shortly to the “Main Shelter” parking area. The evening kicks off with a picnic potluck at 6 pm. Bring your favorite dish or

dessert to share. The annual picnic is a very informal relaxing time. You are encouraged to come and meet some of the friendliest people in northwest Wisconsin. Every month, people travel from New Richmond, Frederic, Mellen and Barron County to join with others in celebrating our Scandinavian

heritage. Again, come and enjoy our Scandinavian heritage, warm fellowship and delicious Scandinavian food! Sons of Norway is a non-profit organization for women, men and young people interested in Scandinavian culture and heritage. Everyone is welcome!

Northwoods Notebook: How about the Tower House Inn? by Larry Werner

A few years before we bought our place in Cumberland, Ann and I were passing through town on our way back to the Cities from Birchwood, where we used to spend vacation time at a resort called Tagalong. It was supper time. So we stopped at a restaurant that was in a magnificent Queen Anne mansion we suspected had an interesting history. To be honest, the food that day wasn’t very good at the Tower House , which I learned was originally the home of a founding Cumberland family. Lance and Julie Burma later bought and renovated the building and operated it as a restaurant for two years before they sold it at auction in 2016. Lance and Julie said at the time that they closed the restaurant because they couldn’t figure out a business model that worked. However, they did have good food and charming ambience while it was open. The Tower House is now a tavern open a few days a week and is for sale again, and the owner has made significant improvements to the building. Over the years, I’ve asked the owner if he planned to open the restaurant, and one of the things I remem-

ber him saying was that it’s difficult for restaurants to get help. You hear that from many restaurant owners in Cumberland. Lynette LeVeau of the Country Skillet has said as much while working the dining room by herself on busy days, and I recall hearing that from Sharon Sherman when she and her son, Jenö, owned Bistro 63 in Barronett. Sharon, in fact, lived at the Tower House as a child when her family owned the place. When the building was open for inspection before the auction in 2016, Sharon and Jenö spent a lot of time looking the place over. I know that because Ann and I went to that open house, leading to a rumor that we were interested in buying it. Actually, we were just nosy, but noticed that Sharon and Jenö spent a lot of time there that day. Not long after the Tower House sold, we dined at Bistro and asked Sharon if she had regrets not making a bid. She said she had a sleepless night after the auction date, which probably means they should have pulled the trigger, she said. They could have moved their restaurant from Bar-

ronett and kept the name. Or maybe Bistro on Main. They ended up selling the Bistro, which is now Sal’s on 63. Maybe it wouldn’t work as a restaurant. So how about a country inn? The old Cumberland Inn and Suites was sold to Seneca Foods to provide housing for the migrant workers who come north for jobs at the bean plant. We do have two small motels — the Ambrose and the Island Inn. But a hotel in the middle of town, just a few blocks from the lake, with 1800s charm, would be popular, I think. There are five bedrooms and five baths. The second and third-floor rooms are lovely. You might have to install an elevator. Tourists would book rooms at the Tower House Inn and spend their dollars in our community. The owner could lease out the kitchen and dining room to a restaurant operator. And we could all go out for dinner in one of the most charming, historic buildings in northwest Wisconsin, as people did for the 65 years the Tower House was a restaurant. If only I were 20 years younger . . . Larry Werner’s email is lhwner47@gmail.com.

EAA Chapter 631 to Give Free Airplane Rides

FREE AIRPLANE RIDES: EAA Chapter 631 will be giving free airplane rides for young people ages 8 through 17 at the Shell Lake WI Airport. The event will be

held on Saturday, July 13th 2024 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (weather permitting). This is a great opportunity for young people to experience the wonders of flight. A par-

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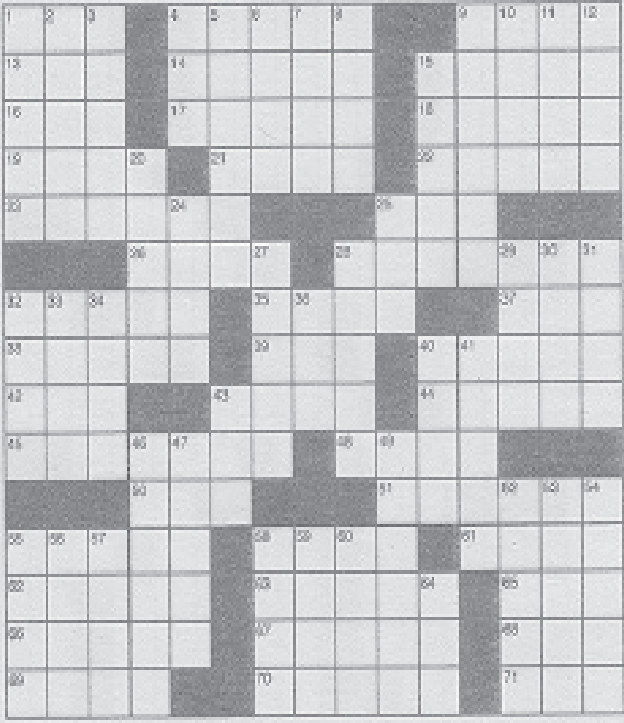
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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor



Well the Fourth of July is here. I hope you all have a chance to relax and have a little fun this next weekend. I’m sure plenty of people will have a nice four day weekend. I think we will do the same here at the Advocate. I’ve often referred to the newspaper as being like a farm, its hard to get away. The paper comes out 52 weeks a year and with two full time employees and two part time employees, its hard to get away. With the Fourth being on a Thursday makes it pretty easy. The Cumberland Chamber of Commerce puts on a fantastic celebration for the Fourth. Tourist Park will be full of people. Paisan and the Family Brass plays Wednesday night at 8 pm in the pavilion. It will be packed I’m sure. On Thursday, July 4th, there are kids games at 11 am, a horseshoe tournament at noon, DJ music starting at 6 pm and of course the best fireworks display in the area at dusk. On Friday there will also be a volleyball tournament at the beach. Friday is also the rain date for fireworks! Contact the Chamber with any questions. Don’t forget the annual Firemen’s Pancake Breakfast at the Firehall on Thursday, July 4th from 7 am to 11 am. Hope to see you at the beach! It should be a great celebration.

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The Twins and the Brewers continue to play some good baseball. The Brewers have a nice six game lead while the Twins trail the Cleveland Guardians by the same number. The crew has hit five grand slams in its last eight games. That doesn’t happen very often for sure. They keep getting solid pitching from some unlikely guys and timely hitting. The Twins, meanwhile, have been scoring a lot of runs the past several weeks. The second half of the season should be a lot of fun. It sure is nice to turn on the radio or TV every night and check the scores. Both teams should be in it til the end of the season!

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I need to get out in the boat. As most of you know I love to fish, but it seems the weather stinks or something else needs to get done when I get the chance. I haven’t been out in three weeks. Nothing better than a meal of fresh fish. Hopefully some morning this week I can make that happen. As I tell my wife Sarah, I need to make sure the boat still floats!

Have a great week!



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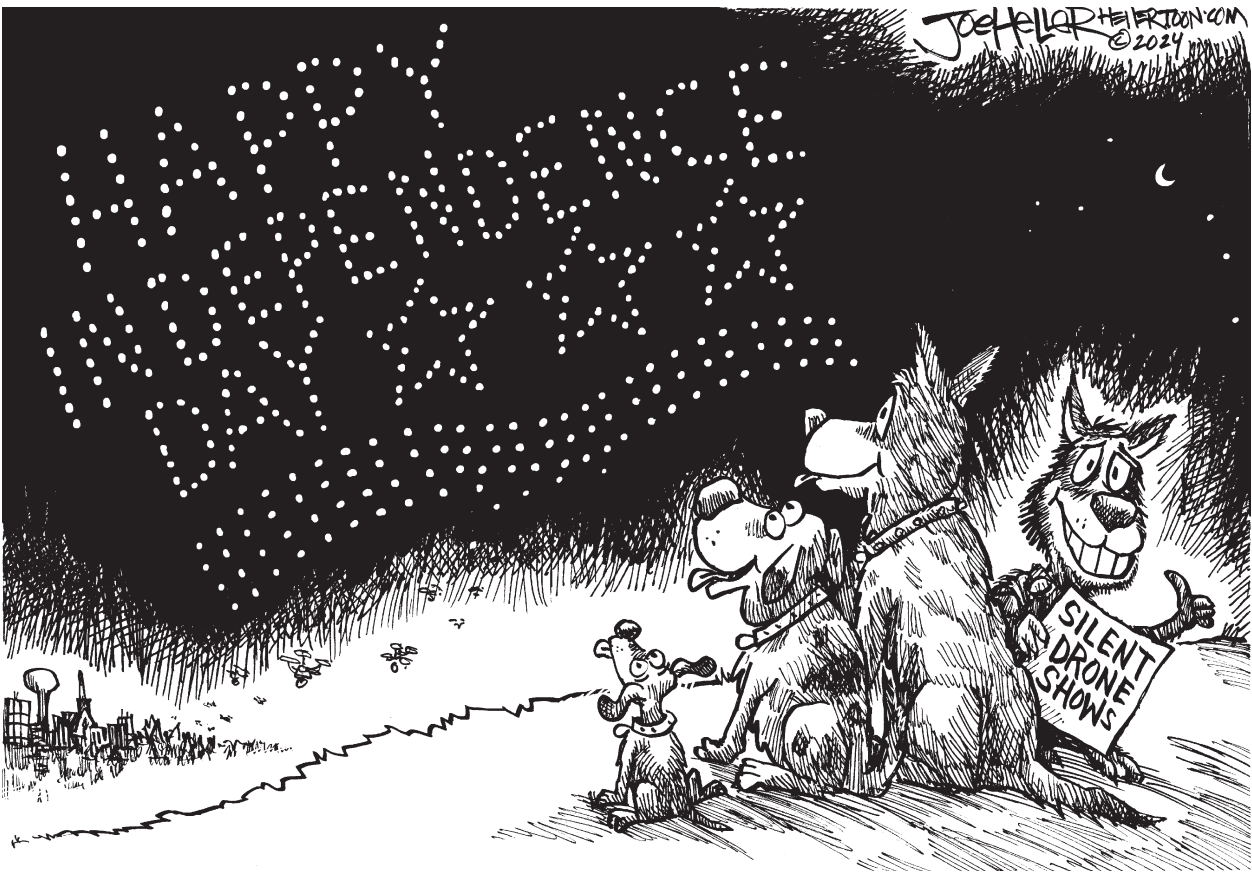
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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“Solar, wind, nuclear: All of the above or other”

MADISON, Wis. – It must be tough being an energy planner these days. Whether you’re working for a utility company, a public regulator or a private firm hoping to control costs by conserving electricity use, it must be confusing to follow the debate around breaking free from carbon-based generation.

“Solar is the future!” some advocates will shout. “Wind is best!” other may counter. “Don’t forget geothermal, hydrogen, storage or (fill-in-the-blank)” is yet another refrain.

Back on the table in a seemingly major way is nuclear energy, in part because technology around small-module reactors has improved but also because Congress has overwhelmingly passed legislation to overhaul parts of the approval process for such power plants. It cleared the House of Representatives 365-36 and the Senate 88-2 in late June, margins rarely seen in today’s political climate. It awaits President Biden’s signature.

The arguments for revival of nuclear fission are familiar. It is emissions-free, unlike coal or natural gas, and robust enough to produce reliable electrical power loads when the sun doesn’t shine and the wind

doesn’t blow.

Most nuclear waste can be reprocessed, with only about 5% dangerous enough to be stored in isolation. The trick is safely recycling that 5%, which is part of the work taking place in places such as Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee but also closer to home. For example, SHINE Technologies in Janesville is looking to use fusion to recycle fissile material from reactors, past and future. The nuclear engineering program at UW-Madison is also part of the research mix.

Speaking at a recent WisPolitics luncheon in Madison, the chairwoman of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin highlighted passage of the federal ADVANCE Act, which stands for Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy. She made what amounted to a “bring-it-on” endorsement considering small module reactors.

“If I had it my way, it would be happening faster and be more readily available,” said the PSC’s Summer Strand, who also noted European countries are making progress on small modular reactors.

Of course, it will take money and expertise to do

so, and at least one Wisconsin utility is assessing the possibility. Dairyland Power in western Wisconsin signed a memorandum of understanding with NuScale Power in 2022 to examine building a small modular reactor.

“The bottom line is: If we are for a less-carbon future, if you are against carbon, you need to be for nuclear. I don’t know a simpler way to put it,” Dairyland Chief Executive Officer said during a 2023 Wisconsin Technology Council luncheon in Madison. “If you want there to be less carbon, and you want a reliable, safe, economic grid that will keep together our economic 24/7 engine, nuclear is part of that future.”

Traditional nuclear fission already plays a role in the state’s energy mix, with two reactors at the Point Beach plant supplying about 15% of the state’s annual net generation since 2013, when the Kewaunee Nuclear Power Plant shut down. Before then, those two plants accounted for about one-fifth of the state’s electricity generation.

Small module nuclear fission reactors are much smaller (one-third generating capacity) and somewhat easier to construct

than traditional nuclear power plants. Experts believe they are much safer and more adaptable to different generation needs, which helps to explain the deep congressional interest.

Still, there are reasons to doubt whether “next-generation” reactors will become big part of the answer.

Solar, wind and other alternative sources continue to add to the U.S. and world generation capacity. Battery storage technology has improved to the point that in 2023, investors for the first time put more money into stationary energy storage than they did nuclear. Small-module fission reactors will be expensive to build, and paying for them will require a lot of patient money.

Even with aggressive carbon reduction goals in place, the question is whether solar, wind and other alternative sources will close that gap fast enough to limit the role of nuclear energy. The race is on, and it’s at least good to know there are options.

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A Look Back

10 Years Ago July 9, 2014

Louie’s Finer Meats of Cumberland won national recognition at the American Cured Meat Championships held June 19-21 in Milwaukee. There were 823 entries in 27 product categories. Louie’s Finer Meats was awarded 3rd Place, Champion in the Lightweight Bacon Class; 2nd Place, Reserve Grand Champion in the Country Bacon Class; 4th Place, Reserve Champion, in the Lightweight Bone-in Ham class; 1st Place, Grand Champion, in the Commercial Boneless Ham Class, 4th Place, Reserve Champion, in the Small Diameter Smoked and Cooked Sausage Class; 2nd Place, reserve Grand Champion, in the Specialty Game Meats Class; and 3rd Place, Champion, in the Heavyweight Bone-in Ham Class.

20 Years Ago July 7, 2004

Three Cumberland High School Juniors, Ben Jerry, Griffin Severson, and Erin Miller were each awarded a \$5,000 Endeavor Foundation Scholarship during an end of the year awards ceremony at Cumberland High School.

Dr. Lee Jacobson and Dr. Jennifer Jacobson Turcott have announced

a name change for their Cumberland and Frederic eye clinics. The Jacobson Eye Health Care Clinic will now be known as Jacobson Advanced Eye Care.

30 Years Ago July 6, 1994

Todd Schlechte, a 1985 graduate of Cumberland High School, has completed his seminary studies and will be ordained into the pastoral ministry on July 10 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Cumberland.

40 Years Ago July 4, 1984

Rochelle Grant, 17, daughter of Evelyn Grant of Cumberland, will compete in the 1984 Miss Teen USA. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash scholarship, a full modeling scholarship a round trip flight and all expenses paid to compete in the National Miss Teen Finals for over \$30,000 in scholarships and awards.

For the second time in three weeks, a tailgate was stolen from a pickup truck parked in the city. The theft occurred behind the Club on June 27. Police are still investigating the theft.

50 Years Ago July 4, 1974

Miss Dora Brinkley will be honored as the

oldest living direct descendants of one of the first settlers in Cumberland during the centennial. Her great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Cooke, came to Cumberland during the winter of 1875 and lived in a cloth tent the first winter.

Bar recipes were featured this year in the annual June Dairy Recipe Contest. Winning first place with her bar recipe, “Chip and Puff Cream Bars”, was Mrs. Joe Sirianni of Cumberland.

60 Years Ago July 3, 1964

Two employees of the 3M Company in Cumberland were honored for their long years of service. They are J.R. Thorp who received a 3M emblem for 20 years of service and W.E. Steinbach, who also received and emblem and a gold watch for 25 years of service.

70 Years Ago July 8, 1954

This is the week those of us who produce the Advocate throw over the traces and get out of the weekly rut. The entire staff of the Advocate is taking a vacation for one week. We will return on July 12.

80 Years Ago June 29, 1944

CPL T. Sidney J.

Brekke, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Brekke of Timberland, was one of four men in his Anti-Aircraft battery serving with the Army in Italy to receive a Special Citation from their commanding officer.



2024 WEATHER			
Date	Hi	Lo	Pre.
6/25	80	60	0.84
6/26	81	60	0.00
6/27	73	55	0.00
6/28	71	57	0.41
6/29	72	57	0.34
6/30	69	48	0.01
5/20	71	51	0.00
Temperature and precipitation readings are taken at 7 a.m. for the previous 24 hours and are provided by the Cumberland Utility Office.			

Sports



An Outdoorsman's Journal

Return of the Canada Gang

Hello friends,
Back in 1982 I was 21 and my brother Mike was 25. Along with my dad, the late Robert Walters, and a family friend, we flew by float plane to Shultz lake which is 55 air miles northwest of Red Lake and absolutely kicked butt on walleye and northern pike. Forty-two years later Chimo Lodge and Outposts, formally owned by my good friends Pete and Elizabeth Hagedorn is owned by Chris and Tammy Leblanc and I am happy to say there is not a flaw in the way this business is run. Mike and I, along with my brother Tom Walters, brother in law Dick Schuster, nephew Trent Schuster, high school and lifelong friends Jeff Moll and Roger Frank and family friend Steve Mellone just returned from 7-days in the promised land.

Saturday, June 15th
High 69, low 47
The theme for the first 6 days of this trip would be cold and windy. Not chilling cold, but because of constant winds it wore on a person. We arrived yesterday, camped in Pete and Elizabeth's backyard and flew to Shultz today and fish catching was very good and the mood was even better. Jeff Moll who is entering his 50th year as a Red Brush Hunter "our deer camp" would be my partner for the day and we did well as Jeff won the "big walleye" for the day with for the group. Trent Schuster's first fish of the trip was caught on a night crawler harness and it was a 39 inch northern pike. Tonight, it was our usual antics of fresh walleye and playing crap on your neighbor, Moll and I saw daylight before calling it a day.

Sunday, June 16th
High 65, low 45
Steve Mellone is the new guy in the group and Steve would have an incredible trip. Today he was fishing with my brother Tom and caught a 40-inch gator which knocked Trent out of the picture by an

inch. Steve would see moose and bear on this trip could stay up till the cows come home and is a lot of fun. I mentioned the chill in the air, it was the wind and it would make boat handling, especially while fighting a good fish a very large challenge and every day but the last I wore knee boots and pants instead of sandals shorts.

Monday, June 17th
High 72, low 51
About five years ago much of the bush around Shultz lake burned and we were here in '95 when it burned. People often speak poorly about forest fires but let me tell you, the new growth of aspen, birch and jack pine is beautiful and a smorgasbord for the local moose. Today I would be fishing with my 32-year-old nephew Trent Schuster, and we would take a boat from camp, travel to a portage "trail" and then hike to another lake where there is a boat.

There are lake trout in this lake as well northern pike and walleye. Over 42 years we have only caught 5 trout and Trent wanted to make it six. Instead of just going after walleye that average 19-20 inches in this lake we rigged up with 4-ounce weights and weights and Trent used a 2-ounce jig with a 4 inch twister tail. We trolled in 60-feet of water and Trent had a hard hit and then an excellent fight by what would be a beautiful 29-inch laker. We had a day to fish and put it on a long stringer in deep water so the eagles would not get it and within one minute two arrived and failed as the trout was too deep to reach.

Next on the Trent Schuster Show was walleye. Numbers wise things were a bit slow, especially when compared to his uncle but in this gang, size matters and while I was catching numerous walleyes between 20 and 24 inches and while Trent was still living in the glory of his trout he was basically just an observer. The size game worked out very nicely when he hooked into a good fish, and we were being



Trent Schuster with a good sized Lake Trout!



Steve Mellone with a beautiful northern pike that he caught and released on Schultz Lake.

pushed hard by the wind. Trent caught a beautiful 27.25 inch walleye and what is really cool is that no more than 5 minutes after releasing it, he caught another 27-incher.

We fished hard all day and had a blast and then headed back to camp and baked one of the trout fillets for a snack for the group to go with our supper. On this night crap on your neighbor and lots of laughs kept most of the gang up until there was daylight on the eastern horizon and in all of our minds we were splendidly aware that we had 5 more days of living large.

Live till your heart stops!
Sunset

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Janelle Peterson; 2024 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee



Janelle Peterson

Legion Baseball Team Runs Record to 3 and 0

The Cumberland American Legion Baseball Team ran their record to 3 and 0 on the summer with a 14-1 victory over Chetek-Weyerhaeuser in Chetek last Thursday night. The victory comes following previous wins over Spooner and Hayward in earlier contest.

Post 98 left little doubt to the winner of Thursday's match-up, scoring 10 runs in the first inning. C-W pitchers walked six hitters in the frame, with all six scoring runs. Tucker Wickstrom had two hits for Coach John Peterson, while Troy Majewski picked up

the pitching victory.

Uriah Johnson took the two pitching victories against Hayward and Spooner. Against the Rails, Cumberland scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pull out a come from behind one-run victory, thanks to key hits by Parker Peterson and Sloan McCreary.

"Landon Wickstrom, Gabe Graf, Troy Majewski and Gabe Graf have provided a lot of offense in the three wins, while new players like Ian Sellent, Mason Capra, and Tucker Wickstrom have contributed some solid play," said Coach Peterson.

On Saturday, September 28, the latest class of former Cumberland athletes will be inducted into the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame. One of the individuals who will be recognized by the School District, will be 2005 graduate, Janelle Peterson.

Peterson was an excellent three-sport athlete during her high school career, receiving eight letters, three team MVP Awards, and being recognized on the HON All-Conference list on five different occasions. For her exploits, Peterson would receive the American Legion "Outstanding Female Athlete Award" upon her graduation.

She was a key reserve on a 13-win basketball team and was a two-time team Captain and twice named Honorable Mention for her work in volleyball. It was in softball, however, where

she really shined.

Peterson graduated as the school leader in home runs and hits and was a First Team All-Conference choice each of her last three seasons. Her Coach Jess Olson would say of Peterson, "The fences on the softball field were back when she played or I can't imagine how many home runs she would have hit." Her strong senior season saw her hit .485 with 32 runs scored and five round-trippers, statistics that gave her All-State recognition.

Her work on the softball field led to her recruitment by UW-Stout.

Peterson would enjoy a tremendous career for the Blue Devils, gaining First Team All-WIAC recognition, Team MVP status, and winning the Golden Glove Award. She set several records for UW-Stout Softball and was a Conference

player of the week during a stretch where she hit .611 for the week, while hitting two home runs, one with the bases loaded. She hit .405 as a senior, driving in 35 runs.

Peterson says of her time in high school, "The memories I have and the lessons I learned were at the top of my hi-lights. Some of my fondest memories were not necessarily on the court or field, but between practices, team gatherings, or on bus trips."

She added, "I am grateful for the coaches and all of the athletes I had the privilege to play alongside. I have been involved in coaching myself and find myself repeating the same things my coaches told me. Along with my coaches, it was my family that encouraged me to always reach out to become the best I could be. My brother John

showed me what hard work could accomplish.

Today, Janelle is Operations Manager for Hat-launch/Shirtlaunch, a company located near St. Louis, where they are an online source for custom made products. She lives there with her four-year old son, Jaxxon, who she says is, "The light of my life."

Peterson calls her time playing sports and being a drum Major in the band, "A blast and so gratifying." On September 28, we'll have an opportunity to celebrate with Janelle, the many memories she made.

Other inductees on September 28 include Tim Altmann, Bob Margotto, Kyle Krueger, Rick Ranallo, and Phil Capuzzi. Articles on each of the inductees will take place in future papers as well as Information on how the public and purchase tickets for the event.

Boat And Ride Responsibly This Holiday Weekend

Wisconsinites and visitors should remember to put safety first when boating and riding ATV's/UTV's during the Fourth of July holiday weekend by wearing appropriate safety gear and operating responsibly.

One of the best things you can do to operate a boat or ATV/UTV safely is to take an online safety course. A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR Safety Education webpage.

Hitting the water? Follow these basic boat safety tips:

Always wear a properly fitted and fastened life jacket when on or near the water. A life jacket will keep you on top of the water if you walk off an unexpected drop-off, a wave or current overpowers you or you fall out of a boat.

Enjoy the waters sober and know your limits. Alcohol blurs a person's judgment, reaction time and abilities.

River shorelines and sandbars pose unseen dangers. Higher, fast-moving water

can tax an individual's boating, paddling and swimming skills.

Keep an eye on the weather and always tell someone where you are going.

Create a float plan and tell people when and where you plan to depart and return before going for a float or paddle.

You'll also see more DNR conservation wardens and area law enforcement on the water July 4-6 as part of the national Operation Dry Water campaign.

Riding an ATV/UTV? Keep these safety tips in mind:

Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.

Wear your helmet, seat belt and protective clothing.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.

Follow all posted speed limits and regulatory signs.

Let someone not riding with you know where you are going and when you will return.

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Don't be a party to teenage drinking.

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SOLAR TIMES

LUNAR TIMES

DATE	Minor	Major	Minor	Major	Sunrise	Sunset	Rise	Up	Sets	Down	DST
07/03 Wed	3:17	9:31	3:45	10:00	5:25	08:57	2:48a	7:37p	11:08a	11:37p	*
07/04 Thu >	4:10	10:24	4:39	10:53	05:26	08:57	3:33a	8:40p	12:06p	NoMoon	*
07/05 Fri >	5:05	11:20	5:34	11:48	05:26	08:57	4:30a	9:31p	1:03p	12:35a	*
07/06 Sat N	6:02	11:44	6:29	12:15	05:27	08:56	5:36a	10:10p	1:59p	1:31a	*
07/07 Sun >	6:58	12:45	7:23	1:10	05:28	08:56	6:47a	10:39p	2:50p	2:25a	*
07/08 Mon >	7:52	1:40	8:15	2:03	05:29	08:55	7:59a	11:02p	3:38p	3:15a	*
07/09 Tue	8:43	2:32	9:05	2:54	05:29	08:55	9:10a	11:20p	4:22p	4:01a	*

Major = 2 hours/Minor = 1 hour • Times are centered on the major/minor window
F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity
DST will have * in it if it is in effect that day Calibrated for Time Zone: 6W

Team Totals

Hardina Septic - 290
Nyhus Insurance - 285
Brill Sportsmans Club-280
Goonies - 273
Echo Valley Bear Hunters - 270
Charlies Place - 260
5 Guys - 259
Friess MinnowFarm - 256
Rouser Farms 1 - 256
Halco Press - 254
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4 1/2 Men - 243

Vision Builders - 241
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Almena Meat Co - 220
B n B Disposal - 203
Twin Pines Ladies - 186
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Cumberland 5 - 152
Top Men

Dan Hardina - 25
Ethan Yeske - 25
Jordan Olson - 25
Jason Murphy - 25
Jim Chernney - 25
Ryan Hanson - 24
Arvid Bylander - 24
John Ricci - 24
Brandon Peetz - 24
Eric Rouzer - 24
Larry Johnson - 24
Top Women
Hayleigh Chartraw - 23

Joann Scribner - 21
Anita Toombs - 21
Steph Behling - 18
Mandy Rouzer - 17
Brenda Rouzer - 17
Top Youth
Jade Schallock - 24
Colton Brunette - 23
Walker Nykanen - 22
Ella Moen - 21
Kyle Carlson - 21

Boaters: Be Aware Of Increased Law Enforcement This Holiday Weekend; Operation Dry Water Is July 4-6

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) advises boaters that they will see more DNR conservation wardens and area law enforcement on the water July 4-6 as part of the national Operation Dry Water campaign.

Wardens and other participating law enforcement agencies will educate boaters about safe boating practices, including sober boating, across the country.

Alcohol use is a leading factor in recreational boating fatalities, and 85% of those who drowned in a recreational boating incident were not wearing life jackets. So far in 2024, there have been four boating fatalities. The DNR’s Boating Incident Report webpage contains information on all fatality reports.

Since Operation Dry Water started in 2009, law en-

forcement officers across the nation removed 6,869 impaired operators from the nation’s waterways, preventing dangerous and potentially devastating consequences.

If alcohol is involved in your day of boating, have a designated operator. Operating a boat is no different than driving a car.

“Boating while impaired continues to be a problem on our waterways,” said Lt. Darren Kuhn, DNR Boating Law Administrator. “As law enforcement, it is our duty to ensure that recreational boaters, paddlers and anyone enjoying our waterways have a safe place to spend their time. The tragedies that result from these boating-under-the-influence incidents are 100% preventable.”

Operating a vessel while impaired is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead

to serious injuries, death and legal consequences. In Wisconsin, it is illegal to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% or higher.

Operation Dry Water is a year-round boating-under-the-influence awareness and enforcement campaign. Its heightened awareness and enforcement three-day weekend takes place annually around the Fourth of July, a holiday unfortunately known for drinking, boating and deadly incidents.

Follow the safety tips below to safely boat with family and friends.

Sign up now to take an online boater education course.

Always wear a properly fitted and fastened life jacket when on or near the water. A life jacket will keep you on top of the water if you walk off an unexpected drop-off, a wave or current

overpowers you or you fall out of a boat.

Enjoy the waters sober and know your limits. Alcohol blurs a person’s judgment, reaction time and abilities.

River shorelines and sandbars pose unseen dangers. Higher, fast-moving water can tax an individual’s boating, paddling and swimming skills.

Keep an eye on the weather and always tell someone where you are going.

Create a float plan and tell people when and where you plan to depart and return before going for a float or paddle.

Boaters can learn more about boating under the influence by visiting operationdrywater.org. Operation Dry Water is coordinated nationally by the National Association of State Boating Law.

Nice Bass!



Caroline Schoen caught this 16 inch bass when it tried to eat her little bluegill on her Mickey Mouse fishing rod! Her dad, Earl, was with her!

Sports Look Back, July 4, 1984

The great Eddie Feigner and his four-man softball team will make their first appearance ever in the Island City on Saturday, July 7. The Cumberland Little League will sponsor a game between the King of Softball and the Cumberland Area All-Stars.

The famed hurler has scored over 6,000 victories in 39 years of touring with his team. He has struck out more than 110,000 hitters, pitched 2,000 shut-outs, 1,000 no-hitters, and whiffed 3,200 batters while pitching blind folded.

Feigner’s fastball has been

clocked at 104 miles an hour. H has played before 15 million softball fans. Feigner proved his ability in a nationally televised celebrity game in Dodger Stadium in the 1960’s in which he struck out Harmon Killebrew, Willie Mays, Brooks Robinson, Willie McCovey, Mavrey Wills, and the late Roberto Clemente.

Several area players will be on the local team. Jim Waite, Pat Perzichilli, Barry Zappa, Paul Nelson, Pete Bergmann, Tony Cifaldi, Dave Churchill and Tony DiSalvo are among those scheduled to play.

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Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary Upcoming Events

Program: Beasts & Beer
Topic: Into the Vernal Pool
Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Location: Buck ‘n Beams, Cameron, WI
Happy Hour: 5:30 pm;
Program: 6:00 pm
Program Fee: \$15/person
Registration required.
Limit: 70 people
Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary will be hosting a Beasts & Beer program at Buck ‘n Beams Social House & Campground, Cameron, WI on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. Check-in is at 5:30 pm with an opportunity to socialize with other nature enthusiasts before the nature presentation begins at 6:00 pm. This month’s topic is Into the Vernal Pool.
Beasts and Beer is a monthly program that gives nature lovers an opportunity to socialize with other nature enthusiasts over snacks and beverages, and enjoy an engaging presentation from a local expert in a happy-hour atmosphere. Each Beasts and Beer program features a different presenter at a different location.
Vernal pools are unique wetlands found in historically glaciated areas. Many animals who call vernal pools home live nowhere else. Join WI DNR Conser-

vation Biologist Alexander Streitz as he focuses on the herpetofauna and organisms they depend on in this explosive and seasonal environment.
Registration is required by Tuesday, July 9th at noon or when the program limit of 70 people is reached, whichever comes first. To register, visit www.hunt-hill.org to complete online registration or call 715-635-6543. The program fee is \$15 per person.
Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at www.hunt-hill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.
Contact: Marissa Ginger, Program Coordinator, Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, N2384 Hunt Hill Road, Sarona, WI 54870, 715-635-6543, program@hunt-hill.org
Program: Bat Roost Count
Date: Friday, July 12, 2024
Time: 8:00 - 9:30 pm
Location: Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, Sarona, WI
Program Fee: Free, donations appreciated.
Registration is not required, but strongly encouraged. Limit: 20 people
Interested in contributing to science and learning something new? Participate in a Bat Roost Count, a citizen science program, at

Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary on Friday, July 12, 2024 from 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Citizen Science is scientific research that the public can participate in and contribute to data collection. No prior experience is needed to participate.
The baby bats have taken to the air! Join Hunt Hill in completing a second roost count after the babies have emerged to help get an idea of the bat’s population change over the summer. At this Bat Roost Count, learn about the types of bats that live in the area and ways that citizen scientists can help monitor them. Then, once the sun goes down, we will count the bats that emerge from the bat houses around camp and complete a roost count. There may also be a chance to try some acoustic monitoring. Participants need not have participated in the previous count to attend this one.
There is no program fee, but registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register, visit www.hunthill.org or call 715-635-6543.
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Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Happy Independence Day!! I’m so glad Shell Lake does the celebration on the 3rd. It’s nice to sit outside the ice cream shop in comfortable chairs and still be able to enjoy all the fireworks. And, of course there is a street dance and other things going on as well. And, if you like to sit outside and enjoy crowds, Cumberland’s 4th of July celebration at the park is just about unbeatable. There are lots and lots of things to do this week – and, I’m sure we all remember the reason for the celebration is that we are just about the luckiest people in the world to be living in a country where we can travel from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean without ever being stopped and asked for our paperwork. That’s a freedom people in most countries do not enjoy. Sometimes it’s hard to remember, when we are complaining about how the country is being run, that we are so fortunate. No matter what anyone says, I still believe that we live in the greatest country in the world.
This past week has been very busy for us. Duane has been busy bagging apples to keep the worms from moving in. I have tried to keep some of the weeds out of the garden, but they seem to be winning. I was weeding the little onions, but the ground was so wet that I seemed to be doing more damage than good, so I put that on hold until it dries out a little bit. I cleaned all the dead bugs out of the treehouse – I still have to take a vacuum up there to clean out

the window sills, but it isn’t too bad. Maybe one of these nights I’ll take a little vacation from the house and sleep up there where it is nice and quiet.
I spent my birthday, which was Friday, getting ready for a cookout on Saturday. Tinille and Ivana Bellefeuille were here most of the day helping, which I appreciated greatly. The work time was cut in half, and it was so nice to have someone to chat with while I was doing boring work such as making salads. With Ivana around there really is no time to be bored. She is such a little sweetheart.
Both Alyse Lehmann and Geri Pittman brought me T-shirts with very funny (but a little naughty) sayings on them. Geri is our church organist, you know, and I told her I was going to wear hers to church on Sunday morning. She did not think that was a good idea, and, really, neither did I – But I think I might wear it under a sweater that will completely cover it and then open the cardigan to show Geri that I have it on. If I do that before the service starts, she will be so shaken that she won’t be able to concentrate on the music. Maybe I had better leave well enough alone.
On Saturday we had a cookout with lots of family and friends. David, Chris and Sandy, and Lance and Kris Hook traveled up from the Mount Horeb area to visit and come to the cookout, and Jay and Marcia Olson were up from Clinton, Missouri to

celebrate Pat’s birthday and the 4th of July, and they were there as well. Judy Scharmer brought a pan of delicious brownies. Lynn’s grandsons, Kane and Pierce, had a great time playing with Jeffrey Olson’s son, Christian. I won’t even attempt to name everyone there, because I know I would forget someone, but we all had a great time sitting around the bonfire, eating, and visiting.
This was also the weekend for the Hungry Hollow harvest and steam engine show. Duane and I met Tinille, Mark and Ivana Bellefeuille there on Sunday, had breakfast, and then walked around and saw lots and lots of old machinery and tractors. Of course, there were lots of vendors selling just about anything a person could possibly want – I picked up a few things that I couldn’t live without. One of the things was a cloth bag with a weighted handle to use in the car for waste paper. And, Ray Hibbs was there selling maple products from McKinley and I got some maple cream from him. Duane bought some boring stuff – a drill bit and that kind of junk, but he seemed happy with it. Men are so strange. If it’s not shiny or it doesn’t taste good, why would anyone even notice?
I guess that’s about all I know from Barronett this week. Have a very nice 4th of July, and I hope to see you at one of the fireworks displays.



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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, July 4
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Friday, July 5
No Meals served due to Holiday. ADRC Closed.

Monday, July 8
Spaghetti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli, garlic breadstick, pears.

Tuesday, July 9
Slippery Hill entrée salad with grilled chicken, cheese and veggies, fresh fruit cup, dinner roll, blonde bar.

Wednesday, July 10
Seafood and pea pasta salad on a lettuce leaf, three-bean salad, cranberry muffin, jello with fruit.

Lunch is served at 11:45 am and includes milk and/or coffee. Suggested contribution is \$8.00 per meal for anyone 60 years or older and \$15.00 full cost for those under 60. Please reserve your meal 24 hours ahead of time by calling The Cumberland Senior Center at 715-822-8794. MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.
(No reservation needed for Soup & Salad Bar days on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.) The Senior Center is located at 1255 Webb St.

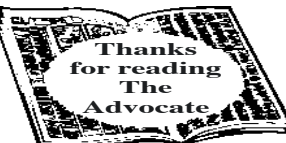
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Wayne R. Hanson

Wayne Ralph Hanson, 63, of Comstock passed on June 26, 2024. He was born June 28, 1960, in Shell Lake, WI to Merlin Floyd and Clara (Kurht) Hanson.

Wayne loved his Harley, the Green Bay Packers, and most importantly his children and grandchildren. The time he spent with his grandchildren was very special to him. He had a particular soft spot for animals. It was not uncommon for Wayne to take his dog along for rides on the

Harley.

He is survived by his daughter, Tina (Rob) Watts; son, Dustin (Tami) Hanson; grandchildren: Ethan Watts, MaKayla Watts, Caleb Hanson, Tyler Hanson, and Isaiah Hanson; siblings: Roger (Marleen) Hanson, Patty (Margaret Tibbetts) Hanson, Floyd Hanson, Paul Hanson, Shawn Hanson, Dean (Matthew) Ovitt-Stoneking, and Sue (Jerry) Sink; step-siblings: Diane Paradise, Bill Mlejnek, and Gail (Mike) Hoff; many nieces, nephews, and friends. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents; Merlin Hanson and Clara Blair; an infant brother, Rodney Hanson; step-siblings: Sandy Liberty, and Shelly Patake.

A time of sharing was held Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at Skinner Funeral Home, Cumberland. Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



Mary "Joyce" Danz

Mary "Joyce" Danz, age 95 passed away with her family at her side on June 28, 2024 at Brentwood Memory Care in Rice Lake, WI. She was born September 6, 1928 in Ashland, WI to Willard and Jeretta (Wallace) Wilson.

Joyce had a blessed life, from a wonderful childhood in a close family, to her 51-year marriage to a very special Christian man. Besides being a great stay at home Mom, never missing her children's sporting or school events, Joyce loved

crafting, cooking, and was a talented seamstress - she had the patience to do it all! She loved words and was skilled in Scrabble, as well as being a Wheel of Fortune pro. Like her own Mom, she was also a sports enthusiast, and often impressed those around her with her wealth of knowledge surrounding any team, sport, or player. Some kind of sporting event was always on her TV from NFL football to Little League baseball championships. Joyce also enjoyed bowling in leagues with her husband, Harry, throughout the years. She was very active in the church, from teaching Sunday School and VBS to women's groups and church meals, including serving at the church's food booth at the fair. Her main role in later years was as grandma. She found joy in spending time with all her grandkids and great grandkids, whether in Hawaii or at the house on Silver Lake.

She is survived by children,

James "Jim" (Kauionalani) Danz of Kaneohe, HI, Thomas "Tom" (Marilyn) Danz of Neenah, WI, and Catherine "Cathy" (David) Mitchell of Almena, WI; grandchildren, Nanea (Andrew), Joshua (Jaylene), Brian (Stacy), Tricia (Jason), Leighton, Jordan (Allie), Joshua (Jill) and Jonathan (Abi); great-grandchildren, Dylan, Kaila, Kailene, Kaikona, Ryder, Jaymson, Jeynsen, Caleb, Sarah, Natalie, Nathan, Emma, Connor, Caiden, Madison, Destina, and Ayla; and one great-great-grandchild, Shy-cetyn.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Harry; parents, Willard and Jeretta; and siblings, Ken, Sam, Alice, Audrey, Ethel, and Jackie.

A Memorial Service will be held in late July at St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Almena. Service details to follow.

Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



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Cumberland is a great place to celebrate the Fourth of July. We shared the day with our own children, plus Janices brothers and sisters, my sisters, and their families. We had cookouts with Louies brats and burgers, potato salad, and melon for all. As the evening came, we all walked the two blocks to the beach for the best fireworks in the area. What could be better?

Of course, the next morning, we returned to our normal lives of work and raising a family in Wisconsin, a great place to live. Life here is certainly good, though I will admit there can be some rough spots to work through. That is where a little guidance and wisdom from above is appreciated.

St. Peter wrote: Live like free people. But don't use your freedom to cover up evil. Live like people who serve God. Show proper respect to everyone. Love the community of believers. Have respect for God. Honor the king. (1 Peter 2:16-17, NIV)

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St. Paul reminds us to bring out the best in ourselves and each other: 'we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.'

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:14-23 NRSV) AMEN.

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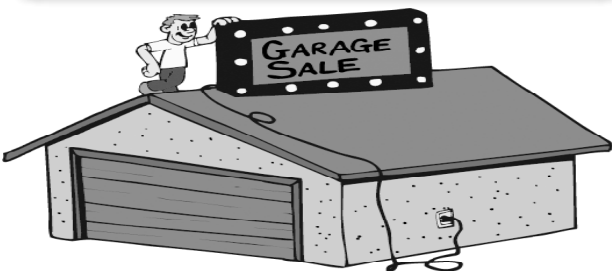


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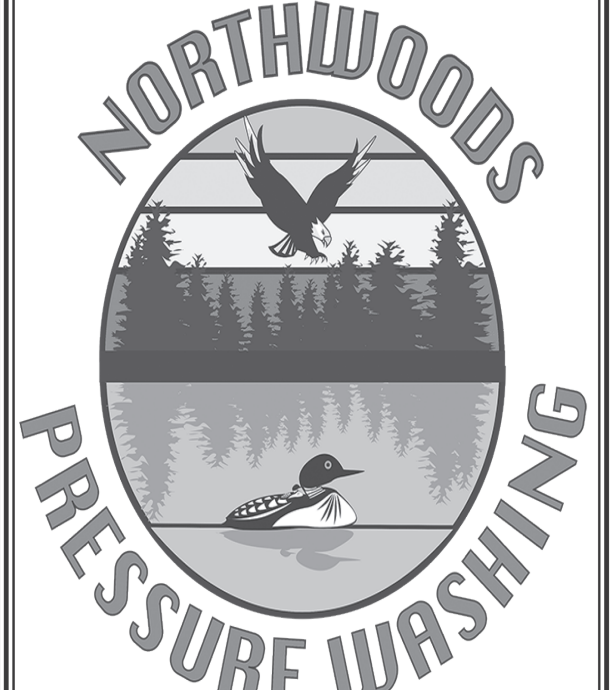
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Barron County
Highway: County O
Location: Decker Driver intersection in Rice Lake
Schedule: June 10 to late July
Cost: \$337,337
Description: Constructing raised islands at the intersection; extending the raised median along County O to restrict left-turn movements from County O westbound onto Decker Drive; replacing storm sewer; upgrading sidewalk curb ramps to meet Americans With Disabilities Act standards; and updating signs and pavement markings to direct traffic along Decker Drive to the signalized intersection of County O and Wisconsin Avenue.
Traffic impacts: Motorists will encounter one lane in each direction on County O with turn lanes to Decker Drive and one-way traffic on north and south Decker Drive.
Highway: WIS 48
Location: County P (1st Avenue) in Cumberland east to WIS 25 west of Rice Lake
Schedule: June 10 to early October
Cost: \$5.97 million
Description: Removing a portion of the existing pavement and placing new asphalt; replacing deteriorated sections of curb and gutter; completing maintenance work on culverts, including repairing separated joints, replacing detached or corroded apron end walls, lining pipes, placing riprap, performing ditching and grubbing near culvert ends, adding culvert markers and replacing all four wing walls of the Hickey Creek box culvert; replacing

guardrail; and adding centerline and shoulder rumble strips where appropriate and widening the existing three-foot paved shoulders to five feet to address run-off-the-road crashes.
Traffic impacts: Motorists will encounter lane closures controlled by flagging at times during work hours.
Barron, Chippewa, Douglas, Eau Claire and Washburn counties
Highway: US 53
Location: County AA (Golf Road) in Eau Claire to the US 53 bridge over Hill Avenue in Superior
Schedule: June 24 to late July
Cost: \$212,288
Description: Cleaning concrete surfaces on bridges and coating the decks of bridges carrying US 53 and the columns on structures that go over US 53 with a concrete sealing compound.
Traffic impacts: Motorists will encounter temporary moving lane closures on US 53 as crews complete work at structures.
No work currently is planned the weeks of July 1 and July 8.
Barron and Washburn counties
Highway: US 53
Location: 26th Avenue north of Rice Lake to Pine Grove Road south of Sarena
Schedule: Sept. 5, 2023, to November 2024
Cost: \$21.89 million
Description: Removing the existing and base course, placing a new base aggregate layer for drainage, replacing the pavement, rebuilding intersection approaches and installing cable barrier in the median between 26th and 27th avenues and a high-friction

surface treatment on the pavement in the same area to reduce crossover and run-off-the-road crashes.
Traffic impacts: North- and southbound US 53 traffic is operating on the southbound lanes, and the speed limit has been reduced to 55 mph.
Washburn County
Highway: US 53
Location: Wildcat Road southeast of Spooner to County A
Schedule: July 31, 2023, to November 2024
Cost: \$22.74 million
Description: Removing the existing pavement and a portion of the existing base course; placing a new base aggregate layer for drainage and new concrete pavement; replacing pavement on the interchange ramps at US 63 and WIS 70; replacing the pavement on WIS 70 between the ramp terminals; rebuilding existing intersection approaches; and rehabilitating the bridges on US 53 over the Yellow River and US 63 and WIS 70 bridge over US 53.
Traffic impacts: North- and southbound US 53 traffic is operating on the southbound lanes, where traffic will run bidirectional until mid-July.
County A is closed at US 53, and traffic is being detoured via County H.
Traffic on the WIS 70 bridge over US 53 is operating on lanes shifted to the north side of the bridge, with one lane operating in each direction and an 11-foot lane width restriction.
The ramps from northbound US 53 to US 63 and US 63 to northbound US 53 are closed and expected to remain closed until July 12.

USDA Expands Funding Opportunities for Specialty Crop Growers to Help Offset On-Farm Food Safety Expenses for 2024 and 2025

MADISON, The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is expanding the Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops (FSC-SC) program to now include medium-sized businesses in addition to small businesses. Eligible specialty crop growers can apply for assistance for expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety certification. The program has also been expanded to include assistance for 2024 and 2025 expenses. Producers can apply for assistance on their calendar year 2024 expenses beginning July 1, 2024, through Jan. 31, 2025. For program year 2025, the application period will be Jan. 1, 2025, through Jan. 31, 2026.
“The Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops program helps producers cover costs of on-farm food safety certification in order to meet regulatory requirements and access additional markets,” said Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Zach Ducheneaux. “We recognize the value in supporting specialty crop producers incurring these expenses, so we’re not only continuing the program but also improving access by expanding program reach to include medium-sized operations.”
Program Details
FSCSC assists specialty crop operations that incurred eligible on-farm food safety certification and expenses related to obtaining or renewing a food safety. FSCSC covers a percentage of the specialty crop operation’s cost of obtaining or renewing its certification, as well as a portion of related expenses.
Eligible FSCSC applicants must be a specialty crop operation; meet the definition of a small or medium-size business and have paid eligible expenses related to certification.
• A small business has an

average annual monetary value of specialty crops sold by the applicant during the three-year period preceding the program year of no more than \$500,000.
• A medium size business has an average annual monetary value of specialty crops the applicant sold during the three-year period preceding the program year of at least \$500,001 but no more than \$1,000,000.
Specialty crop operations can receive the following cost assistance:
• Developing a food safety plan for first-time food safety certification.
• Maintaining or updating an existing food safety plan.
• Food safety certification.
• Certification upload fees.
• Microbiological testing for products, soil amendments and water.
• Training.
FSCSC payments are calculated separately for each eligible cost category. Details about payment rates and limitations are available at farmers.gov/food-safety.
Applying for Assistance
Interested applicants have until Jan. 31, 2025, to apply for assistance for 2024 eligible expenses. FSA will issue payments as applications are processed and approved. For program year 2025, the application period will be January 1, 2025, through January 31, 2026. FSA will issue 50% of the calculated payment for program year 2025 following application approval, with the remaining amount to be paid after the application deadline. If calculated payments exceed the amount of available funding, payments will be prorated.
Specialty crop producers can apply by completing the FSA-888-1, Food Safety Certification for Specialty Crops Program (FSCSC) for Program Years 2024 and 2025 application. The application, along with the AD-2047, Customer Data Worksheet and SF-3881, ACH

Vendor/Miscellaneous Payment Enrollment Form, if not already on file with FSA, can be submitted to the FSA office at any USDA Service Center nationwide by mail, fax, hand delivery or via electronic means. Alternatively, producers with an eAuthentication account can apply for FSCSC online. Producers interested in creating an eAuthentication account should visit farmers.gov/sign-in.
Specialty crop producers can also call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a FSA employee ready to assist. Visit farmers.gov/food-safety for additional program details, eligibility information and forms needed to apply.
More Information
To learn more about FSA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also prepare maps for acreage reporting as well as manage farm loans and view other farm records data and customer information by logging into their farmers.gov account. Producers without an account can sign up today.
USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America’s food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.



NOTICE
TOWN OF CUMBERLAND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the regular monthly board meeting for the Town of Cumberland will be held Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:00 a.m. in the Town Hall (902 20th Avenue). The Hall is accessible to all persons. The agenda will be posted at least 24 hours before the meeting.
Town of Cumberland
Holly Nyhus, Clerk
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NOTICE
TOWN OF LAKELAND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.
Further notice is given that the date of the August monthly meeting cannot be held on its regular date of the second Tuesday of the month, as it conflicts with the Partisan Primary held on August 13, 2024. Therefore, the monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting agendas are 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 Maxwell-Parker
Clerk
Town of Maple Plain
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NOTICE
TOWN OF MAPLE PLAIN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors for Town of Maple Plain will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 393 26th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.
The agenda will be posted no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting and on the Town’s website, www.townofmapleplain.wi.gov
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”Gypsy” Lights Up Red Barn Theatre’s Stage

The celebrated musical “Gypsy” will dazzle Red Barn Theatre audiences beginning July 10 and running through July 20. Considered by many critics to be musical theatre’s crowning achievement, director/choreographer Cathy Jones Wolf and musical director John Dutmer team up to lead a talented “Gypsy” cast hailing from 7 local communities. It’s a story of an ambitious stage mother, played by Holly Dalsveen of Chippewa Falls, who fights for her daughter’s success in the show business world of the 1920’s and 30’s while secretly yearning for her own triumph.

Loosely based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee, celebrated composers Jule Styne, Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents showcase their talents with many, now standard, hits such as Everything’s Coming Up Roses and Let Me Entertain You.

Joining Holly Dalsveen on the Red Barn stage is Jeff Dalsveen, also of Chippewa Falls, who portrays Herbie. Madeline Sampo (Clayton) is Baby June, Scottie Bernard (Chetek) is Young Louise. From Rice Lake, Elena Halbur plays Dainty June, Gabriella Meinen portrays Louise, Michael Kelly is Tulsa, Quinn Campbell

is Agnes, Ella Kodesh is Dolores, Raegan Stearns-Kutyba is Margaret May, and Blair Campbell and Ava Workman make up the Youth Chorus.

Chris Thompson (Chetek) plays Electra, Cooper Antczak (Weyerhaeuser) portrays Yonkers, Carol Houghdahl (Turtle Lake) plays Tessie Tura, Nancy Erickson Dutmer (Chetek) is Mazeppa and Rachel Westberg (Chetek) is Miss Cratchitt. Rounding out the cast with each playing multiple roles is Ed Houghdahl (Turtle Lake) and Jeremy Westin (Cumberland).

Displayed in the Red Barn Gallery will be the work of Rice Lake Hilltop Elementary students who have developed creativity and fine motor skills through drawing, printmaking, color mixing, sculpting and weaving. Many of their projects are inspired by celebrated artists such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Alma Thomas, Vanessa Brantley-Newton, and Norval Morrisseau. Audra Norton is the art instructor at Hilltop Elementary.

All performances begin at 7:30 pm. There is no Sunday performance. Single admission tickets are \$20. Reservations may be made by calling 715-234-8301 or online at redbarntheatre-ricelake.com

Barron Electric Cooperative Helps Scouts Achieve Excellence

Barron Electric Cooperative donated \$1,000 each to Chippewa Valley Council Scouting America, Northern Star Scouting, as well as Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes. Barron Electric’s General Manager Aaron Torud remarked, “We are proud to support programs that help young people build strong character.” Andrea Blaeser, Development Director for Boy Scouts of America Chippewa Valley Council, said, “We truly appreciate your thoughtful contribution of \$1,000 to the Chippewa Valley Council. Our programs could not exist without the generosity of businesses like you.”

Scouting America’s goal is to help young people learn meaningful life skills, advancing their growth and future outcomes as leaders. More than 130 million Americans have been through Scouting programs since 1910. The Chippewa Valley Council serves nearly 5,000 youth throughout 10 counties in West Central Wisconsin. Northern Star Scouting operates eight camps in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Youth have the opportunity to choose from

a variety of programs. Barron Electric provides electricity to two Boy Scout camps including Tomahawk Scout Reservation, Birchwood and L.E. Phillips Scout Reservation, Rice Lake.

Barron Electric Cooperative’s donation to the Girl Scouts of the Northwestern Great Lakes went towards expenses associated with “Adventures on the GoTM Tour,” which is a mobile unit, providing accessibility to outdoor experiences, aimed at getting more youth on the water, in the trees, and under the stars. Visit gsnwg.org for more information.

Funds for Barron Electric’s donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed cashback credits of former members. The Federated Youth Foundation has specific requirements for which the funds can be used. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use funds from cashback credits to reduce rates. Barron Electric has served the rural area since 1936 and currently provides electricity to nearly 20,000 members.

ATV/UTV Riders: Ride Safe This Holiday Weekend

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) urges ATV/UTV riders to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday responsibly, ride sober and keep their speed in check.

So far this year, 17 people have been killed in ATV/UTV crashes. Most of them were not wearing seat belts or helmets, and alcohol and speed were also contributing factors.

Choosing to wear the appropriate safety gear and operating responsibly significantly reduces the chance of severe injury or a fatal crash.

“When people mix alcohol, speed and poor decisions with ATVs and UTVs, there are no good outcomes,” said Lt. Warden Jacob Holsclaw, DNR off-highway vehicle administrator. “The important thing to remember is that nearly all injury-inducing crashes can be prevented by taking the proper precautions and operating within your capabilities.”

One of the best things ATV

and UTV operators can do to operate safely is to take an online safety course. A list of approved safety education classes is available on the DNR’s Safety Education webpage.

Some additional things to keep in mind when operating your recreational vehicle include:

Never consume alcohol or drugs before or during your ride.

Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.

Follow all posted speed limits and regulatory signs.

Let someone not riding with you know where you are going and when you will return.

Wisconsin law also requires every operator involved in a crash incident to report the incident to law enforcement officials without delay. Operators must submit a written report to the DNR within 10 days of the incident.

For more information about ATV and UTV recreation in Wisconsin, visit the DNR’s ATV/UTV Riding in Wisconsin webpage.

Fun Fundraiser!



It was a full house at Nezy’s Sports Bar and Grill last Saturday for the annual 1/2 K run/walk fundraiser. Besides the run/walk there was live music, meat raffles, 50/50 drawing and more. Proceeds from this years event will go towards the restoration of Library Lake.

\$1,000 Donation!



Jeff Nelson, Barron Line Superintendent (fourth from left) presents a \$1,000 check to Chippewa Valley Council Scouting America represented by Camp Director Eric Muench (second from right) and scouts.

Blue Hills Genealogical Society Announces Guest Speaker for Next Meeting

The Blue Hills Genealogical Society is pleased to announce that Donald Peterson will be the guest speaker at their July 8 meeting to be held at 6:30 pm in the Barron Senior Center.

Mr. Peterson has been a war history buff from an early age. He toured the famed Higgins Museum, the National World War II Museum, in New Orleans and then took a commemorative tour of the Battle of the Bulge area in 2023.

The Battle of the Bulge lasted six weeks, beginning December 16, 1944, and was known as one of the most decisive and dangerous battles of WWII. It took place in Belgium, Luxembourg and France, in the forests where the German Panzer divisions broke through the Allied lines.

The Society invites the public to join them. If you would like to join the Blue Hills Genealogical Society, you may do so at this meeting or by going online to www.bhgbsbc.org and clicking on the Join tab. Meetings are held monthly February through November.

The Society sponsors a certificate program for anyone who has a direct ancestor who lived in Barron County by 1871 for the Pioneer certificate or by 1824 for the Century Certificate. Applications can be found at the Society website www.bhgbsbc.org or by contacting certificate chair Linda Adams at 715-205-2860.

If you would like help with your family history, a member of the Society will be at Pioneer Village Museum on Fridays in the Town Hall to help anyone with their fam-

ily history. The Society will have a display at Museum Heritage Days July 13-14 with items being sold on silent auction.

If you have genealogical items from the Barron County area that you would like to preserve at the Society’s Resource Library or donate to the Society, contact Gloria Dobberfuhl at 715-637-5579, mgd5579@hotmail.com. The Resource Library is available for research by contacting Rosella Amundson at 715-537-5760 for an appointment.



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