



City of Cumberland Bridge/Road Construction Update

Hwy. 63 Bridge Replacement: The contractors were able to complete the concrete pour on the bridge last week before the holiday weekend! This week they're working on raising the elevation of the roadway north of the bridge, as well as remaining iron and rebar work in preparation for the pouring of the approaches and their footings late this week and early next week. The channel buoys closing the channel beneath the bridge should be placed later today (Tuesday) and in place for the foreseeable future.

Local Street Improvement Projects:

Work on local streets will take a hiatus until the Barron County Highway Department returns later this month.

Hwy. 63 Resurfacing south of Cumberland towards Turtle Lake: The preconstruction meeting for this project occurs this Friday, with work expected to commence as early as next week.

Brightspeed Fiber Installation: Brightspeed's fiber installation work is planned to begin in July. Their schedule is being developed and we'll share it as soon as we receive it!

Swatting Call Sends Rice Lake Hospital into Lockdown

On Thursday, July 2, 2026, at approximately 2:10 pm, Barron County Communication Center received a 911 call from a staff member of the Marshfield Medical Center Emergency Department stating they received a phone call indicating that two males were enroute to shoot up the hospital. The caller advised they would be there in 20 minutes, but no further information was provided.

Rice Lake Officers responded to the scene, along with Barron County Sheriff's Deputies and the Wisconsin State Patrol and the entire medical facility building was secured per protocol. Any willing patients were allowed to leave the facility!

Upon interviewing the MMC staff member, it was determined that the male caller disguised his voice, provided the aforementioned threat, but did not disclose any further information. The male caller became upset with the MMC staff member and ended the conversation by hanging up. No subsequent calls or threats were received.

During the lock-down, law enforcement was able to determine similar threats at other locations within the state on this date. Through the initial investigation, it was determined that this incident is what is commonly referred to as a "swatting call" which resulted in an emergency response to a false threat. At approximately 4:18 pm, the lockdown was released and law enforcement cleared from the scene. There was no one injured during this call for service.

The Rice Lake Police Department will continue to investigate this false threat while working with their law enforcement partners. The department takes these calls for service very seriously and will hold those accountable through the proper criminal court process upon the completion of the investigation.

The Rice Lake Police Department would like to thank the cooperation of the MMC staff and leadership team and further the Barron County Sheriff's Department and Wisconsin State Patrol for their assistance.

Rice Lake Police Department

Nine Year Old Drowns at Campfire Cove Aqua Park in Balsam Lake

On Tuesday, June 30, 2026, at 8:14 pm, The Polk County Sheriff's Office Emergency Call Center received a report of a drowning at Campfire Cove Aqua Park, located at 956 165th Avenue in Rural Balsam Lake, WI. Sheriff's Deputies, EMS, and First Responders were sent to the scene where a 9-year-old victim was located. Life saving measures were immediately in progress and an air ambulance was dispatched to the scene. Despite all the

efforts of the witnesses and responders, the victim was pronounced deceased at the scene.

This incident remains under investigation by the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the Polk County Medical Examiner.

Assisting with this incident were Apple River Fire and First Responders, Northwestern Municipal EMS, Life Link Air Ambulance, and on-site witnesses.

VERY SPECIAL GUEST!



5 GENERATIONS OF FAMILY WERE ON HAND AT TOURIST PARK FOR THE FIREWORKS SHOW ON SUNDAY NIGHT. THIS YEAR MARKED THE 51ST YEAR STAFF SERGEANT ALBERT ROSE HAS BEEN IN ATTENDANCE. ALBERT, WHO WILL BE 101 YEARS OLD IN SEPTEMBER WAS A TOP TOURET GUNNER ON A B-52 LIBERATOR BASED IN ITALY DURING WORLD WAR II. ALBERT, A MEMBER OF THE ARMY AIR CORPS FLEW 32 SORTE MISSIONS WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY. THANK YOU ALBERT FOR YOUR SERVICE AND WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT NEXT YEARS SHOW. ALSO THANK YOU TO THE ERICKSON FAMILY FOR ALLOWING ALBERT AND FAMILY TO PARK IN THE "FRONT ROW" AT THEIR HOME NEAR THE BEACH. PICTURED BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: DORI RIDGEWAY (ALBERT'S GRANDDAUGHTER), ETHAN RIDGEWAY (ALBERT'S GREAT GRANDSON), ALICE RIDGEWAY (ALBERT'S GRANDDAUGHTER) AND DAWN ROSE (ALBERT'S DAUGHTER). BOTTOM ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: MORGAN RIDGEWAY (ALBERT'S GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER), BENTLEY RIDGEWAY (ALBERT'S GREAT GREAT GRANDSON) AND ALBERT ROSE, THE MAN HIMSELF.

AWESOME SHOW!



THE CUMBERLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE JULY 4TH SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS SHOW ON SUNDAY NIGHT AT TOURIST PARK WAS SIMPLY FANTASTIC. IT IS TOO BAD MOTHER NATURE RAINED OUT THE SHOW ON SATURDAY NIGHT AS MANY PEOPLE HAD TO HEAD BACK HOME AND MISSED OUT ON THE BEST SHOW EVER. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED THIS YEARS SHOW. A HUGE SHOUT OUT TO JON AND JESSE CHARTRAW AND THEIR CREW (PICTURED AT RIGHT) FOR PUTTING TOGETHER ANOTHER GREAT SHOW!



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Island City Music Series Continues July 14 with The Stringsmit

The Island City Music Series continues July 14 at Cumberland Tourist Park with The Stringsmit, a hard-driving bluegrass band known for tight instrumentals and vocal harmonies ranging from two to five parts.

The July 14 performance is sponsored by Dairy State Bank. Rex Mex will be on site serving authentic Mexican food including tacos, nachos, burritos and more.

Band members include Barb and Chris Landstrom of Cumberland on bass and banjo, Mary Pimblett of Augusta on guitar, and Nate and Cyrus Elmer of Clayton on mandolin and guitar. In addition to bluegrass festivals and public and private

events, the band also performs gospel music at local churches.

The Island City Music Series, presented by Enrichment Through Culture, runs every Tuesday through Aug. 11 at Cumberland Tourist Park. Performances are from 6 to 8 p.m. Kayaks provided through the Cumberland School District's Community Education program are available for those who want to enjoy the music from the water. Admission is free, with donations encouraged.

For more information about the Island City Music Series or Enrichment Through Culture's programming, visit cumberlandetc.com.

DHS Statement on Unauthorized Access and Potential Impact to Certain Medicaid Members

On Wednesday, July 1, 2026, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announced that some Medicaid members receiving benefits from the state's Supplemental Security Income program had letters with personal and private information regarding an increase in their benefits sent out to their outdated addresses.

After discovering what happened on April 30, 2026, DHS immediately identified the affected individuals and halted all future mailing to the incorrect addresses.

On June 30, 2026, notifications were sent to 8,157 Supplemental Security Income members whose information may have been accessed by unauthorized individuals. These members have been offered free credit monitoring for one year as well as given access to a dedicated call center to answer questions they might have.

Members who received a notification letter or have questions about this incident, can call 800-362-3002 from 8:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. CT Monday through Friday.

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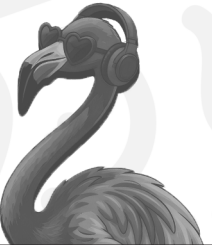
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The Stringsmit



The Island City Music series continues with the Stringsmit, on Tuesday, July 14th from 6 pm to 8 pm at Tourist Park. Members from left to right are Nate Elmer, Chris Landstrom, Barb Landstrom, Cyrus Elmer and Mary Pimblett.

Fall Prevention Workshop for Adults with Vision Impairment Coming to Barron County

Barron, Wis. – The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Barron County is inviting adults with vision impairment to participate in Stepping On, a nationally recognized fall prevention workshop designed to help individuals build confidence, improve balance, and reduce their risk of falling.

Falls are a leading cause of injury among older adults, and vision impairment can significantly increase that risk. The Stepping On workshop provides practical strategies and evidence-based

techniques that help participants stay safe, independent, and active in their daily lives.

The workshop consists of seven weekly sessions held on Wednesdays from August 5 through September 16, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Barron County Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Avenue in Barron.

Participants will learn:

- Exercises to improve strength and balance
- Ways to make their home and community environments safer

- How vision and medications can affect fall risk
- What to do and how to get up safely after a fall
- Strategies to increase confidence and maintain independence

The program is intended for adults with vision impairment who live independently in their own home or apartment, can walk without relying on a walker or wheelchair, do not have cognitive impairment, and either worry about falling or have experienced a fall within the past year.

“Many people begin lim-

iting activities because they are concerned about falling,” said Alisa Lammers of the ADRC. “Stepping On empowers participants with practical skills and knowledge that can help them stay active, independent, and engaged in the things they enjoy.”

Registration is required by July 29, 2026. Transportation assistance may be available for eligible participants.

To register or learn more, contact Alisa Lammers at 715-537-6225. Additional information is available at www.adrcconnections.org



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MONDAY, JULY 13: • 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School
TUESDAY, JULY 14: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15: 6:30 am - 7:30 am pickle ball @ Elementary School • 3:45 pm CCE: Choose Fit @ Middle School • 5:00 pm Indoor Pickle ball @ ES Gym

Kayaks and Music on Beaver Dam Lake

Cumberland Community Education is proud to announce for the 10th year that Cumberland School District kayaks and life-jackets will be available on Tuesday evenings during the Concert Series on the shores of the Cumberland Beach from 6-8 pm.

KAYAKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON TUESDAYS BEGINNING: TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH, 2026.

COST: FREE, however donations will be much appreciated! So come on down, listen to some tunes and bring the whole family! **Launch located near the music on the shores of Beaver Dam/ Cumberland Beach**

So that we are prepared, and know you are interested please reserve your kayaks by Tuesday morning of the week you wish to use them by calling the following number:

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Get ready for **Summer!**

Come on Man!



Even with all the barricades and signs, some drivers still try to make it through the Highway 63 bridge closure. This truck and camper made it part way and were forced to back out. You can't make it up!

State Honor Choir!



At the end of June, Willow Franc participated in the Wisconsin State Music Association's State Honor Choir Project at UW-Eau Claire. She spent four days intensely preparing music for a work-in-progress performance on June 27, and will later perform the same music at the Wisconsin Music Educators Association convention in late October. Congratulations, Willow, on your hard work and enjoyable concert. Pictured with Willow is Lisa Mattson.

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	1	7		9				2

PUZZLE

ACROSS

1 Applaud

5 National capital

10 In __ (together)

14 Helper

15 Notify

16 Fleece

17 Harvest

18 Permissions to enter foreign countries

19 Malaria

20 Prosecute

22 Asleep

24 Information (abbr.)

26 Deli order

27 Long-term memory

30 Annoys

32 Pretenders

37 Be

38 Type of wood

40 Prudish

41 Gave the decision

43 Environmental protection agency (abbr.)

44 Cycle

45 Slue

46 Brand of paper cups

48 Body of water

49 Athletic fields

52 Platter

53 Make a mistake

54 __ A Small World...

56 Close the door hard

58 Salsa brand

63 Beast

67 Opaque gem

68 Show

70 Air (prefix)

71 Sleeveless shirt

72 Turn over

73 Welcome rugs

74 Resound

75 Spanish coins

76 Institution (abbr.)

DOWN

1 Fish

2 In __ of

3 Jewish calendar month

4 Coke's competitor

5 Enjoy (2 wds.)

6 Boxer Muhammad

7 Loch __ monster

8 Toothbrush brand

9 Its own

10 Trade

11 Yoga practitioner

12 Part of speech

13 Fly

21 Unasked

23 Airport (abbr.)

25 Eyed

27 Maggot

28 Not as false

29 Disturbance

31 Flavorful

33 Kilometers per hour

34 Wipe off

35 Bleacher

36 Wipe

39 Up or down on a graph

42 White-tailed sea eagle

44 Pie nut

47 Japan

50 Atmosphere

51 Incite (2 wds.)

55 Open grassy area

57 City

58 Roam

59 Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries

60 Girdle

61 Singing voice

62 Greek god of war

64 Intend

65 Branch of learning

66 Not found

69 Spanish "one"

Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

I spent a lot of time down at Tourist Park this past weekend like I have in the past. What I haven’t done is go behind the ropes and watch Jon and Jesse Chartraw and their crew get ready to put on the annual fireworks show. It was really cool to see them do their work in preparation of the show. Everyone has their job and safety is the number 1 priority. Thank you to all the guys and gals for spending your 4th of July weekend putting on a fantastic show, this year was exceptional! Welll done! Thank you also to Ken Sparish at Jackie’s Fireworks for “helping” make this years show awesome!

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I was down at the bridge site this past week watching the workers pour concrete. One cement truck after another went in and out. Guess what else I saw? 1 car, 1 pickup truck and 1 truck with a camper try and go through the closed bridge section. The car and pickup made it, but apparantly a worker had had enough as he stopped the truck and camper and made him back out, back out right past the sign that says ROAD CLOSED except emergency vehicles. I’m telling you, you can’t make this stuff up. Apparantly hundreds of orange barrells, baracades and a big sign aren’t enough, crazy!

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I know it’s been pretty darn warm around here the past couple of weeks, but we are lucky, most people have air conditioning or at least a place to go and cool down. Such is not the case across Europe where an enprecidented heat wave has caused thousands of deaths in France, Germany and Belgium. They say less than 25% of homes in France have air conditioning, that seems hard to believe in today’s age. While many french people view A/C as “wasteful” and strict government energy regulations strongly discourage cooling systems, recent severe summer heatwaves becoming more common have sparked debate nationally. I’m sure many view Americans as wasteful. It sure seems to me with ever increasing temperatures and deaths that “debate” needs to be expidited. Hopefully they get some relief from mother nature soon.

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I see the corn has shot up big time the past couple of weeks. Plenty of rain and warm temperatures are the perfect ingredients. I can’t wait until we see “Barronett Bob” at the 4 corners. For me, nothing is better than a big fat cheeseburger and some sweet corn smothered in butter and salt and pepper. On the downside with this weather, I’m mowing my grass every 5 days. Oh well, it looks great! I hope everyone had a fun 4th of July weekend. Have a great week!



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Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

“It’s not just hot outside: Those who supply power feel the heat, too”

MADISON, Wis. – As temperatures across the nation climbed in recent days, it was a metaphor for the kind of public heat Wisconsin utility suppliers feel when it comes to keeping the lights on and buildings cool.

We live in a skeptical age in which people expect utilities to deliver on a set of competing goals – all the while controlling residential and business bills. Some examples:

Coal gets much of the blame for those who fear global “warming” has run amok, but it’s still a major generation source in Wisconsin and more so nationally. In 2024, coal plants provided nearly 32% of Wisconsin’s net electricity output, which is down from 60% in 2010. That slide is likely to continue, although President Trump has vowed to revive America’s “beautiful clean coal industry.”

Natural gas surpassed coal as Wisconsin’s leading source of electricity generation in 2022. It supplied about 41% in 2024. Such plants emit much less carbon dioxide than coal plants and provide needed grid flexibility, but some groups continue to oppose new construction. Critics needn’t worry in the short term: There’s a

five-to-seven-year backlog in building natural gas turbines, essential to such plants.

Solar energy is rising as a share of Wisconsin’s energy picture (about 7%) because it’s relatively cheap and is not a fossil fuel. There are drawbacks: Solar energy is generated mostly during non-peak use times, so storage systems are necessary. Solar projects in some rural communities encounter stiff opposition.

Wind energy is akin to solar in the sense it doesn’t come attached to greenhouse gases. It accounts for about 3% of Wisconsin’s electric power. Much like solar, there can be complaints about giant wind turbines in the visual and audible “back yards” of nearby residents.

Surprising to some people is how much of Wisconsin’s electric power is generated by conventional nuclear fission plants – about 15.5% in 2024, with the Point Beach plants near Lake Michigan being the sole source. On the horizon: Small Module Nuclear Reactors also generate electric power through fission. They are safer and less expensive to build than older fission plants, but licensing and construction time remain

factors. Commercial fusion is still years, if not decades, away.

Any generation source requires transmission lines to move electrons from Point A to Point B, but 345-kilovolt lines are rarely welcome in most backyards.

Complicated enough for you? Now consider that some political candidates have urged the state Public Service Commission to block future rate increases, an inane position on capital investment alone. Meanwhile, energy use is climbing even without predicted demand from data centers. Interviews with several utility executives underscored complexities in how the grid must work.

“We have to build a system to meet peak demand – for example, on the hottest and coldest days of the year – and we need to meet that demand reliably,” said Jeff Keebler, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Madison Gas & Electric Co.

Some critics focus on Wisconsin’s electricity “rates,” but data from the U.S. Energy Information Agency shows residential bills in the state are 10th lowest among the 50 states and Washington, D.C. In 2024, the average monthly bill in Wisconsin was

\$110.87 versus \$142.26 nationally.

“As a state, we have to embrace every form of energy,” said Brent Ridge, president and chief executive officer of Dairyland Power Cooperative, which is based in La Crosse and operates in parts of four states. “We have to find balance.”

Some generation sources can be hundreds of miles from where the power is needed. It took 13 years for Dairyland to win permits for a transmission line to carry wind power about 100 miles yet only two years to build it.

“The very same groups that focus on renewable energy being our sole source of energy are the same type of groups that are suing us as we try to build these (transmission) projects,” Ridge said.

While imperfect, Wisconsin’s regulatory processes have allowed utilities to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy for decades. Those who propose to throw it overboard for a different system must be willing to explain how the lights will stay on, in heat or cold.

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

A Look Back

Look Back, July 2006

World War II Veteran Receives Medal Six Decades after Dangerous Mission

While many people celebrated Independence Day with family and friends, spending time remembering those who have served and are currently serving our country to ensure our freedom, for one man in Cumberland, this year was very special.

World War II Veteran Jim Jordan and his wife, Betty Anne, hosted a 4th of July celebration at their home on Beaver Dame Lake, with approximately 40 family members. It was then, surrounded by loved ones, that Jim received a surprise. Jim’s brother and sister presented him with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the highest honor in the U.S. Air Force, and a medal which Jim was recommended over 60 years ago, but never received.

During the three years he served in the Air Force, Jim flew 85 missions with the 109th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron, but one in particular led his Commanding Officer to recommend him for the honor.

As a reconnaissance pilot flying a P-51 Mustang, (a single-seat plane), Jim and his “number two man” were assigned to seek out the enemy after an infantry colonel revealed to the pair that

nobody could identify their location.

“We (my number two man and I) had radio communications with headquarters, so they could hear what was going on. We flew three missions in pairs at 4,000 feet, and we couldn’t see the enemy either, so I told my number two man to watch from above while I went down closer. I flew my plane down towards a little village and ‘opened it up.’ I was doing about 500 miles per hour down the street of the village, two feet from the cement, and guys in the village started shooting out of the windows. I had the authority to call the artillery corps, so I did, and I asked them to throw down a smoke bomb on the village, which they did. Then, I told them to fire on the entire village—they leveled it. I went back to headquarters, and before I could even get out of my plane, the commander met me there and said, ‘I’ve never known anyone as dumb as you are. I’m going to recommend you for the Distinguished Flying Cross,’ and he did.”

“I had 32 bullet holes in my plane after that mission,” Jim said, eyes twinkling, “but they were mostly in the back because they couldn’t get

enough of a lead on me to hit any closer!”

Though the mission earned him a recommendation from his commander, Jim never did receive the actual medal, that is, until two weeks ago.

While this dangerous mission was a heroic act in itself, Jim also flew at Normandy, and was at the Buchenwald concentration camp shortly after its liberation. It was after he entered Buchenwald that Jim wrote to Betty Anne and said, “ I saw something today that makes me realize why we’re fighting this war.” The letter was published in a book entitled **War Letters**, which contains letters written home from people serving in the military during American Wars.

Jim was only 23 when he wrote that letter, dated April 21, 1945, and though he spared his wife some details, what he did reveal tells of the horrific acts which had taken place there.

“When we first walked in, we saw all these creatures that were supposed to be men. They were dressed in black and white suits, heads shaved, and starving to death. Malnutrition was with every one of them. We met one that could speak English, so he acted as a guide for us. First,

we saw a German monument that stated 51,600 died in this camp in three years. They were proud of it.”

Later in the letter, Jim tells Betty Anne, “The Red Cross was there and were removing one of the men. They told him they were going to take him to a hospital and make him well again. He didn’t want to go. He thought they were going to take him out and kill him. I doubt if he even knew who they were.”

Of the nine other men, Jim went overseas with, only two returned. “Not all of them died,” he said. “Some went to the concentration camps and some got out of the service. One fellow who went home was a classical pianist and he was sent back because on our first mission, he froze. Another one who was sent home was Jewish. At that time, if a Jewish soldier was shot down or captured by the Germans, they were killed, so they sent him home.”

Jim Jordan’s stories remind us of many things for which we are thankful, but above all, that freedom does not come without a price, and to be heroes like Jim, and those like him who risked so much, we should say THANK YOU.

Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Stephanie K. Harshman, 46, Barronett, operating while revoked, \$516.00. Brenden R. Osgood, 23, Chetek, OWI, \$1,585.50. Aryanna M. Sargent, 25, Saint Croix Falls, OWI, \$1,585.00. Silvestre Aguilar-Melchor, 35, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00 and operate without a valid license, \$200.50. Steven A. Anderson, 69, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Timothy S. Bricker, 35, Clayton, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Jake A. Checchin, 46, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, \$10.00. John R. Devoe, 62, Edina, MN., failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Dakota D. Elithorpe, 31, Shell Lake, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Dover E. Ferris, 31, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Thomas C. Fletcher, 70, Barron, OWI, \$1,585.50. Amy A. Graunke, 54, Clayton, speeding, \$225.70. Matthew S. Hippler, 34, Barron, OWI, \$1,031.00. Brian J. Holst, 54, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Mary R. Jacobson, 59, Birchwood, OWI, \$1,031.00. James R. Johnson, 68, Lindsborg, KS., inattentive driving, \$187.90. Mathy Construction Company, Onalaska, non-registration of other vehicle, \$263.50 and failure to obtain IFTA, \$263.50. Samantha A. Nelson, 46, Barron, inattentive driving, \$187.90 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. David M. Nelson, 68, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, \$10.00. Brandon L. Spalinger, 37, Ridgeland, speeding, \$295.00, violating of child safety restraining requirements, \$150.10 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50. Angela M. Stanis, 39, Chetek, speeding, \$250.90. Leofric L. Veil, 28, Cameron, refuse to take test for intoxication after arrest, \$50.00. Dennis A. Veldman, 32, Cameron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, \$200.50.

Complaints

Donald Z. Gray, 46,

of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court trial is scheduled for August 10, 2026.

Jonathon D. Fowler, 29, of Chetek, has been charged with operate all-terrain vehicle or utility terrain vehicle without valid registration. His court date is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Joshua J. Myhro, 45, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date was scheduled for June 26, 2026.

Autumn R. Koltunski, 21, of Rice Lake, has been charged with obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court trial is scheduled for August 3, 2026.

Kevin O. Bygd, 56, of Boyceville, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without required headgear. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Jaime L. Diaz, 40, of Burnsville, MN., has been charged with operate ATV or UTV without visible trail pass. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Ryan B. Johnson, 43, of Hudson, has been charged with operate ATV or UTV while intoxicated and operate ATV or UTV with PAC. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Gavin J. Bossany, 17, of Chetek, has been charged with possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for August 19, 2026.

Matthew R. Johnson, 19, of Saint Croix Falls, has been charged with possession of marijuana and underage drinking. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Connor M. Nelson, 21, of Eau Claire, has been charged with possession of marijuana. His court date is scheduled for September 2, 2026.

Alexis Llamas, 29, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court trial is scheduled for September 14, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

Jessica L. Brown, 48, of Barron, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. Her initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Adan D. Salas-Sanchez, 24, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Felicia R. Pokorny, 33, of Spooner, has been charged with OWI and operating

with PAC. Her initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

Nathan J. Swint, 17, of Cameron, has been charged with criminal damage to property, domestic abuse and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Samantha J. Rutherford, 35, of Barron, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for July 10, 2026.

Mitchell A. Schaefer, 32, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His plea hearing is scheduled for August 7, 2026.

Justin D. Sams, 47, of White Bear Lake, MN., has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer and OWI. His plea/sentencing hearing is scheduled for September 18, 2026.

Luis E. Velez-Granda, 32, of Almena, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. He has a warrant issued for his arrest.

Monica P. Medina-Suquilanda, 34, of Almena, has been charged with resisting or obstructing an officer. Her initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

David W. Hecker, 55, of North Branch, MN, has been charged with false imprisonment, domestic abuse, battery, attempt battery and criminal damage to property. His initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Virginia Kiesow, 33, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing was scheduled for July 3, 2026.

Wendy L. Rassch, 56, of Chetek, has been charged with possess w/intent amphetamine/methamphetamine and possess with intent/deliver narcotics. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Alysha J. Bolin, 34, of Barron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Fernando Maqueda, 39, of Menasha, WI., has been charged with OWI, operating while revoked, ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order and resisting or obstructing an officer. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Alexandra E. Knutson,

31, of Cameron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, party to a crime and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her initial appearance is scheduled for August 5, 2026.

Timothy M. Morgan, 47, of Cameron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, party to a crime and possession of drug paraphernalia. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Noah D. Clark, 53, of Sarona, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and resisting or obstructing an officer. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Emily R. Davis, 49, of Sarona, has been charged with possession of THC and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 13, 2026.

Liam T. Mackowiak, 58, of Chetek, has been charged with OWI. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 13, 2026.

Alice A. Rettenmund, 59, of Prairie Farm, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 15, 2026.

Ronald J. Bischel, 59, of Boyceville, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Richard L. Johnson, 42, of Barron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Tiana R. Oswald, 34, of Cameron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Kevin N. Ramsey, 37, of Barron, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Jeffrey W. Myher, 49, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with possess with intent-amphetamine/methamphetamine/etc. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Cody W. Garcia, 23, of Deer Park, has been charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for July 8, 2026.

Rice Lake Man Charged After Trying to Hire Someone to Kill the Mother of His Child

Tyler J. Crotteau, 44, of Rice Lake, has been charged with solicitation of first degree intentional homicide.

A special agent, with the Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation, reports on June 16, 2026, at approximately 9:00 am, he was contacted by a Barron County Sheriff Detective, who requested investigative assistance regarding a solicitation to commit homicide (murder-for-hire) investigation. Another detective, with the same department, and the other detective were assigned as co-lead investigators. The special agent provided investigative assistance, including operational planning, deployment of covert electronic recording equipment, participating in investigative interviews, and related investigative follow-up activities.

The investigation was initiated after a cooperating individual (CI), who was housed in the same cell block at the Barron County Jail, as the defendant, Crotteau, notified jail staff through inmate inquiry forms that Crotteau asked him to kill K.S.T., that Crotteau was serious and mad. The CI was removed from the cell block and interviewed by the detectives on June 17, 2026, at approximately 8:41 am.

When he was interviewed, the CI stated he had been in the same cell block as Crotteau for approximately two weeks. The CI stated that before Crotteau approached him, he overheard Crotteau speaking with another inmate in the cell block about K.S.T. The other inmate told Crotteau he wanted nothing to do with harming K.S.T.

The CI stated Crotteau then turned to him and said, “Hey chief, you want a job?” The CI stated Crotteau blamed K.S.T. for everything that had gone wrong for Crotteau and that it was her fault. Crotteau stated there was an upcoming court hearing regarding a child protection deal and he did not want K.S.T. to have the child back that he has in common with her. Crotteau told the CI he had approximately four months remaining on his sentence and wanted K.S.T. gone soon.

The CI, who at this point was communicating with jail staff about his concerns for K.S.T.’s safety, told Crotteau he didn’t like blood and guts, so it would have to be something like an overdose because there is a lot of that going on. The CI stated that Crotteau liked the idea of an overdose. The CI stated Crotteau informed the CI that K.S.T. was a heroin user who injected narcotics.

The CI discussed a scenario with Crotteau in which a female associate of the CI’s would make contact with K.S.T. at K.S.T.’s residence, gain K.S.T.’s trust, and use narcotics with her. The female associate would then provide K.S.T. with a fatal dose of heroin and/or fentanyl, which would result in K.S.T.’s death. The CI stated Crotteau indicated to him that such a death would be “perfect” and agreed with the overdose pain.

The CI stated Crotteau provided him with details regarding K.S.T.’s residence, telling the CI that K.S.T. was often alone, and that she used drugs in the basement of the residence. The CI stated Crotteau did not appear concerned about the method used to cause K.S.T.’s death, so long as she was killed. The CI stated Crotteau repeatedly said

he wanted K.S.T. to die and agreed that a fatal overdose would be an effective way of making that happen.

The CI provided the detectives with a folded up piece of notebook paper which had K.S.T.’s name written on it, along with an address and phone number written underneath it. The CI stated that Crotteau wrote this information down and gave it to the CI telling the CI repeatedly, “I want her gone.”

The notebook paper contained detailed information about K.S.T., including her address, location of her residence, names of associates and a hand-drawn diagram depicting the layout of K.S.T.’s residence. Crotteau identified the location of K.S.T.’s bedroom on the diagram and explained to the CI how to locate the residence.

The CI stated Crotteau provided him with a telephone number that Crotteau said his stepfather was monitoring and instructed CI to contact that number after K.S.T.’s death to possibly arrange compensation. Crotteau stated he could be contacted at that number when he was released from jail to facilitate compensation or further discuss the murder for hire arrangement.

The CI stated that Crotteau discussed compensation, but said he did not currently have money available. The CI stated Crotteau indicated payment could potentially be arranged through his stepfather after K.S.T.’s death was completed. The CI stated Crotteau was aware the CI could potentially be released from custody soon and expressed a desire for the homicide to occur before Crotteau was released from jail.

The special agent reports that the CI voluntarily participated in the investigative efforts and was provided with a covert audio recording device, which he wore on June 17, 2026, and June 18, 2026. The CI was moved back into the cell block with Crotteau. The audio recordings captured multiple discussions Crotteau had with the CI about killing K.S.T. by a drug overdose that were consistent with the information the CI provided to detectives when the CI was interviewed.

The special agent reports that he and another special agent with the same department, interviewed Crotteau at the Barron County Jail on June 18, 2026 at approximately 2:30 pm. The special agent advised Crotteau of his Notice of Rights. Crotteau indicated he understood his rights and wished to speak with them.

The special agent reports Crotteau admitted that he repeatedly said he wanted K.S.T. dead. Crotteau admitted providing the hand-drawn map to the CI, which contained K.S.T.’s name, address, directions, and diagram of the residence, along with Crotteau’s name and phone number. Crotteau stated he included information on the diagram that, if the bedroom light was on at the residence, K.S.T. was likely home. Crotteau admitted he explained to the CI where K.S.T. would typically spend her time in the residence.

The special agent reports Crotteau explained the plan to kill K.S.T. that he dis-

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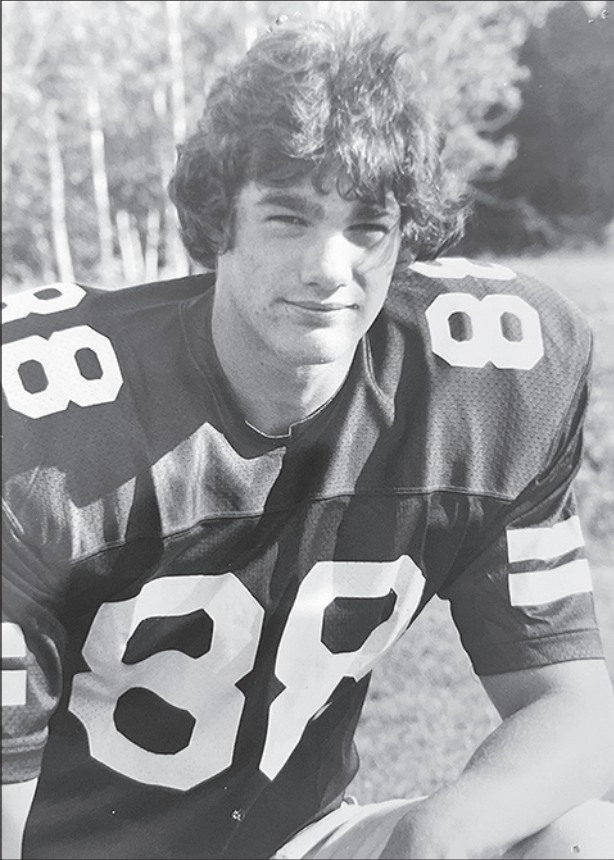
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Sports

CHS Hall Of Fame!



RANDY CAPRA

Randy Capra: 2026 Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee

Over the next five weeks, we will be publishing the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2026. The Banquet will take place on Saturday night, October 17, with details upcoming in future Advocates. Kicking off our list is 1979 graduate, Randy Capra.

Capra was an excellent three-sport athlete for the Beavers, earning First Team All-Conference honors in football, wrestling, and baseball. He also served as a team captain in each activity.

As a football player, Capra was a tackling machine from his linebacker position, being credited with an incredible 189 tackles in 1979, his senior season. This included an amazing 34 tackles in a 9-3 triple overtime upset victory over Rice Lake which helped lead to the Conference Championship. The Beavers went 9 and 1 during that season.

“Our freshman football team didn’t win a game, but Coach Wurm never stopped coaching and believing in us,” he said. He also remembered preparing for the Rice Lake game saying, “Coach Fuller had scouted them and spent the week before the game telling us we could beat the Warriors. By the end of the week, we believed we could too.”

His exploits on the field earned him First Team All-Conference honors both his junior and senior seasons, while he added 2nd Team All-State to his individual awards in 1979. The Beavers were 22 and 6 over his three years on varsity.

In wrestling, Capra won the HON Conference Championship in his weight class twice. He finished his senior season with a 22 and 3 record and was part of a Conference Championship team three out of the four years he was

on the team.

“Competing in long wrestling tournaments tested our endurance and determination, while I remember the alumni returning during Christmas break to work with us, which helped us become better wrestlers,” said Capra.

In the spring, he was a strong defender at first base and clutch hitter for the Beavers. He hit .333 his senior year, gaining First Team All-Conference honors.

“We had excellent coaches during my time in high school including Coaches Wistrcill, Wurm, Overby, Hegenbarth, Mestelle, Overby and Fuller. Participating in athletics gave me a chance to find out what both winning and losing was like, both teaching me valuable lessons that helped me become the person I am today,” Capra said about his time in Cumberland.

He would go on to get a football scholarship at North Dakota State University, but transferred to another strong football program at UM-Duluth for his final four years. He added, “I was amazed at the many gifted athletes in college. Coach Malosky at UM-D was incredibly tough on us, but we would run through a brick wall for him.”

Today, Randy and his wife, Sheri, live in Stillwater, Minnesota where he is a Regional Vice-President for Xcel Energy which provides power for millions of homes in the Midwest. On weekends and holidays, he often returns to the Capra Cabin on Beaver Dam Lake and attends the Hope Community Church here, where he is an Elder.

On October 17, he will receive one more honor from the high school he enjoyed playing for 47 years ago. It is an honor that is very deserving as a member of the Cumberland Athletic Hall of Fame.

Volleyball At The Beach!



DESPITE SOME WET CONDITIONS THE ANNUAL 4TH OF JULY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT AT TOURIST PARK WENT OFF AS PLANNED.

Non Emergency Phone Numbers:

Cumberland Police Dept. 822-2754

Barron County Sheriff 537-3106

Polk County Sheriff 485-8300

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CUMBERLAND GRADUATE VAUGHN JOHNSON RECENTLY GOT INVITED TO PLAY WITH THE ROCHESTER HONKERS OF THE HIGHLY COMPETITIVE NORTHWOODS BASEBALL LEAGUE. VAUGHN PITCHED 2 INNINGS ALLOWING 1 RUN IN HIS DEBUT WITH THE TEAM.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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07/10 Fri	1:39	7:54	2:09	8:24	05:30	08:55	1:20a	5:34p	9:19a	9:50p	*
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F=Full Moon N=New Moon Q=Quarter Moon > = Peak Activity

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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Schultz Lake Adventures

Hello friends,

This week like last week I am writing to you about the very good time I had at Shultz Lake (www.chimolodgeandoutposts.com) which is an outpost camp where we are the only cabin on an entire chain of lakes in northwest Ontario and the only way that you can reach our getaway is by float plane. My family and several of our friends have been spending 7 days at this fly in outpost for the last 44 years and this neck of the Canadian bush is also where I started writing as I was the camp manager at the main camp on Roderick lake.

Wednesday, June 17th

High 61, low 45

Everyone in this gang of 7 is 64 or older except my nephew Trent Schuster who is 33. A go for it outdoor adventure really tests a person's metal, as this year there was a lot of wind and cool temps, we stay up very late, we are in the boat for about 10 hours each day and sometimes we fall. This year one of our guys fell when getting in a boat from a slippery rock and it was pretty obvious that he broke some ribs. For the most part we all go to the same duck camp, deer camp and this trip. We are tough and pretty much tough everything out.

Today I made the 7 mile boat ride with Trent and our good and crazy buddy Roger Frank to Bear Creek where we would make a short portage to Wall-eye Lake for a day of fishing. Roger is the guy that fell and I have to give him credit for toughing out his injury.

Back in the mid-90s we were here when Shultz burned and it was truly a memorable experience. About five years ago Shultz burned again and now it is moose paradise with all the new aspen growth.

The memory of watching the fire creep in our direction for days and then the mandatory emergency evacuation for most of our crew, followed by Jeff Moll and I staying and helping forest fire fighters save our cabin was pure top notch. Two hours before the evacuation the winds had picked up and the fire

was headed our way real quick, 30 minutes before it would have done some serious damage a storm put it out. That night we had a big old shing ding in the cabin with forest fire fighters and then Chimo owner Pete Hagedorn and the next morning the rest of our group was flown back to Schultz to finish out our week

Back in '84 my brother Tom and I hunted black bear on bear creek, it was our first experience hunting bear and Tom whacked a good one.

My brother Bob passed away a number of years ago and we have built a rock tribute on the creek with some of his ashes to honor him.

Friday, June 19th

High 65, low 47

My brother in law Dick Schuster would win our big gator contest with a 40.5 inch beauty that was released. Tom Walters had big walleye with a 26.5-inch fish and today I had a good fish hit my Rapala "Rippin Rap" and it was a half inch short of Tom's so he would win for the week in that category. Speaking of the Rippin Rap, remember this if you are not aware, blue chrome RPR06. If I had a choice of one only one bait that I could use, this would be it, troll it or toss it and work it like a jig, you will be amazed.

On Monday five of us were in the cabin at about 5 in the afternoon when a powerful storm hit camp and literally blew two of our 3 boats off the ramp as well as knocking two large pine trees over that could easily have taken out our cabin. We watched helplessly as our boats blew across the lake and I was certain they would both sink and we had no idea as visibility was very poor after 100-yards. After the storm we found the boats and everything worked out.

The fishing this year for walleye was the best in decades and just continues to get better each year and the size average is growing.

If you are an old timer when it comes to fly in outposts or main camps or brand new, I would highly recommend checking out Chimo, the adventure, the solitude, the quality fishing and most importantly



The Walters brothers Mike, Tom and Mark have been making the annual adventure to Shultz Lake for 44 years.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their municipal clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen who:

- will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
- has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered to vote to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued*.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may make written application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov. Or you may apply in person at the clerk's office during the In-Person Absentee Voting period listed below.

Your written request must include:

1. your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote
2. the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
3. your signature
4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5:00 pm on the fifth day before the election, August 7, 2026.

*Voters who are indefinitely confined due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability may not be required to provide photo ID. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

****Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.**

Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

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July 28 - August 7 by Appt 715-529-2741

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is July 28, 2026:

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is listed by municipality above:

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on August 11, 2026. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Jessica Hodek
Barron County Clerk

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Town of Lakeland will hold its monthly meeting on **Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.,** at the Town Hall, located at 791 - 29 11/16th Avenue. The hall is accessible to all persons.

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

**Danielle Maxwell-Parker,
Clerk**

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STATE OF WISCONSIN SS COUNTY OF BARRON Appeal #4020

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 27th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, relative to a proposal for a variance to the terms of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance as follows:

Requests a variance to allow construction of a car port over a concrete apron located within the right-of-way setback of a county road, in an Agricultural-1 district on property described Plat 5 NE-NW, located in Section 18, T35N, R14W, town of Crystal Lake, Barron County, Wisconsin.

The Board of Adjustment reserves the right to view the property and may convene in executive session prior to rendering a decision. Contact Zoning Office staff at 715-537-6375 with questions regarding this appeal.

Property owners: Chad R Owens & Stacy Slaten
Property address: 39 22nd Ave., Comstock, Wisconsin
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 8th day of July, 2026.

Barron County Board of Adjustment

Gary Nelson, Chairman
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING STATE OF WISCONSIN SS COUNTY OF BARRON Appeal #4022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all persons in the County of Barron, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, July 27th, 2026 at 9:20 a.m. in Room 2106 of the Barron County Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, relative to a proposal for a variance to the terms of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance as follows:

Requests a special exception to add an additional business building structure and a variance within the setback to Hwy 63, the road right-of-way, in an Residential-1 district on property described part of the NE-SE shown as Lot I CSM 17/58 & Lot 2 CSM 23/73, also shown as Plat 13-5, consisting of 3.27 acres, located in Section 30, T36N, R13W, Town of Lakeland, Barron County, Wisconsin.

The Board of Adjustment reserves the right to view the property and may convene in executive session prior to rendering a decision. Contact Zoning Office staff at 715-537-6375 with questions regarding this appeal.

Property owners: Lakeland Manufacturing Properties, LLC

Property address: 2537 US Highway 63, Cumberland, Wisconsin
All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 8th day of July, 2026.

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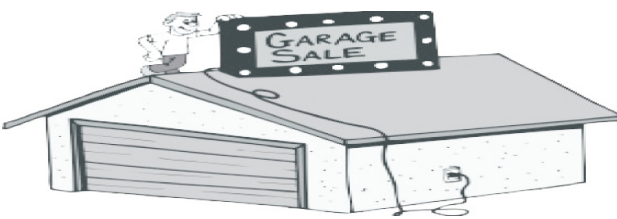
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cussed with the CI. Crotteau stated the plan was for the CI's girlfriend to go to K.S.T.'s residence with a hypodermic needle containing a lethal mixture of heroin and fentanyl. CI's girlfriend would then have K.S.T. inject herself with the mixture, or by other means.

The special agent reports Crotteau stated that K.S.T. was a drug addict and would likely accept the drugs. Crotteau stated, "If K.S.T.'s using, here you go," indicating he believed K.S.T. would

willingly take substances if presented an opportunity for free or cheap drugs. The special agent reports Crotteau stated that, after K.S.T. was dead from what would appear to be an accidental overdose, the CI would be able to reach back out to him by calling the phone number he provided on the notebook paper that he gave to the CI. Crotteau stated a specific dollar amount was not discussed, but admitted the CI told him he would not go through with this plan for free. Crotteau further

admitted he discussed in general terms compensation with the CI. The special agent reports Crotteau later admitted he knew the plan he discussed to the CI to kill K.S.T. was a crime. Crotteau felt that K.S.T. was unfairly taking his child away from him.

If convicted for solicitation of first degree intentional homicide, Crotteau may be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned for not more than 12 years and six months or both.

Wisconsin State Patrol reminds drivers to keep the left lane clear for passing on multi-lane highways; July Law of the Month: Slower traffic keep right

As travelers approach the busy holiday weekend, the Wisconsin State Patrol reminds drivers that slower traffic should keep right on interstates and multi-lane highways. The July Law of the Month highlights the importance of maintaining a safe and efficient flow of traffic to reduce the risk of tailgating and rear-end crashes.

"We want everyone to have an enjoyable holiday weekend, and this starts with safely arriving at your destination," Wisconsin State Patrol Superintendent Tim Carnahan said. "We can expect a lot of travelers on the road, so it's important to keep the left lane on multi-lane highways open for passing. Lingering in the left

lane can lead to crashes and dangerous situations on the road."

According to Wisconsin state statute, any vehicle traveling less than the normal speed of traffic should drive in the right lane, except when passing or preparing for a left turn or authorized U-turn. This applies when multiple lanes of traffic are moving in the same direction.

Exceptions apply when approaching law enforcement, emergency responders, highway maintenance vehicles and stranded motorists stopped on the side of the road. Wisconsin's Move Over Law requires motorists to provide a safety zone by moving over or slowing down for workers with their lights

on and certain disabled vehicles.

The Wisconsin State Patrol also wants to remind motorists that traffic patterns change in work zones. Drivers should always follow posted speed limits and plan ahead for potential slowdowns. Visit 511 Wisconsin for current travel conditions.

"Being respectful of other drivers and staying alert behind the wheel can greatly reduce the chance of a crash or road rage. We all have a part in keeping our roads safe," Carnahan added.

View the July Law of the Month video and news release online: <https://wisconsindot.gov/Pages/about-wisdot/newsroom/law/lom.aspx>

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Man, this has been a busy week for everyone!! I hardly know where to start. First, of course, is that I hope you had a wonderful time celebrating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Duane and I actually stayed home and watched the ceremony at Washington DC, which was, naturally, very impressive.

Jay and Marcia Olson were up from their home in Clinton, MO for Pat Olson's birthday and the 4th of July. Last year for her birthday, Jay and Marcia cleared brush from the area behind Pat's house so she had a better view of the lake. This year they stained her entire deck and most of the uprights and railings. Holy cow – she is going to run out of things for them to do, but I certainly hope they will come up anyway and just relax.

Suzy and Ryan Lehmann were among the many friends and family members at John and Denise Olson's home on July 3rd. They said it was way too much fun, and that John and Denise's new house is fantastic.

Geri, Jerry, Dan, Jess, Erica and Brooke Pittman were among the throng of people at Don Albee's place on Friday evening. Geri said that they had a wonderful time visiting with neighbors and watching the amazingly beautiful fireworks display.

Jerry had to leave for home (Iowa) Saturday evening, but he and the whole family had a great time while he was here. He and Dan went fishing a lot – and he was very happy that he caught a 19-inch large mouth bass on "An

Area Lake." Man, I don't know where that lake is, but it must be almost fished out because, every time I read about someone catching a lunker, it just happens to be from that lake.

Then, on Saturday evening the whole family were at Geri's house playing board games when, at about 7:30, the power went out. Geri said that everyone just continued playing until it got so dark that they couldn't see the game clearly. She had a couple of candles, but said that didn't do much. That was okay – they had already had a wonderful day and were ready to be done for the night.

Lynn Thon had a family get-together/cook-out at her home on Saturday evening. Guests were Suzy, Ryan and Alyse Lehmann, Nate Hargrove, Duane and me and Kane and Pierce Thon. Kane, Pierce, Alyse and Nate spent a lot of time playing corn hole, and I think Alyse and Nate were a bit surprised on how well Kane (age 11) and Pierce (age 6) could accurately throw the bean bags. Lynn had way too much food, naturally, and it was all scrumptious, naturally. I made an angel food cake and decorated it with strawberries and blueberries. We all ate too much, had too much fun, and enjoyed being with family.

Miriah Olson said that their gathering at Lake View was really nice and that everyone seemed to be enjoying the fireworks – except that there was a little glitch and some of the fireworks had been exposed to the weather and didn't explode quite right. Most of them, though, did exactly what

they were supposed to and were bright and beautiful.

Okay, I don't want you to think that I complain a lot, but, remember when I told you that I spent my birthday feeling not that great? Well, that might have been an understatement because I ended up at Cumberland Hospital from Monday evening until Thursday evening because I am not too bright and I don't take care of myself. I'm not going to go into the boring details, but I have to tell you that if you do need to take an ambulance ride or rent a room in a hospital for a few days, Cumberland is the place to go. I am not even going to try to mention the names of all the people who helped me because I know I would forget someone, but I will tell you this – every person who walked into the room, the emergency room doctor, RN's, LPN's, CNA's, lab techs, housekeeping, everybody, made me feel that they truly cared about how I was doing. They have Daisy awards for the nurses, and I told Dr. Miller that I would just nominate them all. I cannot imagine having a more caring staff. (I really don't have to mention the food, do I? You know that Jenö Herman is the hospital chef. The food was wonderful – and there were way too many choices.) Anyway, I hope you can avoid a hospital stay at all costs, but if you do need to go in, you absolutely cannot beat Cumberland.

I am going to run – or limp away slowly like the old lady I am – and get busy doing something. I hope you have a wonderful week, and I hope to see you Friday at the Spooner Rodeo!!

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Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

Changes at the Senior Center. I'm back to being president, so you are all stuck with me again. Thank you to all who support me, I appreciate it.

We have a special meeting coming up to get replacements as needed. Vice-President and Secretary will get it organized before our meeting in August.

We have a beautiful Pool Table that isn't used much. So we are looking for people who would like to play. If interested let me know and will try to get a group together. Would be fun to get this going again. call me 715-822-8241 and leave message.

Great watercolor class! It was a fun time. Michelle is a good teacher. Another class is coming up July 23rd so call the library to sign up or call senior center for more info.

Have a good week and stay tuned for more news next week. See you at our coffee bar.

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SENIOR DINING

Thursday, July 9
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Steamed Corn, Assorted Bread, Frosted Brownie.

Friday, July 10
Baked Cod w/Creamy Dill Sauce, Au Gratin Potatoes, Peas and Carrots, Assorted Bread, Assorted Fruit Pie.

Monday, July 13
Creamy Chipped Beef over a warm Biscuit, Vegetable Medley Blend, Fruit Juice, Chilled Peaches.

Tuesday, July 14
Taco Stuffed Baked Potato w/Beef, Cheese, Onions, Tomatoes, Sour Cream, Cheesy Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit, Frosted Brownie.

Wednesday, July 15
Tuna Pasta Salad served on Lettuce Leaf, Cheese and Crackers w/Fresh Cantaloupe, Cook's Choice Cookie.

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 and 3rd Tuesday of the month served 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.)
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OBITUARIES



Richard “Rich” L. Benny

Richard ‘Rich’ Lee Benny, 49, passed away surrounded by his family on July 2, 2026 after a hard battle with cancer.

Rich was born March 11, 1977 in Minneapolis, MN to Bernie and Debra Benny. He was a huge sports fan and played several sports, such as Hockey and Baseball, while growing up in the Minnetonka area. He could tell you stats from just about every sport throughout the year. Being a football fan as well, he enjoyed being a part of his fantasy football league that has been ongoing with his close friends for 25+ years.

Rich also had a passion for cooking. He enjoyed going to the farmers markets on the weekends and shopping at various stores to find something new to try. He loved making meals for others and learning how to smoke various kinds of meats.

If Rich had an extra moment of time, you would find him on the riverbank or on the lake trying to catch the next big fish.

His biggest joy was the time he spent with his kids. From daddy daughter day grabbing coffee together, to going fishing on the lake teaching the kids how to fish, and quiet evenings together, he treasured the moments they shared. His love for them was constant, and the memories they created together will be cherished forever.

He is survived by his parents Bernie and Deb Benny, brother, Chris; sons, Keigan and Peyton (Megan) Benny; daughters, Nora and Caylan Benny; his girlfriend, Amy Enget and her chil-

dren Morgan, Connor, Jaden.

He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Rich’s celebration of life will be held at the Skinner Funeral Home on July 19, 2026 from Noon - 4 PM. Please come share memories and conversation with family and friends.



Hunt Hill Nature Center Youth Camps

Program: Youth Day Camps

Date: Monday through Thursday, July 6-9, July 13-16, July 20-23, August 3-6, 2026

Location: Hunt Hill Nature Center, Sarona

Time: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Program Fee: \$195 per Camper, per session. Add-ons available

Registration required. Limit: 30 campers per week

Youth summer day camps have been a long-standing tradition at Hunt Hill! Our day camps feature environmental-themed learning activities, games, swimming, and crafts in small, age-appropriate groups. Camps are interactive and led by a team of trained and enthusiastic educators. Day camps are Monday through Thursday from 9:00am to 4:00pm, with camper drop-off starting at 8:30am.

July 6-9: Creature Quest - From butterflies to dinosaurs – explore the amazing animals that call Wisconsin home. Campers will dig into the lives of a variety of animals as we uncover amazing talents, unique habits, and incredible skills these animals possess to help them survive. **EXCITING UPDATE:** Thanks to

the generosity of a donor, \$50 of every Creature Quest Day Camp registration is now being covered, reducing the cost for all campers to \$145 this week!

July 13-16: Offline Adventures - Build it, play it, live it – your on-screen favorites as real-world adventures. Hunt Hill will transform popular video games into real-world activities utilizing campers’ creativity to bring these games to life.

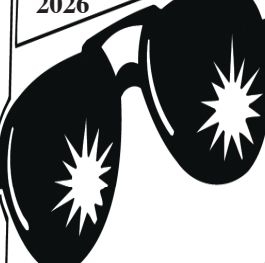
July 20-23: Wild Waters - Enjoy everything water this week! Campers will get to fish, canoe, pond, slip and slide, play a variety of water-themed games, and learn about our local aquatic animals.

August 3-6: Survival - Master outdoor survival skills as we learn about outdoor safety along with survival techniques for fire starting, shelter building, and finding food and water in the wild. Campers attending this week have the option to attend a one-night sleepover for an additional \$30.

A free shuttle service is being offered with pick up and drop off locations in Spooner and Shell Lake. Space for the shuttle is limited to 11 partici-

pants per day, reservations required.

Registration is required one week prior to the start of each camp. Hunt Hill is a nonprofit nature preserve and learning center. You can find out more about Hunt Hill and its programs at www.hunthill.org or by calling 715-635-6543.



2026 WEATHER

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Church Directory



“Love Your Kids Like God”

by Pastor Paul Green

Hope Community Church

We just celebrated Father’s Day a couple weeks ago, so I have a word for all you fathers out there. It begins with the story of the prodigal son. If you don’t know this story that Jesus shared, you can find the entire account in the Bible in the Gospel of Luke chapter 15, beginning in with verse 11.

And you might be thinking, “Why are we talking about this? It’s a story about some snotty nosed kid who asked for his inheritance from his dad and blew it.” But the prodigal son has just as much to do with the father as with the son. So we find ourselves today in the middle of the story.

But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. 19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. Luke 15:17-20 ESV

Dads have a hard time with compassion, don’t we? Our default can be, “Well you made your bed, now you get to sleep in it.” But not this dad. I’m sure by the way his son was walking, head probably down, the look of shame that accompanied each step, there is no doubt that his father knew that what had happened in his son’s absence wasn’t good. Yet he still ran out to meet him! He embraces him, even with the smell of pig slop that was all over the son, and he kissed him as a sign of love and acceptance.

Saying I love you in the worst parts of life, in someone’s failures, is life giving. Grabbing your son or daughter and hugging them when the odor of sin and failure is all over them lets them know that they still belong, that they still have a place, that they can come home where they will be accepted and loved. People think that money and property are the most prized possessions in this life, but did you see it? This father put his son above all the stuff that he no longer had.

But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. Luke 15:22-24 ESV

Life is full of disappointments, and sometimes our kids go a long way off. When they come home, love them, embrace them, kiss them, tell them that you love them and accept them in the midst of their pain and sometimes their sin and failure.

In this story Jesus is saying, love your kids like God our Father loves us as His children. His love is unconditional, His arms wide open, and a place is secured in heaven for us when we accept what God the Father did through Jesus His son who paid the penalty for our sins and gave us His righteousness, restoring our relationship with God.

Pastor Paul
Hope Community Church

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News from the 1882 Cumberland Herald

By MARK R. FULLER

The news stories of today, certainly differ from those of 1882, when Cumberland was new and not yet a city. I thought it might be fun to look at some of these local stories that could be found in the 1882 papers of the Island City. It gives us a further look into our past.

*Cumberland’s fame has spread near and far. Not only is it known as a lively business point, but if famous for having the worst place get off the cars of the trains in the Northwest. The will be remedied next spring when the new Depot is built.

*Lively times in the 4th Ward and a great gnashing of teeth and pulling of hair among the women. No serious damage done.

*On Monday, sidewalks would have been very handy as mud was deep and slippery. If a fellow wasn’t careful, he’d slip and go down. Than people would swear he was drunk and the police would be sure to lock him up for the night. It seems like people should take the matter into their own hands and build walks.

*The time will come when roads between here and Barron and Rice Lake will have to be fixed. It would be a good country to live in if we could get good roads. But, when it takes seven hours to drive 18 miles, it’s enough to make a preacher think mean things.

*Money seems to be plen-

ty in this section. Not only do the boys have enough to get a glorious tight on, but have enough left to play into the village treasury for the privilege.

*A correspondent from the State Journal wrote a short history of the railroad and villages along the line in Northern Wisconsin. The author states that less than four years ago he visited Cumberland and there were only a couple shanties hidden from sight among the trees. Now we are an incorporated village of 800 people. We call that rapid growth for a wooden country.

*C. C. Kinsman declares he is going to have a sidewalk, whether anyone else does or not. Those new toilet preparations at the Cumberland Drug Store are too utterly precious too.

*We paid a pleasant visit to Comstock Monday. It is a pleasant little place consisting of a store, saloon, hotel, mill, and about half a dozen dwelling places. Altogether, Comstock is not to be sneezed at.

*A village lot is for sale in back of the Collingwood House. Price \$50.

*The measles are getting along very well in town now. John Cleary has all nine children down with them at the same time.

*Charles Pond found things too dull up the line and has come back to the city. The girls here are all glad of it.

Cumberland Man Arrested for Resisting Officer/Failure To Stop

Nicholas C. Schick, 41, of Cumberland, has been charged with resist officer-failure to stop, operate motor vehicle while revoked and violate the bond condition in Barron County which states the defendant shall not commit any crime.

An officer, with the City of Cumberland Police Department, reports that on June 28, 2026, at approximately 1:28 pm, the officer received a chat message from another officer stating that the officer observed the defendant, Schick, operating a motor vehicle on a public roadway, and provided a license plate of that vehicle. The officer advised that Schick had a revoked driver’s license.

The officer reports that at approximately 2:00 pm, he observed said vehicle traveling southbound on Fuller Avenue. The officer reports the vehicle crossed his view, and he observed a male subject operating the vehicle.

The officer reports that when he got behind the vehicle, he immediately activated his emergency lights. The officer reports the vehicle continued to travel southbound on Fuller Avenue. The officer reports the operator had rolled the driver’s side window down, and observed Schick to be the operator of the vehicle by looking in the driver’s side mirror. The officer reports he was able to identify Schick from viewing a previous booking photo from the Barron County Jail.

The officer reports that as the vehicle continued traveling southbound on Fuller Avenue, he activated his emergency siren as the vehicle had not stopped. The officer reports the vehicle turned onto Nedvidek Street. The officer reports he observed the vehicle applying its brakes, believed the vehicle to be pulling over and turned off his emergency siren. The officer reports the vehicle continued westbound on Nedvidek Street. The officer reports he then reactivated his emergency siren, and observed Schick becoming irritated, throwing his hands up and flailing

them around in the vehicle.

The officer reports that as the vehicle was getting closer to Comstock Avenue, he radioed dispatch to have another vehicle start towards his location. The officer reports the vehicle turned right on Comstock Avenue, while he was directly behind it with his emergency lights and siren still activated.

The officer reports the vehicle pulled into a driveway at Comstock Avenue.

The officer reports he immediately got out of his squad and walked up to the vehicle. The officer reports Schick was very angry and began yelling at the officer and stating, “Don’t pull me out of the car either.”

The officer reports he opened the driver’s door to have Schick exit the vehicle, and Schick was taken into custody.

The officer reports he made sure to check the handcuffs for fit, to double lock them, and Schick began to tense up and tried to turn towards the officer. The officer reports he advised Schick not to do that. The officer reports he was able to secure the handcuffs.

The officer reports he asked Schick if he had anything that could poke or stab the officer in his pocket. The officer reports Schick stated, “I wish I did.”

The officer reports the vehicle was eventually searched, and that he located several pocket knives ranging in size that were concealed in bags throughout the vehicle, with two smaller pocket knives in a bag in the center console, and two larger knives in the rear of the vehicle, also concealed in a bag.

If convicted for resist officer-failure to stop vehicle, Schick may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than nine months or both. For operate a motor vehicle while revoked, he may be fined not more than \$2,500 or imprisoned for not more than one year or both. For violating the bond condition in Barron County which states the defendant shall not commit any crime, he may be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than six years or both.

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