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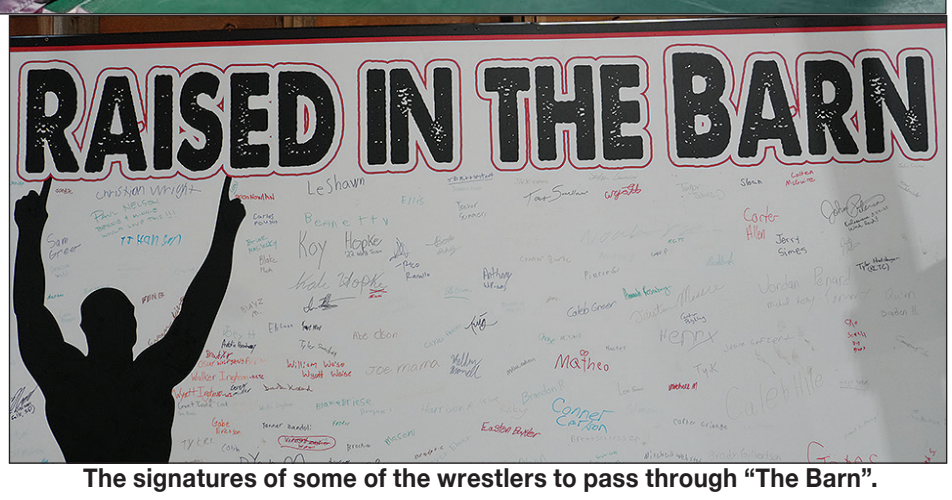
Top Notch Experience!

Olympic Silver (1972) and Gold (1976) Medalist John Peterson talks to wrestlers recently at "The Barn". Peterson and wrestling coaches including Tim Thomas from Illinois, Jesse Maguire from Missouri, Marty Hauk a USA Gold Certified Coach and Mike Kelly from Rice Lake were in town holding practices at Jon and Nicole Hiles renovated barn. Participants enjoys some top notch coaching as well as a good old fish fry and a day on the lake.



The signatures of some of the wrestlers to pass through "The Barn".

1925: A Cumberland July 4th from 100 Years Ago

by Mark R. Fuller

The United States in 1925 was well into the Roaring 20's and undergoing a period of rapid economic, social, and technological change.

The US economy was seeing rapid expansion with mass production making technology and goods more affordable. Henry Ford's assembly line and the affordability of the Model T was revolutionizing transportation, while high confidence and investment in the stock market reflected the overall prosperity.

The Island City was enjoying these changes along with everyone else. That's why the summer celebration of America's 149th July 4th was being anticipated with great enthusiasm.

Early-on, a Committee to create the events for the celebration were established. H.H. Hines was put in charge of the entertainment committee, Norman Oldeen headed the committee on decorations, Elmer Lerdall was put in charge of the parade, Irvin Talbot headed the fireworks, and George Kellerman was put in charge of kids sports and races along with the dance which concluded the evening.

As things neared, the Legion invited the entire area to join in the upcoming festivities saying the celebration would be the, "Biggest ever held in the Northwestern Wisconsin and a day of fun for young and old."

Among the activities planned by the committees included performances by the Cameron and Luck Concert Bands, a log rolling contest, a baseball game between Almena and Cumberland, street races, a flying trapeze act, and a firework's display followed by a dance at the pavilion with music supplied by the Ted Stephens Terrace Orchestra.

A large number of business and individuals agreed to help sponsor the day

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"The Barn" Something Good That Came From Covid 19

If you think back to 2020, what comes to mind? For most people, I would bet Covid 19.

And why wouldn't it be, it was a global pandemic. One good thing did come out of it right here in Cumberland and it is still going strong.

Let me introduce you to "The Barn." Jon & Nicole Hile seeing a need to give kids a place to go, started remodeling a 1940's era barn on the property they

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Barron Electric and Co-Bank Partner to Make a Difference at Pioneer Village Museum

The Pioneer Village Museum in Cameron has been dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of Northwestern Wisconsin for over sixty years. Each year, thousands of visitors from around the globe explore the museum, while hundreds of volunteers generously contribute their time. Exciting plans are in place to construct a welcome center that will transform the museum into a year-round resource. Barron Electric Cooperative, in collaboration with Co-Bank's Sharing Success Program, has contributed $10,000 to the Pioneer Village Museum. Tammy Schutz, Executive Director of the museum,

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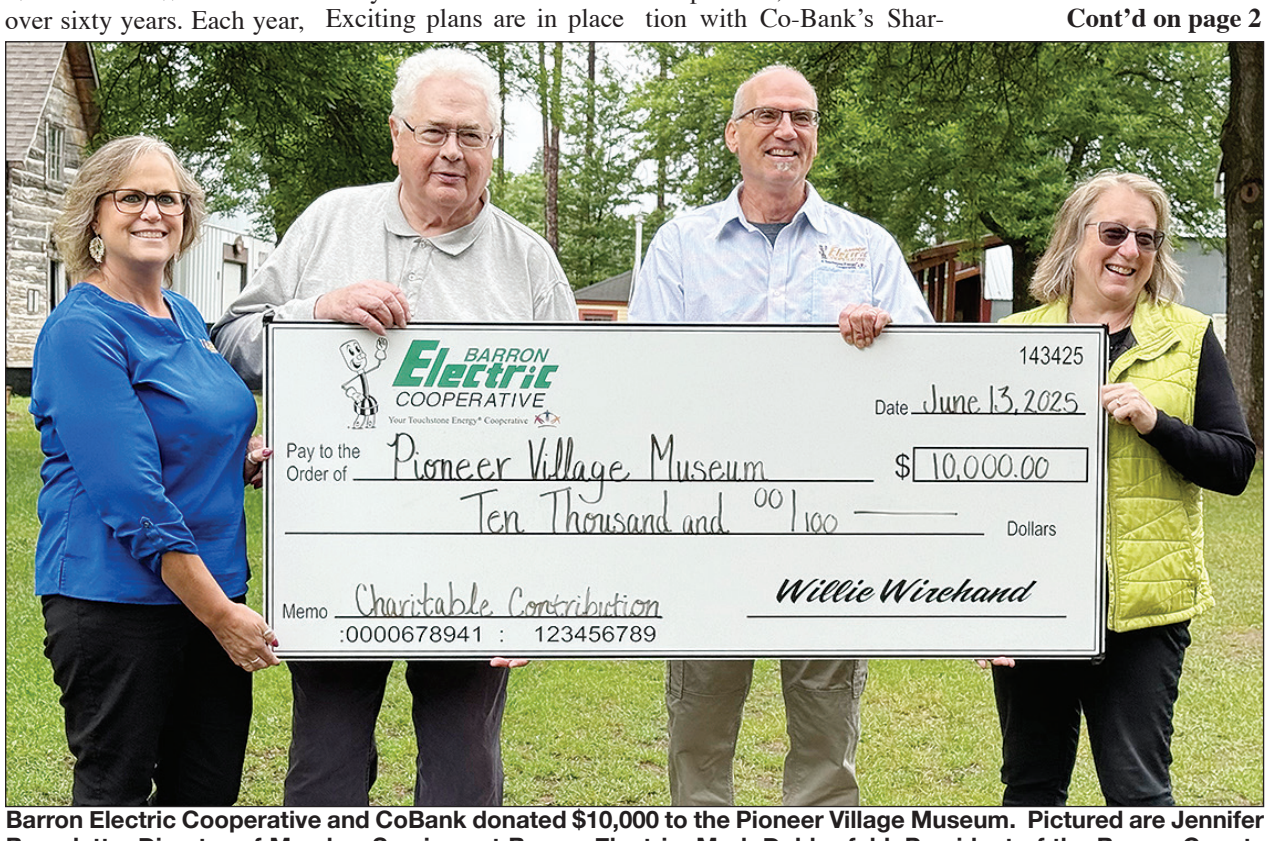

Barron Electric Cooperative and CoBank donated $10,000 to the Pioneer Village Museum. Pictured are Jennifer Beaudette, Director of Member Services at Barron Electric; Mark Dobberfuhl, President of the Barron County Historical Society; Bill Effertz, Barron Electric Director; and Tammy Schutz, Executive Director for the Pioneer Village Museum.

City of Cumberland Construction Update

Hines Lakeview Drive: Bid opening for this project July 2nd. We'll know more next week about the specific construction plan and schedule.

Foster and Grove: While the contractor is still completing a few final details, construction work on these streets is finally complete! This project will be excluded from future construction updates.

1st and Marshall: Watermain work on the block of 1st Ave associated with this project started late last week and continues this week, along with storm water work at the corner of Marshall and Western. This work will continue throughout the week. Watch for more detailed update after the holiday weekend.

Highway 63: Installation of the remaining new curb and gutter commences Tuesday and should be completed on Wednesday or possibly Thursday by mid-day. This work will be accompanied by continued utility adjustments and miscellaneous patching. Work on the new streetlights downtown will also be included in the mix. We will be installing a few of our old poles as temporary lighting downtown before the end of the week to pro-

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Balterdash playing July 8 at the beach

Balterdash, featuring Cumberland guitarist Dustin DeGolier and Eau Claire saxophonist Sue Orfield, will be on the City Beach stage Tuesday, July 8. The concert is being sponsored by Nezzy's.

The free concert, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., is part of ETC's Island City Music series. Food will be served by members of Cumberland United Methodist Church, the same folks who do the food service at Celebration of the Arts.

Other members of Balterdash, besides DeGolier and Orfield, are John Utphall on fiddle and keys, and Randy Sinz on bass. The group plays a variety of music, including country and jazz.

The group, known as Balterdash, will play from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6.

This is the ninth year of the summer concerts, the second summer at the City Beach. In previous years, they were on the parking lot behind the library. If it rains, the concert will be at the Cumberland Arts Center.

The school district's kayaks will be at the park and can be used during the concert.

Bring a lawn chair.

Questions? Email lhwerner47@gmail.com.

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Barron Electric...

stated, "Donations like this help to ensure that our local history and culture will continue to be honored and enjoyed by present and future generations."

Barron Electric Cooperative's deep roots in the rural area date back to 1936 with the establishment of the Rural Electrification Administration. Visionaries like Nels Nelson, Arthur Bilodeau, and Willis Jerome were instrumental in transforming the dream of rural electrification into a tangible reality. In November of 1937, Barron Electric energized their first section of line consisting of 86 miles which delivered electric service to 125 connected members. Today, Barron Electric spans over 3,000 miles of line and serves nearly 20,000 members. Aaron Torud, General Manager of Barron Electric Cooperative, expressed, "We are proud to support the preservation of Northwest Wisconsin's rich history through our donation to Pioneer Village Museum."

CoBank, the lender for Barron Electric, is dedicated to giving back to the communities they serve. In 2025, they plan to match $6 million through their Sharing Success Program. The funds for Barron Electric's donations come from the Federated Youth Foundation, which manages unclaimed cashback credits from former members. The foundation has specific guidelines on how these funds can be utilized. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use cashback credits to lower rates.

Thank you for reading The Advocate

Ruby's Pantry
Saturday, July 5
Distribution will be held at Cumberland Fire Hall as a drive through Pantry. Everyone Welcome!
Please do not arrive before 6:30 AM
NO Registration Required
Distribution from 8 to 9:30 AM
Donation is $25 per share
Cash Preferred - No Checks Please
✓ Cumberland's Ruby's Pantry will remain a drive through Pantry at the Cumberland Fire Hall.
✓ The Fire Hall is located behind the Elementary School. You will be directed to line up in the 3M parking lot. Please follow our parking directors.
✓ Fast Track guests will line up on the far side of the 3M parking lot.

ETC (Enrichment Through Culture) is proud to bring you the
Island City Music Concert Series
at the City Beach
Join us on July 8 • 6-8 pm *for*
Balterdash
sponsored by:
Nezzy's Sports Bar & Grill
Admission is Free. Bring your own chair. Kayaks will be available for use from the Cumberland School District. Launch across from Auto Value on Hwy 48/63.
For availablility, please call Susan Bridger, 715-822-5121 ext. 403 by Tuesday, June 7th to reserve a kayak

Almena VFW Post 8512
STEAKFEST '25
Saturday, July 5th, 2025
11:00 am - 4:00 pm
ALMENA V.F.W. Post 8512
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357-3558
$15.00 Menu $15.00
Steak
Potato
Veggies
Salad
Dinner Roll
All proceeds go to projects of VFW Post 8512
Veterans serving Veterans with camaraderie, compassion and conversation.

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SAVE THE DATE!
For our Rutabaga Play
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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, JULY 3: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball •
FRIDAY, JULY 4: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym •
SATURDAY, JULY 5: • 11:00-1:00 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym •
MONDAY, JULY 7: • 6:30-7:30 am & 5-7 pm CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 6:00-7:30 pm Dawson Johnson Wrestling Practice •
TUESDAY, JULY 8: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9: • 6:30-7:30 am CCE Pickleball - ES Gym • 3:30-5:30 pm HS Boys Basketball Open Gym • 5-7 pm CCE: Pickleball •

Kayaks and Music on Beaver Dam Lake

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 9th year that Cumberland School District Kayaks and lifejackets will be available on Tuesday evenings during the Concert Series on the shores of the Cumberland Beach from 6-8 pm.

Kayaks will be available on Tuesday's beginning: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Cost: FREE however donations will be much appreciated! So come 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:

For questions or further concerns contact: Susan Bridger CCE Director HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 or sbrid@csdmail.com

OLD TIME COUNTRY MUSIC

At Firefly Fields
Saturday, July 19 • 9 am - 12 pm
Music starts a 10:00 am

- Donations welcome and will support Cumberland Food Pantry
- Walking Trail Open
- Goodie Barn Open - baked goods, jams, jellies for sale

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DUE TO THE CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION... THE CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE INTERRESTED IN WORKING OUT WITH THE WEIGHT EQUIPMENT - IT WILL BE OPEN WITH AN ATTENDANT IN A TENT ON THE ENDEAVOR STADIUM SITE MONDAY TO FRIDAY 5:15 AM - 7:00 AM

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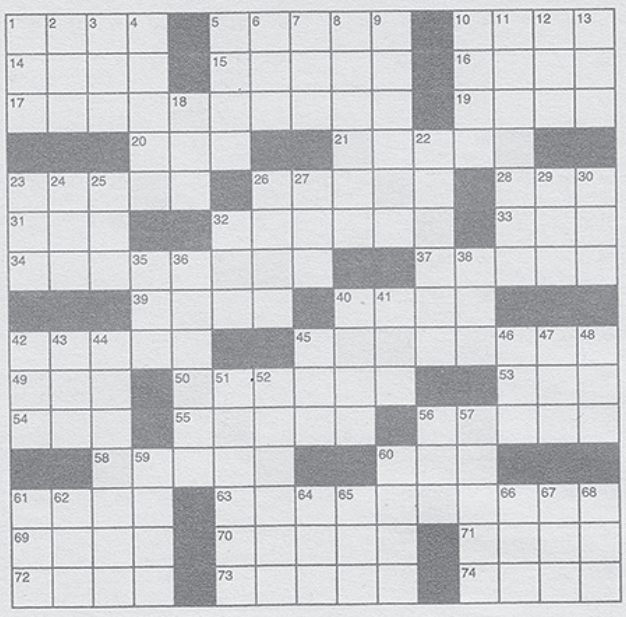

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Northwoods Notebook: A reverse migration from Cumberland to the Cities

By Larry Werner

I have to admit that one of the reasons I wanted to get a lake place was for the "kids."

I didn't have a place when my children were young. So this home on Beaver Dam, which we bought in the winter of 2014, was intended to be an escape from the city for us, our grown children and their children — our grands.

And it was such a place for a number of years. The family would come several times each summer.

The kids and grandkids wil be coming this weekend, but that's probably the only time this summer. The five little ones have grown into adolescence, which means they are too busy to leave their activities and summer jobs in the Cities for time at the lake.

And we, like so many others with families elsewhere, find ourselves thinking about whether we should go to where they are, since they don't come often to where we are. As it happens, we have several friends who have decided to leave Cumberland to be closer to family and health care facilities in the Cities.

A few weeks ago, I wrote about the Cumberland homing pigeons, those who were born and raised here, left for careers elsewhere and now return in their retirement years. There's a similar phenomenon in the other direction: people who retired to the Island City and now are leaving to spend their remaining days near families.

Our grandkids are involved in sports — baseball, basketball, football, soccer and figure-skating. We love to watch them on the playing fields and on the ice. We love to be there for their birthdays and other special occasions. So we go there, staying in an apartment we keep in the Cities.

And as Ann and I are visited by more health issues, we find ourselves running to the Cities for appointments with medical specialists. I've had four surgeries in the past year.

We were having coffee recently with a couple who have sold their Cumberland home after more than 25 years here and are moving to a senior complex in Minnesota that is a short distance from their relatives. It's a senior home that has health care onsite. Another Cumberland friend has taken an apartment in the same development, and another couple who are Cumberland friends has bought a condo nearby the other three.

Those five friends, members of our Friday "fish group," will be closer to their families in the Cities.

With our friends leaving, and our kids visiting just once a year, we've talked about the possibility of making such a move, but we don't..

"I think Larry loves Cumberland, loves writing his column and doing the summer music," said the friend who has sold her house and is moving. Her husband nodded in agreement, as did Ann.

I said nothing.

We have a good life here, and as I sit on my deck watching an eagle diving into the lake for his dinner, it's hard to imagine leaving. But when the kids pack up and head for home on Sunday, we'll wave our goodbyes knowing the next time we see them here will be a year from now.

"Family is everything," Ann says all the time.

Yes. And the family is a hundred miles away. Now, so are several of our Cumberland friends.

Larry Werner's email is lhwerner47@gmail.com.

District Office Moving!

The old Cumberland School District Office building was sold to a private owner and moved on Monday, June 30th to a location on Berdan Street. It was quite the operation watching workers maneuver the building around the corner of 8th and Berdan Street.

Sudoku Puzzle #4150-D

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Opinion

Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

The 4th of July weekend is just about here! Hopefully the weather cooperates and the fireworks and all the activities at the beach can go on as scheduled. This year's fireworks look to be another awesome show. Thanks to John, Jesse and all the firemen who take time out of their weekend to safely put the show on, much appreciated! Maiden Dixie, a popular band will be in the pavillion Thursday night, from 8 til midnight. Food trucks and ice cold refreshments will be available. Friday, July 4th, a volleyball tournament kicks off at 9:30, kids games at 11 and a horseshoe tournament at noon. At 6 pm, DJ music by New Age Entertainment starts and at dusk is the Fireworks Spectacular. It should make for a fun weekend at Tourist Park. Hope to see you there!

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I was watching ESPN last night (Monday) and all of the trades taking place in both the NHL and NBA. The NBA in particular is so far out of reality in terms of salaries, its ridiculous. Top notch-players or the stars of the game are getting $50-$60 million per year and guys I have never heard of are getting four year deals for $50 million or so, give or take. I just shake my head, it's crazy. No wonder a beer is $16.00 at the game.

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I see Minnesota passed a law for motorcycles called lane splitting and filtering in certain situations. Lane splitting allows motorcycles to pass another vehicle in the same lane, while lane filtering allows motorcycles to move between stopped vehicles at intersections. One stipulation is motorcycles must be traveling at 25 mph or less. I don't ride a bike, but I have to believe there will be a problem or two with this, at the very least it will scare the crap out of some motorists when they have a bike sneak past at two feet or less from the driver's door. It will be interesting to see how that goes!

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At the midway point of the season, the Brewers keep rolling along, while the Twins have struggled mightily in June. The Brewers seem to get quality pitching, whoever they throw out there year after year, that can't be a coincidence. The Twins, meanwhile, had a horrible month. How bad was it you ask? Twins starting pitcher Bailey Ober, who has been solid the last two years gave up 14 home runs in one month. That is tied for second most by any pitcher in one month in MLB history, HISTORY. Baseball has been around for a while, if you know what I mean. Anyway, they play 162 so we'll see what happens. Have a great 4th of July weekend!

Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Like it or not, AI's effects on economy and more are here"

MADISON, Wis. – If you want to know why some people fear the growth of artificial intelligence, just ask an AI Chatbot yourself. The answer is fast and honest … in a mechanical sort of way.

Job displacement and economic disruption, the potential for misuse, the possibility of AI becoming uncontrollable and the rise of a surveillance state were among the answers my inquiry produced. Of course, technophobia has been a recorded human trait since the days of the ancient Greeks, so perhaps there should be no surprise that something as powerful as AI would raise suspicions.

It's just as important to keep an open mind about what AI can and will do to bolster the economy, generally and closer to home. Two recent reports help to explain why Wisconsin must continue to adapt.

The first was the "State of Smart Manufacturing Report: Life Sciences Edition" released in late June by Milwaukee-based Rockwell Automation, which is the world's largest company dedicated to industrial automation and digital transformation. One might argue Rockwell has a vested interest in championing the future of AI, but the study was based on input from 143 leaders from "life sciences manufacturers" in 15 major countries.

That manufacturing category includes companies that make products used in health care, such as diagnostics, therapeutics, medical devices, biotechnology products and pharmaceuticals. Wisconsin has its share of such companies.

The survey found that 95% are using or evaluating smart technology today. Most companies use AI to improve quality (53%), streamline operations (50%) and bolster cybersecurity (48%). Nearly half are turning to AI and automation to support their workforce, in part because more than a quarter of respondents said finding skilled workers is their biggest barrier to growth.

"… AI is becoming indispensable to modern life sciences manufacturing – not just to optimize efficiency, but to strengthen product quality, secure critical infrastructure, and upskill the workforce," Rockwell vice president Matt Weaver said.

A second report, "Seize the AI Advantage," was published by the Wisconsin Center Manufacturing and Productivity. It urged state manufacturers to embrace AI or risk falling behind in a rapidly changing global economy.

"This isn't about someday. This is about today," said Buckley Brinkman, WCMP's executive director. "AI is no longer optional. It's the difference between thriving and becoming obsolete. Wisconsin manufacturers can lead the way."

The report was based on four years of interviews with more than 400 manufacturing leaders and five annual regional focus groups. It urged three steps manufacturers can take right away:

Empower an internal AI champion. "Someone curious, credible, and action oriented."

Start small with quick wins by using AI for tasks such as customer email triage, human resources chatbots and predictive maintenance.

Balance short-term experiments with a long-term roadmap for integration.

The report, which is a supplement to WCMP's annual Wisconsin Manufacturing Report, also noted that companies need not forge ahead alone. It highlighted a growing state network of support for AI adoption, including partnerships with Microsoft's AI Co-Innovation Lab for Manufacturing, UW-Stout's Center for Advanced Manufacturing and AI (CAM-AI), and the state's technical colleges.

"We're seeing real momentum," Brinkman noted, "but it's not fast enough. The rest of the world isn't waiting and neither should we."

It's only natural for many people to look upon artificial intelligence with suspicion, but it's also important to acknowledge possible benefits – better health care, greater organizational efficiency, and solutions to big problems where answers can be elusive.

Striking such a balance hasn't escaped the attention of lawmakers in Wisconsin and at the federal level. The Wisconsin Legislative Council Study Committee on the Regulation of AI issued a report in February, with a focus on data privacy, and the Governor's Task Force on Workforce and Artificial Intelligence released ideas in 2024 for leveraging AI for economic growth while addressing possible disruptions.

Healthy skepticism is in order when it comes to AI, but those who ignore its reality do so at their own risk.

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

A Look Back

Collingwood School Class 1952-1953

1952-1953 Class Photo Collingwood School: Left side first row from front to back: Bob Moe and Judy Knutson. Second row front to back: Eddie Jessie, Ervie Moe, Mary Ellen Jessie, John Rieper, Marjory Shearer and Fred Rieper. Third row from front to back: Billy Nelson, Joan Ristow, Russel Khurt, Kerry Rieper, Darlene Strieli and Loren Gropo. Fourth row from front to back: Lenard Moe, Barbara Khurt, Christine Rieper, David Just and Marilyn Strickland. Teacher is Louise Anderson.

Collingwood School Class 1953-1954

1953-1954 Class Photo Collingwood School: Front row from left to right: Bob Moe, Billy Bliven, Kerry Rieper, Eddie Jessie, Linda Horstman, Beverly Knutson, Fred Rieper, and Helen Knutson. Back row from left to right: Billy Nelson, Teacher Alice Strickland, Judy Knutson, Mary Ellen Jessie, Paul Rieper, David Just, John Rieper, Joan Ristow, Marjory Shearer and Ernie Moe. Photos by John Rieper.

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Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Bronson J. Broer, 40, Edina, MN., OWI, $1,598.50. Jared L. Ford, 39, Chetek, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order, $642.00. Kyler J. Hendricks, 24, Weyerhaeuser, OWI, $1,529.00. Tamar H. Bigner, 53, Rice Lake, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30. Elijah J. Crom, 17, Chetek, failure to stop at a stop sign, $175.30. Andrew D. Cross, 22, Rice Lake, speeding, $175.30. Charles V. Deneen, 56, Turtle Lake, inattentive driving, $187.90. Milissa K. Emerson, 53, Danbury, operate a motor vehicle by permittee without instructor, $200.50. Christina M. Evers, 40, Sherwood, operate without carrying a license, $150.10. Alex R. Harvey, 21, Cameron, speeding, $175.30. Joseph P. Heraver, 22, Eau Claire, speeding, $200.50. Dalton W. Higgins, 26, Rice Lake, speeding, $200.50. Justin R. Johnson, 49, Cameron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00. Brett A. Jones, 44, Chetek, passing in no-passing zone, $213.10. Andie J. Lawless, 21, Barron, operate without a valid license, $200.50. Joseph M. Mauk, 24, Dallas, speeding, $175.30. Cody D. Packer, 18, Spooner, inattentive driving, $187.90. Aiden R. Paulson, 20, Comstock, speeding, $175.30. Greg W. Rose, 67, Glidden, unlawful U/Y turn-erected signs, $175.30. Carol V. Swartz-Russo, 73, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Robert M. Thorson, 63, Rice Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, $50.00.

D.N.R.

Cayden R. Gifford, 19, of Cameron, has been charged with improperly operate a motorboat for water sports. His court date is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

Geoffery R. Hetzel, 30, of Germantown, has been charged with operate personal watercraft without valid safety certificate-persons born after 1989 and jet ski-violate slow-no-wake requirement. His court date is scheduled for July 16, 2025.

Complaints

Tabatha R. Coaty, 34, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property and domestic abuse. Her court appearance was scheduled for June 23, 2025.

Joshua A. Coaty, 39, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Dylan J. Kleinschmidt, 19, of Almena, has been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. His court date is scheduled for September 3, 2025.

Soren T. Krych, 18, of Rochester, MN., has been charged with underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for September 3, 2025.

Jariel L. Hathaway, 28, of Solon Springs, has been charged with operate UTV without valid safety certificate. Her court date is scheduled for August 20, 2025.

Abby L. Vaughn, 21, of Barron, has been charged with adult permit/underage drinking. Her court date is scheduled for August 27, 2025.

Criminal Traffic

Matthew J. Siemers, 42, of Barron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His plea hearing is scheduled for August 22, 2025.

Darwin H. Moncada-Bustamante, 40, of Barron, has been charged with operating with PAC, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order and operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Chelsea A. Jenkins, 34, of Hayward, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. Her court hearing is scheduled for August 6, 2025.

Nancy C. Ramirez-Raudales, 28, of Cumberland, has been charged with operate without a valid license. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Criminal Complaints

Sadie I. Mathews, 41, of Cameron, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 30, 2025.

Gideon M. Ray, 23, of Cameron, has been charged with battery, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance is scheduled for July 9, 2025.

Christopher A. Nance, 51, of Pekin, IL., has been charged with operate firearm while intoxicated. His court hearing is scheduled for September 17, 2025.

Fabian F. Espinoza, 42, of Rice Lake, has been charged with OWI, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Kori L. Soltau, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct, domestic abuse and criminal damage to property. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Preston L. Bhatti, 32, of Rice Lake, has been charged with violate harassment restraining order. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 2, 2025.

Brian J. Weber, 51, of Barron, has been charged with extradition-arrest without warrant. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 8, 2025.

Gary L. Taylor, 62, of Bruce, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, possession of THC, possession of drug paraphernalia and violate the condition of bond in Rusk County, stating the defendant must not commit any new crimes.

An officer with the City of Rice Lake Police Department, reports on June 18, 2025, at approximately 9:00 am, he was conducting routine stationary patrol. The officer reports he was near the roundabout of West Avenue and South Access Road in the City of Rice Lake when a Chevrolet drove past his location and began to travel southbound on 19th Street. The officer reports he noticed the vehicle's exhaust system to be producing a loud and excessive noise and observed the back window to be completely covered in duct tape. The officer reports he began to follow the vehicle and activated his emergency lights to conduct a traffic stop. The officer reports he observed when the vehicle activated its brakes, he observed the high mounted stop lamp not to be functioning. The officer reports the traffic stop occurred on 19th Street near south Access Road.

The officer reports when he approached the vehicle, he saw it was occupied by a lone occupant, the driver, the defendant, Taylor. The officer reports he introduced himself and the driver stated, "if its about the window, its legal." The officer reports he explained the reason for the stop and requested and received a form of identification and proof of insurance from Taylor. The officer reports he observed the rear window to be shattered or broken. The officer reports while speaking with Taylor, he noted many facial tremors from Taylor, around his eye and mouth region, and that he was profusely sweating. The officer reports he knows these observations to be consistent with stimulant use, such as methamphetamine.

The officer reports he returned to his patrol vehicle and had to wait to inform the Barron County Communication Center of Taylor's information due to other radio traffic. The officer reports he entered Taylor's information on CCAP and observed he had an open case out of Rusk County. The officer reports he issued four citations for Taylor. The officer reports while printing these citations, another officer arrived on scene and requested Taylor to exit the vehicle. The officer reports he handed the other officer the citations to explain to Taylor. The officer reports he then asked Taylor if he had been using methamphetamine to which Taylor denied. The officer reports he advised Taylor of his observations and Taylor advised he works 3rd shift and that was the reason for the facial tremors. The officer reports he informed Taylor that these observations appeared like methamphetamine use and that he would be deploying his Narcotic K9 around his vehicle.

The officer reports he retrieved his USPCA Narcotic Certified K9, brought the K9 to the rear of Taylor's vehicle and released the K9 with a "seek dope" command. The officer reports he observed the K9 proceed around the vehicle and sniff with deep inhalations near the driver's door and it began to verbally and physically aggress at the vehicle. The officer reports he returned the K9 to his patrol vehicle. The officer reports he returned to speak with Taylor who had to be told multiple times to stand at the front of the officer's patrol squad as he kept walking towards his vehicle. The officer reports Taylor admitted to having some "pot" which the officer took to mean marijuana.

The officer reports he conducted a search of the vehicle and found the following items:

- A container that contained 4.60 grams of a white, crystalline substance that field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.
- A smoking device with a white crystalline residue which was field tested for the positive result of methamphetamine.
- A bag containing 0.59 grams of a green, leafy plant material that was field tested positive for the presence of THC.
- A bang containing 2.31g of a green, leafy plant material that field tested positive for the presence of THC.
- A pill bottle containing 2.23g of a green, leafy plant material that field tested positive for the presence of THC.
- A metal smoking device with a brown residue that the officer recognized as THC, and field tested positive for the presence of methamphetamine.

The officer reports upon finding the container, he brought it back to Taylor and asked if it just contained marijuana to which Taylor replied, "I wish." The officer reports Taylor admitted to using methamphetamine the day prior to the traffic stop. The officer reports he noted the amount of methamphetamine was more than the typical user amount and he asked Taylor why he had that much methamphetamine. The officer reports Taylor stated, "That's mine," and then stated that he does not sell it and only keeps it for himself.

The officer reports he asked Taylor to perform field sobriety tests, to which he agreed to do. The officer reports prior to the tests being administered, Taylor did advised of an old injury to his left leg. The officer reports he administered the SFSTs along with the Modified Romberg. The officer reports Taylor showed signs of impairment during the tests. The officer reports Taylor was placed under arrest for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence among other charges.

If convicted for possession of methamphetamine, Taylor may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than three years and six months or both. For operating a motor vehicle while under the influence, he may be fined not less than $600 nor more than $2,000 and imprisoned for not less than 45 days nor more than one year. For possession of THC, he may be fined not more than $1,000 or imprisoned for not more than six months or both. For possession of drug paraphernalia, he may be fined not more than $500 or imprisoned for not more than 30 days or both. For violating the condition of bond in Rusk County stating the defendant must not commit any new crimes, he may be fined not more than $10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both.

His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 23, 2025.

Sudoku Solution #4150-D

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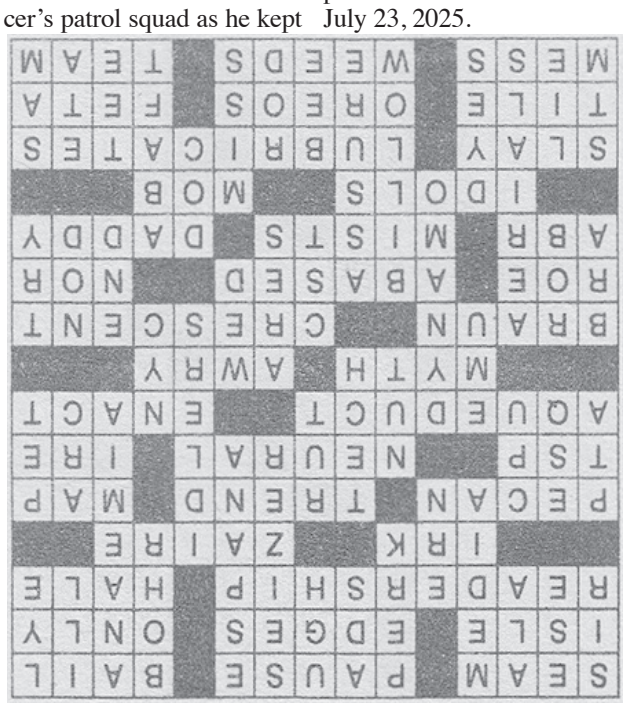

Drive safely, celebrate responsibly during Fourth of July weekend

With the Fourth of July holiday weekend fast approaching, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) urges motorists to slow down on Wisconsin roads and celebrate safe driving habits. According to AAA, Wisconsinites will set a record with more than 1.47 million residents taking a road trip this holiday weekend. Peak travel times are expected from noon to 9 p.m. Wednesday (July 2), 2-6 p.m. Thursday (July 3), noon to 7 p.m. Friday (July 4) and from noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, July 6. "Know before you go" with 511 Wisconsin, 511wi.gov or the free 511 WI app, to stay aware of road conditions and view live traffic cameras on your route.

"We're all eager to arrive at our favorite summer destination safely, but we need everyone to make smart decisions behind the wheel on Wisconsin highways," WisDOT Secretary Kristina Boardman said. "We must work together to keep our roads safe – plan extra travel time, buckle up, put the phone down, drive with caution in construction zones, and never drive impaired. Every driver makes a difference."

Most road construction will pause over the holiday weekend to open as many lanes as possible. Significant road construction projects that may impact Fourth of July weekend travel include:

Barron County: US 53 is reduced to a single lane in both directions on the bridges over 22½ Avenue north of Rice Lake.

Barron County: US 53 South between Cameron and New Auburn is reduced to a single lane of traffic at multiple bridge locations. Watch for reduced speed limits and width restrictions of 15 feet 3 inches on bridges.

Alerts and updates provided via these sites are not intended for use while driving. When driving, your focus should always be on the road ahead.

Motorists may encounter the WisDOT Safety Patrol, sponsored by GEICO, along sections of I-41 in Brown and Outagamie counties, I-43 in Milwaukee County, and I-39/90/94 in Columbia County. The fleet of specially equipped vehicles help manage highway incidents within major construction work zones to keep everyone safe. Coverage hours vary, but most coverage is seven days per week, up to 14 hours per day. Learn more about the WisDOT Safety Patrol.

Most Wisconsin rest areas are open and these facilities offer restrooms, amenities and a break from travel. The rest area along I-90 westbound near Sparta and the rest areas along I-43 near Denmark and Maribel are closed for reconstruction. View all of WisDOT's roadside facilities.

WisDOT offers these safety reminders:

Buckle Up, Phone Down – every trip, every time. Encourage family, friends and co-workers to take the pledge.

- Slow down. Posted speed limits apply to ideal travel conditions. Drivers are required to travel at a "reasonable and prudent" speed based on weather and traffic conditions.
- Eliminate distractions and focus on what's ahead. Texting while driving is prohibited and very dangerous. It is also illegal in Wisconsin for drivers to use a handheld mobile device in work zones.
- Move over or slow down for emergency responders stopped along a highway with their warning lights flashing. That includes police and fire vehicles, ambulances, tow trucks and highway maintenance vehicles. In addition, state law restricts the use of a cell phone in areas surrounding those vehicles.
- Steer It, Clear It! State law requires drivers to move vehicles involved in a crash out of traffic if no one is hurt and the vehicles can be moved safely. If someone is hurt or the vehicle is disabled, drivers should not risk injury by trying to push the vehicle out of traffic.

Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicle (DMV) customer service centers will be closed on the Fourth of July and Saturday (July 5) for any locations typically open on Saturdays. DMV online service is open 24/7 at wisconsindmv.gov.

Travelers may want to consider adding emergency contact information to their license data. Visit wisconsindmv.gov/emergencycontact for the convenient online self-service application. Only law enforcement can access the information and help expedite contact to a family member or other loved one more quickly in the event of an emergency.

Former Polk County Doctor Charged with Child Enticement

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) and Polk County District Attorney Jeffrey Kemp, announced that Kenneth GaleWyrick, a former Polk County Doctor, has been charged with multiple counts of child enticement allegedly occurring between 1995 and 2003 in Polk County. GaleWyrick was arrested on Wednesday, June, 25th at his residence in Polson, Montana.

GaleWyrick faces three counts of child enticement. The criminal complaint filed by the Polk County District Attorney's Office, alleges that GaleWyrick intended to cause two children to expose a sex organ to him.

These charges are merely accusations. In any criminal case, the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

If you have any information to share about this matter, please contact DCI at 715-830-7787. Voicemails will be checked on a regular basis.

This investigation was led by DCI with the assistance of the Montana Department of Justice Division of Criminal Investigation, Lake County, Montana Sheriff's Office, Marathon County Sheriff's Office, and Marathon County Wisconsin District Attorney's Office. The Polk County District Attorney's Office is prosecuting the case.

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Legally Blonde!

The Broadway hit "Legally Blonde" will hit the stage on Wednesday, July 9th and run through July, 19th at the Red Barn Theater.

Red Barn's Third Show Brings Song, Talent, and Dance to Stage

The Broadway hit, "Legally Blonde: The Musical," hits the Red Barn stage on July 9 and runs through July 19. Cathy Jones Wolf is the director/choreographer and John Dutmer (Chetek) leads and conducts the music of this talented cast. In addition, Cathy Jones Wolf and Boyd Stearns (Rice Lake) are designing and constructing the set. Gabby Meinen (Rice Lake), last seen as Gypsy Rose Lee during the 2024 season, sashays through this musical as Elle Woods, the irresistible and irrepressible sorority girl determined to win back her boyfriend, Warner Huntington III, played by Colton Siwicki (Spooner). Elle enrolls and follows him to Harvard Law School. Along the way, she surprises herself and others by defying expectations with her astute mind and generous heart.

Also appearing on stage is Jeremy Westin (Cumberland) as Emmett Forrest, Julia Armstrong (Cumberland) as Vivienne Kensington and Emily Scheu (Rice Lake) as Serena. Lukah Olson (Chetek) portrays Pilar while Emma Marek (also from Chetek) plays Margot. Greta Linton (Sarona) is Paulette, Jeff Dalsveen (Chippewa Falls) is Professor Callahan and Tommy Yousten (Cumberland) is Kyle B. O'Doyle.

Cooper Antczak (Chetek) appears as Aaron Schultz, Grandmaster Chad and Nikos Argitakos. Mariah Humbert (Chetek) appears as Enid Hoops, Marina Terenzi (Rice Lake) as Brooke Wyndham and Nina Mujwid (Chetek) as Kate. Portraying Delta Nu sorority sisters are Quinn Campbell, Raegan Stearns and Sloan Campbell (all of Rice Lake). Paul Baribeau (Rice Lake) plays Elle's father, Winthrop and Dewey. Carol Hougdahl plays Elle's mother, Boutique Manager, the Judge and is part of the ensemble. Kalea Hammond (Shell Lake) plays the Saleswoman, D.A. Joyce Riley and is part of the ensemble. The rest of the ensemble includes Emelia Kann (Cameron), Morley Linton and Channing Linton (both of Sarona).

The acrylic artwork of Cora Ayers of Chetek will be showcased in the Gallery.

The Red Barn Theatre is located northeast of Rice Lake at the junction of Highway 48 and County Trunk M. Curtains open each evening at 7:30 pm. There are no Sunday performances. The price of a single admission ticket is $20.

Reservations may be made by calling 715-234-8301, going online at redbarntheatre-ricelake.com or in person at the ticket booth.

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Friday, July 4
NO MEALS SERVED DUE TO HOLIDAY

Monday, JuLY 7
Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, steamed peas, assorted bread, pineapple chuncks.

Tuesday, July 8
Slippery Hill Entree: Salad with Turkey, HB egg, cheese, assorted veggies, bread stick, cottage cheese, jell-o, salad with fruit.

Wednesday, July 9
Louie's traditional brat on a bun w/kraut, baked beans, potato salad, assorted ice cream.

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

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

I had another birthday this week – There have been lots and lots of them over the years. I am not going to tell you how old I am because Duane thinks that a woman is never supposed to tell her age, but I will tell you that, when I was born WWII was still raging, and when my sister, Vivian, who is two years younger than I am was born, we were just signing the "end of the war" papers with Japan. So, if you are a history buff, or even if you are just wondering how far over the hill I am and look it up on google, you will know exactly which birthday I celebrated.

Geri Pittman's son, Jerry, drove up from Iowa to spend the week with family in this area. On Friday evening Geri treated Jerry, Dan, Jess and Erica Pittman and Duane and me to supper at Sal's on 63. Erica's sister, Brooke, was not able to be with us because she was working at Dairy Queen that evening. Geri's family members are hilarious – she pretends to feel picked on, especially by son, Jerry, but it's easy to see that she is enjoying every minute of it. We all had a very good time visiting and enjoying the delicious food prepared by Suzy, Ryan and crew.

On Saturday morning Lynn Thon, Suzy and Ryan Lehmann and Tina Anderson came over for coffee with us. That was the morning of the Hungry Hollow Thrashing event over on highway 25, so, after coffee, Duane and I went over there to have breakfast and to look at the antique farm equipment. Jerry Marsh, Jodi Ladd and Tinille and Ivana Bellefeuille joined us there. Ivana immediately saw all kinds of dogs on leashes and could not, for the life of her, understand why she was not allowed to walk everyone else's dog. (Most of the dogs weighed more than fifty pounds, Ivana, on the other hand, probably weighs about twenty pounds.) We had a good breakfast, saw lots of old equipment, visited with a few friends and neighbors, and had a very enjoyable day.

When we got home, Jim, Dawn and Jeff Copus, Donna V and Pat Oson stopped by to visit. Jim, Donna and Dawn will be in the area until after the 4th of July, so we plan to go to Shell Lake on the 3rd, and probably Cumberland on the 4th. Pat, Donna, Dawn, Geri and I plan to go to the Farmers' Market over by Barron on Thursday.

On Saturday evening Lynn Thon treated us all to supper at Sal's on 63 to celebrate my birthday. Lots of family members were there – Lynn, of course, with Kane and Pierce Thon, Jerry Marsh and Jodi Ladd, Jim and Summer Marsh, and Art and Jesse Adams, Duane and me. Suzy, Ryan and Tru Lehmann were there too, but, as you probably know, they were the ones working hard to make sure our food was perfect and served with a smile. When we were all finished eating the entire crew came out of the kitchen with a beautiful birthday cake, and they all sang to me. Whew – Now that was an experience. The cake was so big that we were able to share it with the kitchen crew and other guests in the dining room.

Kane and Pierce Thon both picked bouquets of flowers from Grandma Lynn's flower beds and brought down to the house. They were so excited about picking and arranging the flowers – they are adorable little guys.

Pat Olson celebrated her birthday this week too, and had a wonderful day spent with family. She went down to St. Croix Falls where one of her granddaughters, Aubrey Renslow, was in a play. The play was based on books written by Beatrix Potter – the first play being Peter Rabbit. In between scenes a narrator told stories about Ms. Potter's life. Pat said that she enjoyed the whole thing very much, and that she received beautiful hand-made birthday cards from the Renslow children.

Tinille Bellefeuille gave me a tour of her raised-bed garden again vis text message on Sunday. It is unbelievable!! Not a weed in sight, and the vegetables are growing by leaps and bounds. I am certainly not going to invite Tinille, Mark and Ivana to our garden to see how wonderfully well the weeds are growing. It seems that every time we get things looking okay, the rain comes again. Now, I am not complaining about the rain, we really needed it, but I wish it would come only during the night and be sunny during the day so that we could keep the garden looking good. I have put in a request for that, but I guess the answer to that request is a definite "no."

And, speaking of gardening, I had better go. It is sunny right now and I don't have any excuse for not busily pulling weeds. Have a fun 4th of July, and I will see you next week.

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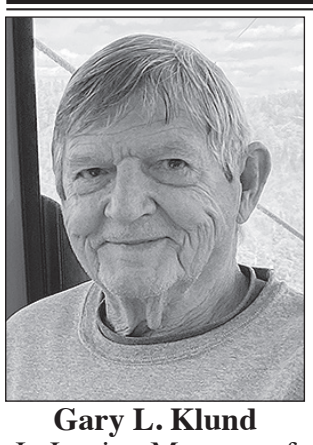

Gary L. Klund
In Loving Memory of Gary Lee Klund May 20, 1943 – June 19, 2025

Gary Lee Klund, age 82, of Cumberland and Hudson, Wisconsin, passed away unexpectedly on June 19, 2025, at Hudson Hospital. Born on May 20, 1943, in New London, WI, Gary was the beloved son of Margaret (Gunderson) and Ralph Klund. He grew up in Hudson and graduated from Hudson High School.

Gary shared 62 years of marriage with his devoted wife, Judith (Thompson) Klund. Together, they raised four children: Kelly Kenall (Leon), Kirk Klund (Stacy), Kraig Klund (Kristin), and Kris Klund (Kari). He was a proud and loving grandfather to Korey, Katie, Kiley, Skylar, Makena, Anika, Vince, Everett, Siera, and Talen, and a great-grandfather to Ellidy and Knox.

A hardworking entrepreneur, Gary successfully ran Klund Construction for over 40 years. His sons had the privilege of working alongside him for many of those years. He also held a black belt in karate, and taught martial arts for many years before retiring to the lake home he and Judy cherished in Cumberland.

Gary was known for his generous spirit and fierce loyalty. He was a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan, a steadfast supporter of his children and grandchildren at countless sporting events, and a quiet champion of those in need—always willing to lend a hand or offer encouragement. Fond memories included waterskiing, boating, and camping on the St Croix. He especially enjoyed vacations with family and friends to Ixtapa Mexico, Florida, Hawaii, and Canada fishing trips. He was the "keeper of Sand Lake" in Cumberland and served on the lake board for many years. If there was a muskie or big walleye caught, he was the first to know about it. He loved fishing with his kids and grandkids and especially loved adding their fish photos to the "board'. In the last couple of years, one of his greatest joys was riding his tractor and tending to the lawn, surrounded by nature and family.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday, July 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at O'Connell Funeral Home in Hudson, followed by a service at 2:00 p.m. Friends and family are invited to continue gathering afterward at the Hudson Marina party room (16 1st Street, Hudson).

Gary's presence, laughter, and steady strength will be missed deeply by all who knew and loved him.

Peggy A. Schilling

Peggy Ann Schilling passed away June 26, 2025, at her home following a battle with pancreatic cancer. Peggy was born on August 28, 1957, to Bill and Mary Schilling in Amery, WI. Peggy worked her entire career at Cumberland Healthcare, retiring in 2021.

A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Rowe Funeral Home (206 2nd Ave E, Luck, WI 54853). A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 10, 2025 at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior at Bone Lake Lutheran Church (1101 255th Ave, Luck, WI 54853).

You are invited to leave condolences, memories, and photos at www.rowefh.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Rowe Funeral Home in Luck, 715-472-2444 and the Northwest Wisconsin Cremation Center in Milltown, www.nwwicremationcenter.com.

Hospice Provides Valuable Services

Marshfield Medical Center-Rice Lake Hospice offers a patient-centered, family-focused approach to care for individuals facing life-limiting illnesses. Services provided include physician and nursing care, pain management, social work assistance, spiritual support, and bereavement counseling. Barron Electric Cooperative proudly supports this program and has recently contributed $1,000 to Rice Lake Hospice. Barron Electric's General Manager, Aaron Torud, stated, "This organization delivers an invaluable service to the rural community."

The funds for these donations come from the Federated Youth Foundation, which is an administrative trust managing unclaimed cashback credits from 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. Since 1936, Barron Electric has been serving the rural community and currently supplies electricity to nearly 20,000 members.

Church Directory

"Freedom of a Christian"

by Pastor Todd Ahneman
Barronett Lutheran Church

This week Americans celebrate a special day, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, which came on July 4, 1776. The document describes the unfairness of rule by the king and parliament of England, and stressed that there was no representative to speak on behalf of the American colonies. The choice of the signers was separation from England, so the colonies could rule themselves.

The king of England sought to suppress the rebellion, but lost to the determined Americans. Then a different work began, forming a new government with The Constitution, followed by the original ten amendments, called the Bill of Rights. The ideas of independence, freedom and self-determination have become engrained into our culture.

Freedom in scripture is sometimes described in a literal sense, as opposed to slavery, but more often as where people walk with God and follow his commandments, and know his love and compassion for people. This can bring amazing confidence and courage to live life to its best, and bring out the best in others.

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, NIrV)

It has been the practice of Christians from the beginning that we pray for the leaders of the nations, that they maintain peace and bring justice to the world. (Romans 13:1-7) And we pray for soldiers and police, who work on the front lines to restore order in our human chaos. They have their hands full.

Where we can, lend a helping hand. St. Paul tells us: "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. (1 Thessalonians 5:14-18)

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Todd Ahneman, Barronett Lutheran

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Cumberland School District
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Cumberland School District - School Psychologist

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How to Apply: If interested in this position, applications are submitted through the WECAN website: https://wecan.education.wisc.edu. Applicants may also mail or email a resume, letter of interest, three letters of recommendation, and copies of transcripts from all attended universities to:

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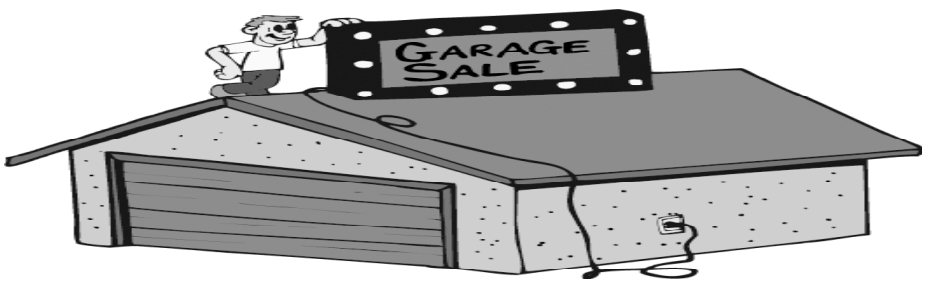

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

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

Danielle Maxwell-Parker
Clerk
Town of Lakeland
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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors for Town of Maple Plain will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, 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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Tavis Lynch "The Mushroom Guy" at Shell Lake Library

We are excited to have Tavis Lynch "The Mushroom Guy" from Cumberland, WI., at Shell Lake Public Library, on Monday, July 7th at 4 pm!

Tavis is an amateur mycologist from Northern Wisconsin. He has been studying our local fungi for over 40 years. Tavis is the author of "Mushroom Cultivation" (Quarto), "The Beginner's Guide to Mushrooms" (Quarto), "Grow Your Own Mushrooms (Quarto), and is currently working on a two-volume book, "The Mushrooms of Wisconsin." He teaches mycology classes in about 35 schools around the upper midwest and focuses most of his time on the study of the genus Russula. This is a great time to get your mushroom questions answered.

USDA Reminds Producers to File Crop Acreage Reports

(Barron, WI), After spring planting is complete, agricultural producers should make an appointment with the Barron County Farm Service Agency (FSA) to complete crop acreage reports before the applicable deadline.

"Producers must file an accurate crop acreage report by the applicable deadline in order to receive many USDA program benefits," said Sarah MacDonald, FSA's County Executive Director in Barron County. "After planting is complete, call your local FSA office to make an appointment to report your acreage and take care of any other FSA-related business."

How to File a Report

A crop acreage report documents a crop grown on a farm or ranch, its intended use and location. Producers should file an accurate crop acreage report for all crops and land uses, including failed acreage and prevented planted acreage before the applicable deadline.

The following acreage reporting dates are applicable in Barron County:

July 15, 2025:

Corn, Soybeans, Oats, Rye, Barley, Wheat, Sunflowers, Canola, Pumpkins, Triticale, Sorghum, Potatoes, Hemp, Perennial Forages, CRP.

August 15, 2025:

Beans (Green)

To file a crop acreage report, producers need to provide:

- Crop and crop type or variety
- Intended crop use
- Number of crop acres
- Map with approximate crop boundaries
- Planting date(s)
- Planting pattern, when applicable
- Producer share(s)
- Irrigation practice(s)
- Acreage prevented from planting, when applicable
- Other required information

Acreage Reporting Details

The following exceptions apply to acreage reporting dates:

- If the crop has not been planted by the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 15 calendar days after planting is completed.
- If a producer acquires additional acreage after the acreage reporting deadline, then the acreage must be reported no later than 30 calendar days after purchase or acquiring the lease. Appropriate documentation must be provided to the county office.

Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) policy holders should note that the acreage reporting date for NAP-covered crops is the acreage reporting date or 15 calendar days before grazing or crop harvesting begins, whichever is earlier.

Producers with perennial forage crops should check with their local FSA office to see if their crops are eligible for continuous certification, which rolls the certified acreage forward each year until a change is made.

Prevented Planted Acreage

Producers should also report the crop acreage they intended to plant but were unable to because of a natural disaster, including drought. Prevented planted acreage must be reported on form CCC-576, Notice of Loss, no later than 15 calendar days after the final planting date as established by FSA and USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA).

Farmers.gov Portal

Producers can access their FSA farm records, maps, and common land units through the farmers.gov customer portal. The portal allows producers to export field boundaries as shapefiles and import and view other shapefiles, such as precision agriculture boundaries within farm records mapping. Producers can view, print and label their maps for acreage reporting purposes. A login.gov account that is linked to a USDA customer record is required to use the portal.

Producers can visit farmers.gov/account to learn more about creating an account. Producers who have the authority to act on behalf of another customer as a grantee via an FSA-211 Power of Attorney form, Business Partner Signature Authority or as a member of a business can now access information for the business in the farmers.gov portal.

Geospatial Acreage Reporting

Acreage reports using precision agriculture planting boundaries can be filed electronically with an approved insurance provider or an authorized third-party provider, who will then share the file with FSA staff. Producers should notify their local FSA office if they submitted an electronic geospatial acreage report containing precision planting boundaries that they want to use as part of their FSA acreage report.

More Information

For more information, producers can contact the Barron County FSA office at 715-537-5645.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa.usda.gov.

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Evelyn St. Angelo; One of Cumberland's Greatest Songstress by Mark R. Fuller

Evelyn St. Angelo

The Island City has had a number of great singers going back to its early beginning. One of the first of these talents was Julia Youngman Comstock, who arrived in Cumberland in the late 1800s as a teacher in the school system.

Her love of music was obvious immediately as she taught voice and piano. The Advocate would say of her, "She instilled a love of music and a skill in performance, which not only brightened and enriched her student's lives, but made them an asset to the community in which they live. She had a beautiful voice which she cultivated assiduously."

In 1901, she married Judge H.S. Comstock and they soon moved to Madison, where her husband served as a legal Advisor for Governor Robert LaFollette. While there, she received further voice instruction from Nationally known New York Teacher, Carl Breneman.

In 1906, they moved back to Cumberland, where she resumed giving singing lessons to the city's youth. During the next 20 years, she taught many excellent students, the most talented of which was Evelyn St. Angelo, the daughter of Thomas St. Angelo and Esther Stefano Sammarone.

Born in 1914, St. Angelo first attended Palmer School and then Cumberland High School, where sang in the Glee Club and performed at multiple school and city events. During this time, Mrs. Comstock convinced Evelyn's father that her voice deserved further cultivation.

She began her further development by studying once a week at the McPhail School of Music in Minneapolis her last two years of high school. Founded in 1907, the McPhail School of Music is still active today and is one of the nation's oldest and largest community-based music education centers in the United States.

Following her high school graduation, St. Angelo headed to Minneapolis, where she attended the University of Minnesota, studying under George Stump, who had a strong reputation in the Midwest as a "Voice builder."

During her time in Minnesota, St. Angelo would appear in numerous plays including Puccini's Madame Butterfly, where she was praised for her work by the music critic of the Minneapolis Tribune and in the Twin City Opera production of "Lelawala" at Lake Harriet in 1935, where she portrayed the character of Lelawala.

After three years at Minnesota, St. Angelo headed to New York, where she continued her singing development with the well-known Franz Prochowski, a prominent voice teacher and concert singer who came to the United States in 1921 from Copenhagen.

She would eventually accept a position as a singer in Heavyweight Boxing Champion Jack Dempsey's Restaurant in the city and would later become a singer on a cruise ship. She also became involved in radio broadcasting.

During her time in New York, she became a contestant on the radio program Major Bowes Amateur Hour. The most famous alumnus of the program would become Frank Sinatra. While entered in this popular CBS Radio show, St. Angelo sang under the name of Rita Reeves, saving her real name for her Opera Career, which was her real love.

As was common for the program, the most talented contestants would be sent on tour. Following her debut, St. Angelo qualified and went on a 38-State jaunt throughout the country. Touring under the name of Evelyn Claire, singing songs like "Cheri, Cheri, Bien!" and "Make Believe" was enjoyable for St. Angelo, but with as many of four shows a day, she found it hard on her voice. She would eventually turn down an opportunity for a second tour.

Another memorable singing opportunity for St. Angelo, while in New York, came when Fiorello La Guardia, the Mayor of the city, asked her to sing at an American Federation of Labor program, for which she was paid $15.

St. Angelo would eventually reunite and work with the Bowles Family Hour before meeting Charles S. Chace, who she married in 1940. They would imminently move to Ohio, where he was a car salesman and she continued to give voice lessons and participate in numerous musical opportunities.

They would have two children, giving Evelyn the opportunity to participate in her favorite hobby, cooking. She also loved to listen to her favorite music program, the Sunday Afternoon Symphony Hour.

After her incredible journey through music and singing, St. Angelo passed away in January of 1990. For those that heard the Island City Songstress and were her voice students like Mrs. Comstock had been to her; the memories of Evelyn St. Angelo lasted throughout their lifetime.

City of Cumberland Construction...

vide a bit of light downtown until the new poles arrive in August. This lighting will be sparse, but it is better than darkness!

Milling of the driving surface of Highway 63 will start on Monday, July 7th at the west end of town and will move eastward, most likely reaching the four corners mid-week next week. It will then turn northwards. Depending on progress, it could be completed the end of that week--but will most likely spill over into the following week a bit.

Installation of the new blacktop surface will begin the week of July 14th, again starting at the west end of town, moving eastward, and eventually turning north at the four corners. Blacktopping will take a couple weeks to complete.

Final sidewalk installation, including on the east side of the downtown business district, is currently scheduled to begin the week of July 28th. New light poles are scheduled to arrive during the first half of August, which means that they could potentially be in place by Rutabaga.

Keep hoping for good weather, safe conditions, timely deliveries and minimal unforseen circumstances!

Youth Livestock Exhibitors!

The livestock project is education in action- learning to do and doing to learn! Swine project members Mackaylah Waibel, Mykala Stovern, and Braden Wirth exhibited their animals at last year's county fair. 4-H and FFA members across the county are busy getting their animals prepared for the 2025 Barron County Fair Livestock Project at the Barron County Fair, kicking off with sheep weigh-ins and ultrasound scanning at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, 7/15, and beef and hogs on Wednesday, 7/16. Live judging will take place on Wednesday, 7/16 at 3 pm for sheep, and Thursda,y 7/17 at 8 am and 2 pm for swine and beef. The highlight of the project, the 2025 Livestock Sale, will take place on Saturday, July 19, at 1:30 pm. All are welcome for the judging and sale- see you at the fair!

Youth Livestock Exhibitors Preparing Quality Meat Animals for 2025 Show and Sale

Throughout the county, 4-H and FFA members are preparing their quality livestock projects for the 2025 livestock shows and sale at the Barron County Fair, scheduled for July 16-20, 2025. Live animal judging will take place in the covered arena just to the north of the dairy barns on Wednesday, July 16 with Sheep at 3pm, and on Thursday, July 17, with Hogs at 8:00 am and Beef at 2 pm. The annual highlight of the livestock project will continue with the 60th Annual Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday, July 19, 2025, at 1:30 pm. A total of 95 locally raised meat animals from the beef, sheep and swine projects will be sold to the highest bidder with Paffel Auctioneering conducting the sale, and Citizens Community Federal Bank serving as clerks. The sale will take place in the covered show arena with presale announcements starting at 1:15 pm, with the sale to begin at 1:30 pm.

Before the sale, livestock exhibitors and their families will host a picnic and reception on Saturday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. for all past and prospective buyers. This picnic will be held in the track infield. Prospective buyers are invited to visit with the exhibitors and view the exhibits and animals on Saturday morning before the picnic.

All are welcome to attend, bid, and buy! Buyers can be anyone who is interested in supporting 4-H and FFA youth livestock project members; this could be an individual, family, or business purchase. In addition to purchasing high-quality locally produced meat, businesses and individuals will receive recognition and advertisement at the time of purchase with sale announcements, poster displays above each animal purchased, newspaper ads, and advertisement in the following year's sale promotion materials. All sale prices are based on the live weight of the animal determined on the first day of the fair. Buyers of animals of each species with the champion live rank, champion carcass rank, and overall champion animal will receive special recognition.

WJMC Radio will carry a presale broadcast on Friday morning, giving information about the beef, swine, and sheep shows and general information about the livestock sale. Sale catalogs will be available on Friday morning at the Fairgrounds and the Barron County Fair website.

Anyone interested in bidding can pre-register by contacting sale clerk Jason Erb at Citizens Community Federal Bank in Barron at jerb@ccf.us, or any of the species superintendents: Beef- Kristin Hanson, hansonk@barron.k12.wi.us, Pete Kolpack kolpackp@ricelake.k12.wi.us; Arlaina Meyer, Hog Superintendent, ameye@csdmail.com; Livestock Coordinator Emily Drafall- barroncountylivestock@gmail.com, or Doug Kucko at Compeer Financial Services, Rice Lake Doug.Kucko@compeer.com

Bidder registration can also take place on the day of the sale, with bidding numbers and registration available at the sale arena. Questions regarding the livestock project or sale can be directed to the Barron County UW-Extension office at 715-788-6219, or Barron County FFA advisors- Barron- Kristin Hanson, Cumberland- Arlaina Meyer, and Rice Lake- Pete Kolpack.

The objective of the livestock project and sale is to provide an incentive for 4-H, FFA, and other youth organization members to participate in an educational experience in selecting, raising, and showing beef, sheep and swine. Following the motto, "learning by doing," livestock exhibitors gain valuable hands-on experiences as food producers by caring for their animals, maintaining production and financial records, and taking personal responsibility for their role as quality meat producers in the livestock industry. The Livestock Sale provides a financial incentive to do well, as buyers have traditionally paid above market prices for members' animals, recognizing the high quality of animals and the hard work and dedication of project members. Members reinvest these proceeds into their livestock project or set aside the funds for continuing their education. Many past members can proudly state that their livestock project animals helped to pay for their education beyond high school.

To be eligible for the sale, project members must participate in quality assurance training through the Youth for the Quality Care of Animals program, follow the member/producer code of ethics, and have their project animals satisfy final weight, rate of gain, live grade, and live rank requirements. Of the animals meeting the weight, rate of gain, and grade requirements, the top 30 beef, 40 hogs, and 25 lambs are sold. Students may either breed and raise their animals or select and purchase animals for their project.

Students registered their animals in December for beef and in April for hogs and lambs. All animals are identified with RFID ear tags, and initial weights are recorded. Final weigh-ins will take place on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:00 p.m., for sheep, and Wednesday, July 16, beginning at 8:00 a.m. for beef, with hogs to follow. All species will be analyzed using ultrasound technology to measure loin eye area, back fat, and marbling for grading and carcass judging. Spectators are welcome to watch this process during the final weigh-ins at the Triebensee Memorial Barn on the fairgrounds. Live animal evaluation will take place at the following times- Sheep- 3 pm –Wednesday, July 16th, and Thursday, July 17th – Hogs at 8:00 a.m., Beef at 2 pm.

Animals sold at the sale will be processed at the Almena Meat Company at Almena, The Butcher Shop, Rice Lake; Bob's Processing, and Lotts A Meat, both in Bloomer. Once carcass quality is determined, overall awards are determined based on rate of gain, live rank, and carcass merit. The overall winner is the exhibitor with the best ranking in all three area; these awards will be announced at the Livestock Carcass Show & Awards Program on Thursday, July 24th at the Barron Area Community Center. All carcass show data will be available at the awards program. Overall champions of each species will be named based on rate of gain rank, live rank, and carcass rank, and all other livestock awards for the beef, swine, and sheep projects will be presented at this time.

The livestock project shows and sale are supervised by the Barron County Junior Livestock Committee, which consists of parents, project members, 4-H leaders, FFA advisors, and others interested in advancing the livestock industry. The committee's role is to design, implement, and evaluate learning activities for project members, including setting educational goals for the project, as well as standards for finish weight, quality grade, rate of gain, and live rank for animals to qualify for the sale. Anyone wishing to serve on this committee should attend the September meeting of the committee or contact the UW-Extension office at 715- 788- 6219

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Sports

Derrick Gideo

Derrick Gideo Finishes First in Rice Lake PGA Juniors Event

Recently graduated Cumberland High School Golfer Derrick Gideo continues to play excellent golf and recently showed well at two Juniors PGA Events.

Playing in the 17-18 age group, Gideo tied for first in a Tournament at Turtleback in Rice Lake on June 24 and took fifth at an event the following day in Spooner.

At Turtleback, Gideo shot a two-over par 73, to share Medalist honors with Logan Weissinger of Durand. The following day in Spooner, Gideo shot a five-over 76 to finish fifth as Weissinger took home Medalist honors with a one-under 71.

Gideo has two more events scheduled for the summer before heading to college in the fall. He will play at the Hayward Country Club on July 16 and in Eau Claire on August 14. The primary purpose of PGA Junior Events is to develop young players in the game of golf, fostering a love for the sport while providing competitive and developmental opportunities. Gideo's college choice is still pending.

Turtle Trot Run/Walk in Turtle Lake, July 12, 2025

The 45th Annual Turtle Trot race will be held again this year in conjunction with the Turtle Lake Lions Inter-County Fair. The race will be held on Saturday, July 12, beginning at 8:00 am at St. Ann's Center. Electronic timing will be used again this year. Timing is sponsored by Cumberland Healthcare and the St. Croix Casino.

There will be three events - the 10k run, the 2 mile run, and the 2 mile walk. Race forms may be picked up at Dairy State Bank, the Turtle Lake Public Library, and the Turtle Lake School or register online at www.runsignup.com/Race/WI/TurtleTrot/TurtleLakeTurtleTrot.

T-shirts for the event will be handed out before the race. Medals will be awarded to first, second, and third place winners in various age divisions for the running events.

The race is coordinated by the Turtle Lake Lioness Club and sponsored in part by the Village of Turtle Lake Tourism Commission. Partial proceeds from the event will go to the Turtle Lake School New Track Fund.

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Noah, Jon, Nicole and Caleb Hile in "The Barn".

The Barn...

have owned since 2006. With boys Noah and Caleb in wrestling, it seemed appropriate that a wrestling facility was in need. A little bit happened here and there including a new floor, lights, roof and more. Pretty soon an old wrestling mat was added from Cumberland High School, then another from Shell Lake and finally Chad Owens donated yet another. Church pews were added from St. Paul Lutheran Church for wrestlers to sit and chat with coaches and amongst themselves. The wood for the new floor came at a great price from Jason Cummings. Guess what else happened? Wrestlers and coaches started showing up. "The Barn" has seen coaches from UW Madison and Minnesota. Rice Lake Wrestling Coach Mike Kelly has been there from the beginning. Olympic Gold Medalists John and Ben Peterson have both been there helping to mold not just great wrestlers, but great young men and women. The list goes on and on.

A few weeks back, Marty Hauck, a certified USA Gold Coach from Missouri, brought a team for a weekend, and another team from Illinois was here as well.

Not only was there great wrestling practices, they all enjoyed a fish fry and a day at the lake. There were wrestlers from throughout the area here as well.

How about wrestlers? Koy Hopke, a four time State Champion from Amery and University of Minnesota wrestler, Wyatt Ingram, a current UW Madison wrestler, Liam Nietzel, a wrestler from the University of North Dakota and more have wrestled in "The Barn."

Countless high school wrestlers from Cumberland, Spooner, Shell Lake, Rice Lake and more have been here. Some young ladies have also wrestled at "The Barn."

Jon Hile, a State Champion himself, from Shell Lake, 1988, says they plan to keep "The Barn" going even after he and Nicole's youngest son Caleb graduates. Jon stated its more than just wrestling, its teaching young men and women to be good people and just do your best. That's the coolest part of the whole thing. Noah said it's a tradition now, it's just part of what we do in the summer. I get asked all the time when "The Barn" is starting up again. He also said you only need one reason to come, there are 100 reasons not to be here!

Caleb stated, "the practices in the barn are the hardest I've ever been at, and I've been at a lot!" It is really a neat place, a place where young and older wrestlers can get together for some tough practices, meet great people, and have a great time, right here at "The Barn!"

A look inside "The Barn".

Caleb and Noah Hile.

Noah Hile.

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

A Week in Paradise

Hello friends,

The Canadian fly in fishing trip that I am about to write about is a big part of my life history. I started flying to Schultz Lake (www.chimolodge.com) in 1982 with my family. I became camp manager at Chimo Lodge in 1988 and in 1989 I started my writing career as camp manager at Chimo Lodge. About all I can say is that first it was my dear friends Pete and Elisabeth Hagedorn that I worked with and for and now it is Chris and Tammy Leblanc and both couples were fantastic at running this business as are all of their employees. If you are into fly in fishing trips, check out the website and reviews.

Saturday, June 14th
High 67, low 48

Our group of 9 would which was 8 members of my family and a very good friend would be flown 60-air miles to Schultz Lake in a De Havilland "Beaver" and the much larger "Otter."

After months of looking forward to this annual trip and much preparation the true adventure would begin. First, we move into our cabin and get our rods rigged, then we draw cards and 7 of us find out what day we cook and do dishes. Next is what we all came here for and that is to get in our boats and play until dark, which is about 10:30 pm.

My brother Tom Walters would be in one boat with his son Josh and grandson Preston and as usual they had the longest drive as they came up from Denham Springs, Louisiana. My brother-in-law Dick Schuster and his sons Riley and Trent would be in another and I would be at the tiller with my brother Mike and our good buddy Gary Gray.

I think it is fair to say that much of what we catch, walleye and northern pike are on crawler harnesses, floating jigs and my favorite the RIPPIN' RAP.

An interesting situations for us is there is a major forest fire about 50 miles to our north that has forced the evacuation of 2 fly-in native communities and those fires would bring in off and on smoke all week. A side bar on the fires is that the chain of lakes of which we are the only cabin on, is very low and would drop all week, and we would receive no rain.

The fishing or should I say catching. I caught my first walleye one minute after I started and Mike and Gary had the same type of luck. For the most part this trip is about family/friends spending time together and what we are really good at is laughing.

Until dark we had great success and then it was time for a fish fry and as usual a very late night sitting around the table and laughing. My dad the late Robert Walters started this trip back in '82 and he was a very wise man for doing it.

Big fish for the day went to Riley Schuster with a 39-inch gator caught on a pink spoon.

Monday, June 16th
High 67, low 46

Today I would fish with my nephew Josh Walters and his 16-year-old-son Preston. We would drive our boat to a trail and then carry our gear about a half a mile to another lake which can have excellent fishing.

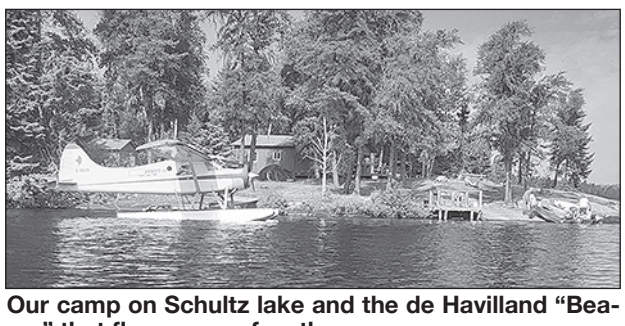
For myself just fishing with Josh and Preston is a bonus as I only see them maybe every 5 years. Josh is a crane operator and that is one very demanding job with lots of knowledge required to do this type of job.

From start to finish we caught fish and one of the cool parts was fishing a deep pool below a rapids where we could see numerous walleye and small northern pike, on my first cast with the trusty RIPPIN' RAP, I caught a 22-incher.

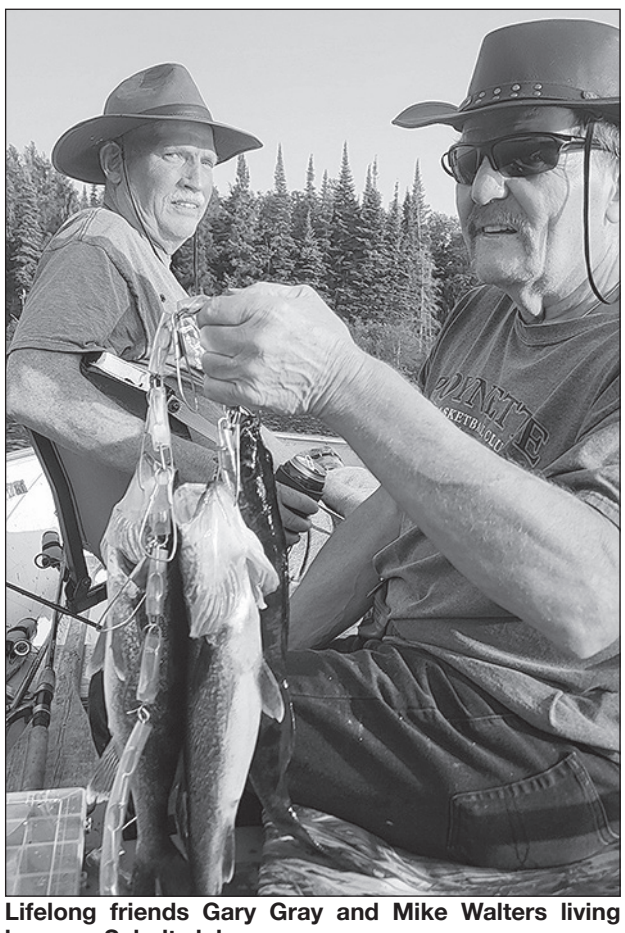
Josh caught the biggest walleye which was just over 24-inches and at dark we headed back to the cabin.

After dark Tommy cooked "Walleye Coubion", next it was a game of crap on your neighbor and before we knew it was 3:30 am, the birds were chirping and we still had 5-days left at our annual home for a week.

Sunset



Our camp on Schultz lake and the de Havilland "Beaver" that flew some of us there.



Lifelong friends Gary Gray and Mike Walters living large on Schultz lake.

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Sports Look Back, July 2, 1995

Fifth Grade at Barron

The fifth grade team traveled to Barron for a doubleheader and split the two games.

The team won the first game 4-2 and lost the second 7-4.

In the first game the team scored all their runs in the third inning on clutch hits from Dan Lingen and Jake Lundquist. Pitchers in the win were Greg Strickland and Patrick Cifaldi.

In the second game, the team ended the game with bases loaded but could not catch up. Chris Snyder had a great defensive game and also contributed four hits for the day.

Sixth Grade at Barron

The sixth grade team beat Barron 15-4 as Josh Peterson and Bernie Jobe each had two hits. Nate Froehlich and Ryan Nickell had four hits each with Josh Burnstad contributing a triple and two more hits.

Nate Froehlich pitched three innings, striking out seven with Josh Burnstad taking over in the fourth and striking out three. Bernie Jobe and Dusty Anderson also pitched for the winners.

Minor League

In minor league games, the Twins beat the Blue Jays 30-22 with the Twins offense powered by Britta Nesvold, Kyle Tempesta, Justin O'Keefe and Aaron Ranallo.

Playing well for the Jays were Mike Mathison, and Scott Keeler with excellent defensive efforts coming from Dane Nickell and Michael Cifaldi.

The Brewers beat the Pirates 23-19 as Tyson Theese, Drew Neinaber and Kevin Girard led the offense. Good defense came from Jacquie Rinzel, Danny Kredeman, Tanner Severson and Michael Knight.

The Pirates were led by Jon Poznikowich and Matt Strickland. Good defense for the Pirates came from Travis Muench and Devon Anderson.

Major League

The White Sox beat the Yankees 7-2 as Dusty Anderson and Ryan Nickell struck out 14 of 26 Yankee batters. Shawn Ordway, Chris Snyder and Mark Wickre were the big sticks for the sox.

The Yankees rebounded as they beat the Marlins 15-0. Every Yankee scored at least once. Leading the way were Jared Lee, Nate Froehlich and Graham Ruppel.

Valiant efforts in the losing effort came from Josh Peterson, Joe Miller and Josh Tempesta.

The Yankees had a 2-1 week as they beat the Rockies 13-5. Nate Froehlich pitched two innings of hitless ball as he struck out all six batters he faced. Carl Juza handled the rest of the pitching duties.

Scott Wickland had a triple while the Rockies were led by Bjorn Nesvold with two hits while Scott Bormann added a double.

The Cumberland 10U baseball team took home second place at last weekends St. Croix Falls tournament. Pictured L to R (Front Row): Jameson Haugen, Ryan McCarthy. (Middle Row) Tristan Hedke, Rhett Cifaldi, Bentley Slayton, Finley Ruppel, Will Knutson, Lee Torrison, Beau Grover, Brad Ranallo, Asher Rinehardt. Coaches Michael Cifaldi, Barry Ranallo, Graham Ruppel and Eric Torrison.Way to go guys!

Congratulations to the 5/6 Cumberland Red Girls Softball Team on their 3rd place finish at the Barron County League Tournament this past weekend. Pictured back row from left to right are: Andy Johnson, Ashlyn Johnson, Lydia Huebner, Rylie Polich, Brooklyn Nybeck, Lexi Anderson and Jamie Anderson. Middle row from left to right are: Maya Subrt, Charli Lehman and Jaden Hunt. Front row from left to right are: Ella Murdza, Emilie Wenzel and Lucy Bickle.

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07/05 Sat	1:24	7:35	1:46	7:57	05:26	08:57	4:44p	1:20a	9:17p	8:54a	*
07/06 Sun	2:04	8:16	2:28	8:39	05:27	08:56	5:52p	1:43a	10:05p	9:41a	*
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F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity
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July 4 1925...

headed by the City Council who contributed $200. They were joined by the State Bank, Company Store, Cumberland Fruit Packaging Company, Hines Mercantile, and Miller-Olcott Lumber Yard who pledged $50.00 each. Other pledges came in from as little as $1.00 to $25, which added up to almost $800 total.

July 4 arrived on a Saturday and the crowd which attended the activities were called by the Advocate, "The largest that has ever visited the city. By 9:00 am, the streets were lined with autos and the lines did not disappear until the midnight bell had rung."

The city shutdown Second Street from Elm to Grove as the Cameron and Luck bands entertained those in attendance in front of the Library. Kids races began at 9:30 am followed by what the Advocate called, "The best parade seen in Cumberland in years." The float winners went to first place Northwestern Mutual Insurance, while the City Bakery captured the Most Artistic category.

The rest of the day saw those in attendance ride the Ferris Wheel and Merry-go-round located South of City Hall, while others watched baseball won by Cumberland 4 to 3, in a contest which Almena claimed the winning run had come-in illegally. The Advocate would say of the contest, "Whether the ultimate score was 3 to 3 or 4 to 3, the game was too good to be spoiled by an argument of any kind."

The night concluded with an hour of fireworks set off by the dock, followed by the big dance. The large group that attended the July 4 spectacular finally began to leave the city around midnight. It was done without incident, minus a head-on collision between two cars which occurred when a driver attempted to pass another. Thankfully, no one was hurt.

Besides the many events of the day, other families entertained guests during our Independence Day Celebration.

The Malchow family west of town had 40 in attendance where they, "Had goodies of all kinds and ice cream until they were nearly sick." In Section 10, meanwhile, the Martin Seirstad home celebrated with a group of friends from Minneapolis, while the W. C. Miller home in the city got the entire family together for the first time in 28 years.

Yes, it had been a great July 4. For some, the upcoming Monday meant they would soon be headed to work at the canning factory with summer operations finally beginning on Monday or Tuesday. For others, Monday meant a day to sleep in following a busy Saturday night of dancing. No matter where you were on the topic, everyone agreed that this July 4 was one to remember.

Beautiful Facility Now Open!

We are excited to announce that Autumn Leaves Assisted Living has opened up a new CBRF assisted living home at 710 7th Avenue, Cumberland, on June 12, 2025. We have 14 assisted living rooms and four independent living apartments with full kitchens. They are separated in the middle by the commons area, activity room, dining hall, lounge and kitchen. Stop in for a cup of coffee and check us out!

Autumn Leaves Director LaVerne Wenger gives a tour of the new facility Friday, June 27th.

Moving Along!

Work continues to progress on the Hwy 63 road construction project.

Northwest Region Construction Update

Barron County

Highway: US 53

Location: Bridges over 22½ Avenue north of Rice Lake

Schedule: May 14 to early August

Cost: $770,405

Description: Replacing the concrete deck overlays, replacing the bridge approach slabs, repairing bridge wing walls, repairing cracks on girders and parapet as necessary and replacing guardrail as necessary.

Traffic impacts: US 53 remains open to traffic, but the highway is reduced to a single lane in both directions.

Highway: US 53 South

Location: Bridges over US 8, 20th Street, Knapp Street, County I, Chetek River, County A, County AA and Carlson School Road between Cameron and New Auburn

Schedule: May 5 to mid-November, 2025 construction; March 1 to late September, total project completion.

Cost: $10.91 million

Description of 2025 work: Replacing the decks on the bridges over County AA and County A; overlaying the decks with concrete on structures over Carlson School Road, Knapp Street and US 8; making miscellaneous repairs to bridges; completing prep work for 2026 construction on the bridges over the Chetek River, County I and 20th Street; and replacing guardrail at the structures.

Traffic impacts: US 53 South remains open to traffic, but:

Motorists will encounter lane closures and a reduced speed limit of 60 mph in work zones.

o US 53 South reopens to two lanes of traffic, with a 70-mph speed limit between closures.

· There is a maximum width of 15 feet 3 inches on the open lane on most bridges.

· Motorists also will encounter intermittent daytime closures of the roads below the bridges during the work week.

· Southbound US 53 is tentatively scheduled to be closed from 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 2 to 6 a.m. Thursday, July 3 between the Chetek and New Auburn exits.

o During the closure, traffic will be detoured via County I, County SS and County M.

Highway: US 63

Location: Just west of WIS 48 West to Charrie Lane in Cumberland

Schedule: April 28 to mid-September

Cost: $3.68 million

Description: Removing 3.25 inches of the existing pavement and placing 3.25 inches of new asphalt pavement; closing access to the roadway at various locations to improve safety; upgrading pedestrian curb ramps to current Americans With Disabilities Act standards; repairing or replacing curb, gutter and sidewalk; repairing sanitary sewer manholes and storm water inlets as needed; extending the two-way left-turn lane pavement markings between 3rd and 5th avenues; and replacing pavement markings and signage.

Traffic impacts: US 63 remains open to traffic, but:

North- and southbound traffic has 12-foot travel lanes through the entire project.

· The parking lane and shoulder are closed along the northbound lane.

Barron and Washburn counties

Highway: US 53

Location: 26th Avenue north of Rice Lake to Pine Grove Road south of Sarona

Schedule: Sept. 5, 2023, to late May 2025

Cost: $21.89 million

Description of 2025 work: Tensioning cable barrier in the median between 26th and 27th avenues to reduce crossover crashes; placing a high-friction surface treatment on the pavement in the same area to reduce crossover and run-off-the-road crashes; removing and replacing a concrete joint, which will result in a several-day closure of a southbound US 53 lane; and placing final pavement markings.

Traffic impacts: US 53 is open to traffic, but motorists might encounter single-lane closures as finishing work is completed.