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Cumberland Native and Expedition Team Locates and Recovers Artifact from Major Richard Bong's Famed P-38 Lightning Fighter Plane

By Ben Ranallo

Major Richard "Dick"Bong, a native of Poplar, WI., was America's "Ace of Aces" in WWII, having shot down 40 Japanese aircraft, more than any American pilot in history, and earning the Medal of Honor from General Douglas MacArthur. Bong's P-38 Lightning was nicknamed "Marge" after his girlfriend, whom he later married. This aircraft was adorned with a large photograph of Marge and it became America's most famous and recognizable aircraft in WWII. Another pilot, while flying the plane on March 24, 1944, on a weather reconnaissance mission over the jungles of Papua New Guinea (PNG), bailed out due to an electrical malfunction on the plane.

For more than 80 years, the plane was lost to history. In 2024, the Bong Museum funded an expedition and found a crashed P-38 in a remote area of Papua New Guinea. By locating a stenciled serial number on a wingtip of the plane, we were able to confirm the wreck was indeed the famous P-38 Marge that was flown by Major Bong. During the following two years, the Bong Museum worked with the government of Papua New Guinea, the PNG National Museum, and the tribal landowners to get permission to bring the Marge P-38 wingtip back to the Bong Museum. After securing all the needed permissions, we began planning another expedition to travel to PNG to retrieve the wingtip. In June of this year, I, along two of Major Bong's nephews and others associated with the Bong Museum, traveled to jungles of Madang Province in PNG to locate and bring back the Marge wingtip.

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A Piece Of History!



Cumberland native Ben Ranallo in the jungles Papua New Guinea after locating a piece of history. Ranallo and an expedition team located and brought home to northern Wisconsin the wingtip of perhaps the most famous airplane from WWII, "Marge" a P-38 Lightning flown by Major "Dick" Bong, a Poplar Wisconsin native who was credited with shooting down 40 Japanese aircraft. The artifact is now located at the Bong Museum in Superior.

Cumberland Road/Bridge Construction Update: Sewer Line Hit During Dredging

As you've probably heard, a sewer line was hit late last week during the Lake St. removal process. The impact of this situation, along with the exact cause, is being determined as quickly as possible. The next 48-72 hours will reveal a lot. In the meantime, other work is being realigned so that the project keeps moving forward. More information will be released when it becomes available hopefully later this week. The concrete company should be returning tomorrow to pour the final sidewalks. Final reconstruction of the Nedvidek intersection should occur this week, with final grading work in preparation for blacktop late this week. Blacktopping should commence the week of September 14. The polymer overlay on the multi-use recreational lane will occur after the pedestrian traffic is moved to the new sidewalk. Local Street

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An aerial look at the dredging site.

Steve Laursen Inducted into the Rice Lake Speedway Hall of Fame

Steve Laursen is the third member of perhaps the most famous racing family in Northwestern Wisconsin to be inducted into the Rice Lake Speedway Hall of Fame, joining his late father Russ, who was an inductee with the speedway's initial group back in 2011 and his late brother Brent who was inducted in the Hall just last year.

With a father that was a stand out driver in both Sprint Cars and Late Models, winning championships and awards all over the midwest and beyond, it would not be surprising to learn that he was the person that most influenced Steve to start his own racing career.

He began his racing career right here at the Rice Lake Speedway in 1979 at the age of 25, and is still racing currently, running his #19 Late Model at tacks throughout the area.

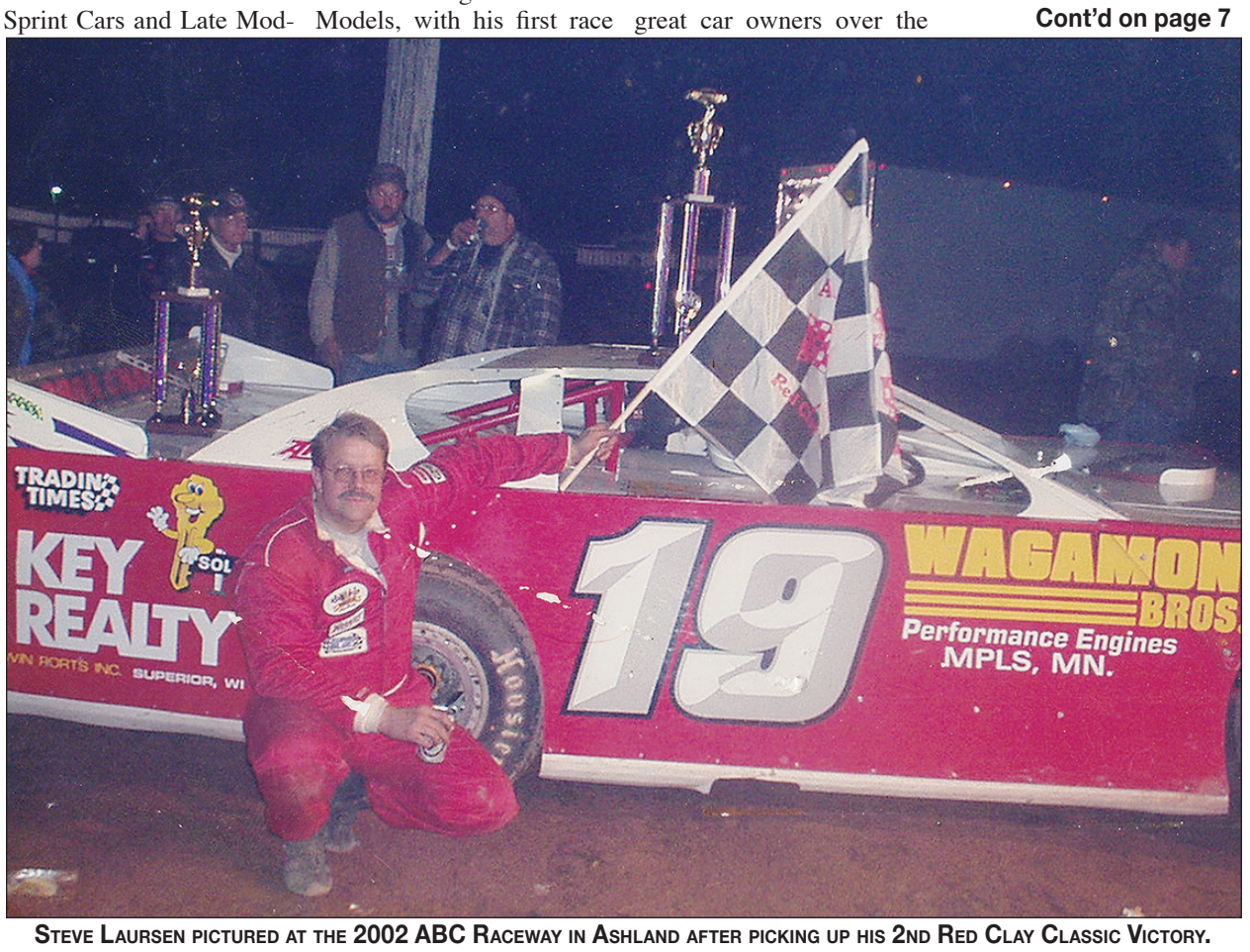
He started right out in Late Models, with his first race car being a 1976 Ed Sanger built car with a 377 cubic inch motor that came from Wheeler Racing.

His first car carried the #19 which was the number on his Soap Box Derby car when he won the first annual derby back in 1962 and while he has driven other car numbers for various owners over the years, he has now gone back to that original #19.

Steve has driven for some great car owners over the years including the late Luddy Hardenbergh and George Shields as well as Steve Egersdorf, Steve Lonsky and Dean Johnson. He has had a number of crew members that supported his racing by working for nothing to help him out and has a number of sponsors support his efforts over the years, most notibly Cumberland's Jim Wackerfuss.

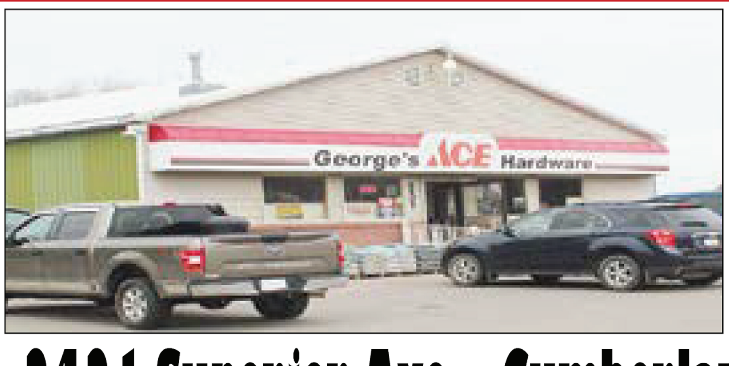
Steve has a total of 21 feature wins at the Rice Lake

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Steve Laursen pictured at the 2002 ABC Raceway in Ashland after picking up his 2nd Red Clay Classic Victory.

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Cumberland Common Council Holds September Meeting by Mark R. Fuller

The Cumberland Common Council gathered at City Hall on Tuesday, September 1, to hold their monthly meeting. A full Council was present as Mayor Dan Shoemaker called the meeting to order. Following the approval of the Consent Agenda the evening began with a proposal from Casey Stoeberl of the Barron County Veterans Office to name U.S. Highway 48 from Cumberland to Rice Lake after Eric Gunner Gibson.

Mr. Gibson was a Technician Fifth Grade U.S. Army Veteran who was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient following World War II. The proposal would recognize the Gunner family, who lived between the two cities, and Mr. Gunner for his extraordinary courage and sacrifice to the country. Following a brief discussion, the proposal was passed unanimously with the stretch of highway now officially recognized as the Eric Gunner Gibson Medal of Honor Highway.

First up on the agenda was a proposed donation from CATA for a $800 repair bike rack for Tourist Park, while asking the City to cover the cost of electric service to the kiosk. Following discussion, the donation was accepted and passed unanimously. This was followed by two Park and Recreation proposals for Eagle Point, limiting two camping units per site with no more than one RV and making the inner loop only for campers and guest. This proposal will hope to minimize unnecessary traffic flow through the park.

The Council then tackled action from a resident's request for a split of a parcel of land, which was carried over from the August meeting. After a subsequent follow-up with the City Attorney, it was decided the split could take place, contingent upon the removal of a non-conforming structure as to meet City Ordinances. The party has not yet responded to the decision.

Next up was a request from Public Works for the purchase of a Fabick CAT stump grinder in lieu of the high rental cost of such equipment. With the money for the purchase available in the equipment replacement fund and with the belief that the substantial amount of tree work in the city would lead to further high rental cost, it was decided to go ahead with the purchase at a cost of $9500.

The Council then moved into Utility Committee proposals.

The first order of business was to authorize two small additional payments to PCS for additional necessary work on the Street Light project and secondly a discussion and possible action relating to a proposal to install new water meters in the city as part of the AMI upgrade project. This will have a number of benefits to the city, including cost efficiency, and following a lengthy discussion and series of questions, it was passed by the Council at the approved quota unit cost.

Next up was a look at Committee updates as provided by the Council members. Among them was an update on current work being done at the Senior Center by Alderman Steve Anderson as well as Alderman Cifaldi's report from Parks and Recreation announcing the floating raft would soon be removed from the beach and that he was still waiting for pricing on the band stand project.

Alderman Schullo announced there were no vacancies at either Island City of Lakeview Apartments and that the Golf Course revenues were down for the summer. Alderman Schullo and Mayor Shoemaker also discussed their work with the Golf Course on updating the Management agreement between the two entities.

Alderman Lussier discussed the Finance Committee's work to tighten up the collection of receipts from the various components of the city, while Alderman Jim Anderson discussed ongoing work at the airport. Alderperson Cady then covered Library functions.

The Committee Reports concluded with Alderperson Laursen covering the Annual Lake District Meeting, Alderperson Goldsmith announcing that Public Works would be looking into rubber blades for plows to prevent curb damage as well as considering repair of sidewalks on Grove Street, and Mayor Shoemaker representing the Police Department with a brief summary of Rutabaga weekend activity.

The evening concluded with reports from City Administrator Randy Reeg and Mayor Shoemaker.

Mr. Reeg discussed the need to amend the City's Fair Housing Code to ensure consistency with the Wisconsin Statutes. The Council approved the updated language to meet the needed changes. He also addressed the Council on the handling and collection of tax money between the City and County resulting in unnecessary time and work for both. No action was taken with more dialogue to continue.

Mayor Shoemaker then read a proclamation calling the month of September, "Fair Housing Month," recognizing the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1968. In it, the Mayor encourages every citizen and business in our community to, "Support and endorse fair housing for all and recognize these rights and responsibilities throughout the year."

Following the reading, the Common Council adjourned.

Hello from Papua New Guinea !



Ben Ranallo (right), with Papua New Guinea villagers.

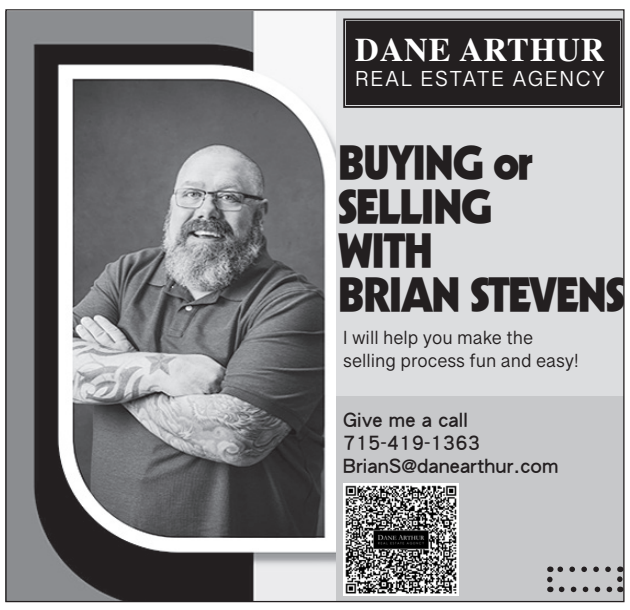
Cumberland Native...

The journey involved numerous long flights as well as a journey on small banana boats to reach the remote village near the crash site. We received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the local villagers. We also funded and assisted in installing a pipeline to bring fresh water to the local village school. In addition, we brought over a large supply of books, desks, and school supplies for the school. After trekking miles through the jungle, we arrived at the crash site and found the wingtip that bore the serial number of the plane confirming it was indeed Bong's famous "Marge." Local villages helped haul the wingtip back to their village. After that, the task of bringing the wingtip back to the museum consisted of another banana boat journey across the Bismark sea, a flight on a PNG defense force back to Port Moresby in PNG, and a long flight back to the USA on a KC-135 aircraft courtesy of the Wisconsin Air National Guard. The artifact then was put on display at the EAA Airshow in Oshkosh, then again in Poplar for Bong's family and northern Wisconsin locals to see it. The artifact finally arrived at the Bong Museum where it will be displayed in an upcoming exhibit.

Tragically, Major Bong died in a plane crash while test-flying a P-80 jet aircraft in California in August of 1945. Truly, freedom is not free. By bringing a tangible piece of his aircraft and history home, myself, along with the rest of the Mission Marge team, will be able to share Bong's story and legacy of service with future generations.

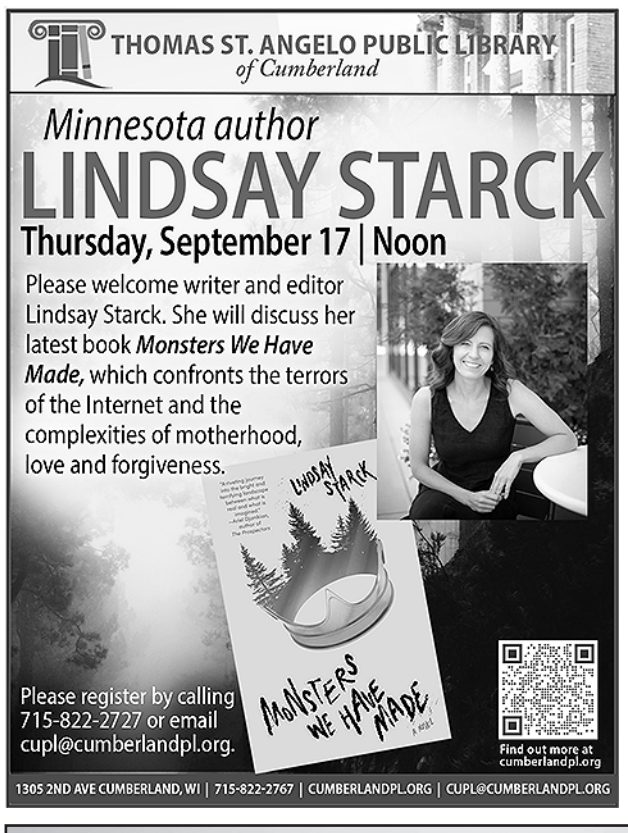
During our time working in the remote villages, we shared pictures and stories about life in Northern Wisconsin. I also wore a Cumberland Beavers hat when conditions permitted. I wished I had brought some to give away because many of the villages liked it. I also forged a working relationship with the National Museum of PNG to aid them in identifying and exhibiting items in their museum displays.

In addition, few are aware anymore that the 32nd Infantry Division of the US Army, comprised of mostly Wisconsin and Michigan volunteers, fought primarily in PNG. My great uncle, Julius Ranallo, was a member of the 32nd, having been deployed out of the Rice Lake NG Armory in April 1942. Many of the places we traveled through were where the 32nd suffered and scarified in the jungle fighting the Imperial Japanese. This connection to Northwest Wisconsin inspired our team to do more to bring awareness to the service of the 32nd at the museum for future generations.



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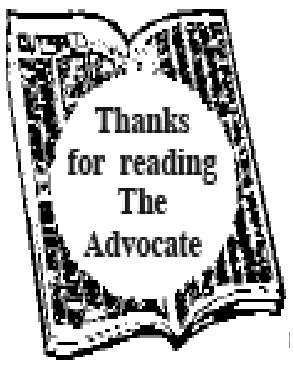
SCHOOL LUNCH

Thursday, September 10
Crispy Chicken Patty, Campfire Baked Beans, Simply Steamed Green Beans.
Friday , September 11
French Toast Sticks, Sausage Patty, Tri-Tator Tots, Harvest Carrots.
Monday , September 14
Chicken Wrap, Classic Crunch Chips, Harvest Carrots.
Tuesday , September 15
Taco Quesadilla, Hearty Brown Rice, Homestyle Corn.
Wednesday , September 16
Signature Crispy Chicken Drumstick, Creamy Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Simply Steamed Green Beans, Handcrafted Whole Wheat Bread.

All meals are served with a variety of 1/2 pints of milk, seasonal fresh, frozen and canned fruits & fresh garden vegetables. Fresh salad bar available daily in all schools. A la carte menu available in High School.
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CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

COMMUNITY EDUCATION OFFERINGS

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10: • 9:00 am Girls golf Match @ Northwestern/Hidden Greens North Golf Course • 4:00 pm Cross Country @ Cameron/Invitational • 4:30 pm Boys Soccer vs Spooner/Shell Lake @ Endeavor • 5:00 pm Girls Volleyball vs Chetek-Weyerheauser (middle School) @ CHS • 6:00 pm Football vs Spooner @ Endeavor
FRIDAY, SEPT 11: • 7:00 pm Varsity Football vs Spooner @ Spooner
SATURDAY, SEPT. 12: : 9:00 am Girls Volleyball @ Chetek
MONDAY, SEPT 14: 5:00 pm Girls Volleyball @ Cumb. Middle School • 6:00 pm Football vs Spooner @ Endeavor
TUESDAY, SEPT 15: 4:00 pm Boys Cross Country(V) @ Eau Claire Cross Country Course • Girls Cross Country @ Rice Lake • 5:00 pm Soccer vs Hayward @ Hayward • 5:00 pm Girls Volleyball Home • 5:00 pm Football vs Saint Croix Falls @ St. Croix Falls

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(Texts will be sent if there is any sort of a class change).
To sign up or questions please contact:
Susan Bridger CCE Director, HS 715-822-5121 ext. 403 / sbrid@csdmail.com

Cumberland Fitness Center Fall 2026

Come and Check out the NEW CUMBERLAND FITNESS CENTER!
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FALL HOURS BEGIN SEPTEMBER 1:
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Afternoons: Monday - Thursday 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday afternoon- Closed
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Cumberland Woman's Club Kicks Off Season with Annual Auction & Digital Expansion; Connecting over 115 years of community tradition with vibrant new ways to learn, give back, and unite local women

A cherished pillar of local civic life since 1910, the Cumberland Woman's Club has long stood as one of the area's finest traditions. Operating as a hidden gem in town, the organization provides a welcoming home for friendship, personal development, and public service across generations of local women.

Members gather monthly from September through May at the Cumberland Senior Citizen's Center to enjoy fellowship and hear from guest speakers on topics ranging from public safety with the Chief of Police to local health initiatives, regional history, and conservation.

To bridge its rich history with the modern day, the Club officially launched its Facebook page this summer. Calling all local women to check this wonderful club out! Whether you are looking to connect with neighbors, chair a committee, or learn something new, the Cumberland Woman's Club warmly invites you to join.

Annual Auction Kick-Off

The Club kicks off its new season in September with its popular annual Auction Fundraiser. All local women will find this event as one of the best ways to get acquainted with fun-loving neighbors while bidding on auction items that make a lasting community impact—and let you take home a tangible reminder of your generosity.

- When: Tuesday, Sept 15th at 6:00 PM
- Where: Senior Citizen's Center
- Details: Watch the Club's Facebook page for full event information!

Proceeds directly support high school scholarship for Cumberland High School girl, Thomas St. Angelo Public Library reading program and the Library foundation, ARC Bloodmobile, care packages for first responders, Margaret's Project Santa, Cumberland Area Food Pantry, and local historical preservation.

To stay updated on upcoming meetings and events, search for Cumberland Woman's Club on Facebook.

Rice Lake Couple Arrested For Substantial Amount of Methamphetamine

Thomas A. Schuld, 71, and Valerie Owen, 71, both of Rice Lake, were charged in Barron County Circuit Court on September 3, 2026.

Schuld was charged with a felony count of possession with intent to deliver methamphetamine, which carries a maximum penalty of $100,000 fine and 40 years in prison.

Owen was charged with a felony count of possession of narcotic drugs, and a class I felony that can lead to a $10,000 fine and as many as 3 1/2 years in prison.

The Criminal complaint states that on August 30, 2026, the couple were traveling home to Rice Lake from California, when Rice Lake Officers and Barron County Sheriff's Detectives received information that their vehicle may be trafficking narcotics.

A Rice Lake Police Officer stopped the vehicle just outside of Cumberland for speeding. When the officer asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, Owen admitted there might be some marijuana.

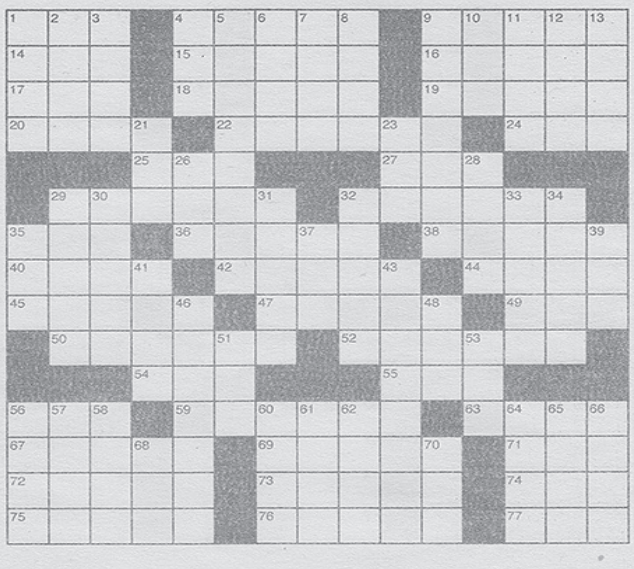
During an initial search of the vehicle, officers found substances that tested positive for the presence of THC in Owen's Purse, and 10 pills of Schedule II controlled substance.

Officers also found vacuum sealed packages containing methamphetamine behind the paneling at the rear end of the vehicle. The methamphetamine weighed approximately 5.3 pounds.

Sudoku Puzzle #4147-D

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4 Car manufacturer
9 Sacred poem
14 Miner's goal
15 Meal listings
16 Radiuses
17 Deer
18 Aches
19 Anesthetic
20 Hairstyle
22 Incite (2 wds.)
24 Rightful
25 Morse code "T"
27 Mutilate
29 Wildcat
32 Narcotic
35 Environmental protection agency (abbr.)
36 Housekeeper's tool
38 Waitress on "Cheers"
40 High __
42 Plant
44 After eight
45 Prank
47 Zealot
49 Tote
50 Tourist attractions
52 Tennis player Andre
54 In what way
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56 Clever
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63 Day-time tv's Mr. Donahue
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72 Pope's governing organization
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76 Wear away
77 Sun's name

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4 Scamp
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6 Subdivision
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8 Soviet Union
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51 Deuce
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65 Information (abbr.)
66 Lounge
68 Nichts
70 Ball holder





Opinion



Out My Window

by Paul Bucher, Editor

This coming Friday marks the 25th anniversary of the worst terrorist attacks in US history. Nearly 3,000 innocent people lost their lives that day. I will never forget sitting in front of the television in disbelief. It will be forever ingrained in my memory, as I'm sure it is for most Americans who witnessed the horrific scenes taking place in multiple locations. Seeing news clips of 9/11 brings it all back very quickly, it doesn't seem like 25 years have passed. Please take time to remember all those who lost their lives that day and all the heroes who put their lives on the line, many of whom did not make it home. Thank you to each and every member of our Fire Departments, Police Departments, Medical Personnel and of course our Military. I know I am proud to be an American!

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This coming Saturday, September 12th, is the annual Louie's Finer Meats Wurstfest taking place from 11 am to 4 pm. Put it on your to do calendar, it is a ton of fun with something for everyone, free samples galore, live music, raffles, prizes, kids games, crafts, beer garden, live music and more. You can't beat $1.00 brats, dogs, soda and chips. The raffles benefit the Cumberland Fire Department. Hope to see you at Louie's Saturday!

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Well football season is underway, with college games this past weekend, the Beavers are off to a 2-1 start and the Packers head to Minnesota next Sunday to kick of their seasons. I don't recall the Vikings and Packers playing in week #1 in the past, but I'm sure its happened, what a fun way to kick off the season. The NFC North is wide open this year, so these head to head match-ups could have major implications at the end of the season. It sure looks to be a battle with all four teams in the mix. Don't forget to play the Advocate's football contest every week, win football bucks that work the same as cash at participating businesses. Thank you to all sponsoring businesses for your continued support!

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Labor Day weekend has come and gone, now we get into the best couple of months of the entire year as far as I am concerned. I absolutely love fall, cooler temps, changing leaves, hunting, fishing and everything else associated with Fall. I know winter is around the corner, but September and October and even early November are fantastic if you enjoy the outdoors. I like winter as well, except for maybe a couple weeks in January and February when we are in a true cold snap. That's what makes this part of the country so special, we get four seasons! Get out and enjoy. Have a great week!





Inside Wisconsin

by Tom Still

"Wisconsin industry, researchers, tech firms play a role in U.S. defense"

MADISON, Wis. – The same person who embodies political friction over America's defense structure was the same Pentagon leader who visited Oshkosh late last month to highlight Wisconsin's role in bolstering it.

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, a focus of criticism over the Iran war and under fire by some in Congress, toured the Oshkosh Corp. in late August as part of the nationwide "Arsenal of Freedom" tour.

Hegseth examined advanced military vehicles, took a test drive and made the case that domestic defense production is more effective if integrated into commercial manufacturing at home versus stand-alone contractors or outsourced overseas.

Exhibit A is Oshkosh Corp., which has built military hardware for 80 years but relies mostly on commercial sales of emergency equipment, access vehicles and specialty trucks, to cite a few examples. Less than one-fifth of the company's business is tied to federal contracts.

"We need more (Oshkosh Corporations) in America," Hegseth said. "We don't have the helmets without the hardhats; we don't have the warriors without the workers."

It wouldn't be Pete Hegseth if his speech didn't include a few barbs to rile up his detractors ("no more DEI ... no more trannies, just training") but it was a reminder that Wisconsin has historic strengths in manufacturing. The state also has complementary expertise in energy, computing, agriculture and health research, each with defense as well as commercial value.

Wisconsin also has active military bases, training facilities and a strategic location on the Great Lakes with ties to shipbuilding, transportation and testing. Most of those attributes are often overlooked – even by people who live in Wisconsin.

If the Wisconsin Security Research Consortium and its partners are successful, Wisconsin will lever those resources in a way that attracts more defense spending that aligns with commercial and research priorities.

The WSRC was launched by the Wisconsin Technology Council and others nearly 20 years ago with emerging cybersecurity threats in mind. Today it's part of the UW-Madison due to the university's nationally prominent research and its ability to form larger partnerships.

The WSRC and partners have applied for "Defense Innovation OnRamp Hub" status, which could help coordinate the state's defense assets in ways similar to what's happening in states such as Minnesota.

"Wisconsin builds things for defense already: ships, vehicles, sensors, software and has the industrial base behind them," said Dave Schroeder, director of national security initiatives at the UW-Madison. "What we're missing is the state's front door."

"Front doors," or hubs, exist in eight other states, including Minnesota, where the $1.1 billion Minnesota Aerospace Complex is being built with a mix of industry, academic and non-profit partners. Health research is a significant partner there, with the Mayo Clinic adding its weight to the University of Minnesota.

An existing military presence is part of what successful applicants need, and Wisconsin checks that box with Fort McCoy, Volk Field, Truax Field and the 115th Fighter Wing, Mitchell Field and the Wisconsin National Guard. Schroeder thinks industry support, diverse research and private partners will enhance Wisconsin's effort.

"One of the real 'wins' will be commercial applications down the road," he said.

There's no published deadline for when the Defense Innovation Unit, which is part of the Defense Department, will decide on this round of "OnRamp Hub" applications. A meeting of partners, including UW-Madison's vice chancellor for research and its engineering dean, is taking place Sept. 6 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

Hegseth has invited congressional criticism over the conduct of the Iran war and his firing or demotion of about 80 generals and admirals. He's also pushing for a major increase in defense spending in the face of a rising national debt. Most recently, he drew fire when the Army ordered a specialized drone unit in Europe to return to airborne infantry duty.

Whether Hegseth weathers his various storms is a matter for conjecture. However, the Defense Innovation Unit was founded in 2015 on President Obama's watch and appears to have staying power. The state's "OnRamp Hub" bid makes sense – but election-year politics might help Wisconsin's case, too.

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

A Look Back

10 Years Ago
September 14, 2016

The 2016 Homecoming Court are: Dylan Feiertag, Payton Rose, Isaac Bucher, Nick Bearheart, Dale Griffith, Faith Erickson, Courtney Colucci, Emme Anderson, Joey Carlson, Aspen Hatzenbeller, 2016 Homecoming King Kevin Johnson and 2016 Homecoming Queen Paige Spychalla.

20 Years Ago
September 13, 2006

Next Wednesday, September 20, at 6:30 pm, many television sets will be turned to channels 4 or 13 to see Cumberland Middle School Teacher Pam Klatt in action on the Wheel of Fortune.

The biggest news to come out of the City Council meeting last week, was the announcement of the retirement of Jeff Streeter from the position of Public Works Director and Zoning Administrator. Jeff has held the position since 1994.

30 Years Ago
September 11, 1996

Chris Wickland, a 1996 Cumberland High School graduate, has been hired by the National Forest Service to help fight the spate of western forest fires. Wickland received a week of training in Grand Rapids, MN., and then was assigned to Sisters, Oregon, where he has been working as an EMT-Fire fighter on the Park Meadows fire.

The 1996 CHS Teacher and Support Staff Award Recipients went to: Kathy Turba, 5 years; John Modjeski, 25 years; Debbie Tempesta, 15 years; Wendy Hoffman, 5 years; Gordy Overby, 20 years; Jean Taylor, five years; Kathy Kreger, 5 years; Lois Sergent, 15 years; Kevin DeNucci, 15 years; Sally Landstrom, 10 years; Becky Sparish, 10 yeras; Mark Fuller, 20 years; and Delores Haley, 20 years.

40 Years Ago
September 10, 1986

Three fire units were summoned to the home of Doug Rouzer, in the Pipe Lake area late Friday evening. The fire was caused by an electrical short in a kitchen stove. Fire Chief Bob Mack said damage occurred to the stove, cabinets and as well as some smoke related damage.

50 Years Ago
September 9, 1976

While August has moved into September and fall is definitely "in the air", the weather pattern has not changed a great deal. It remains hot and very very dry. The only rainfall of August was .02 inches the last week in August.

Coast Guard Sonar Technician Third Class Timothy J. Certain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Certain, Cumberland, has completed an Alaska fisheries patrol as a crew member aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Jarvis.

60 Years Ago
September 15, 1966

Miss Dorthea Bents, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Bents of Comstock, has accepted a position with the Nurnberg American High School in Nurnberg, Germany. This school is part of the Department of Defense Overseas Dependents School System.

70 Years Ago
September 14, 1956

Discussion of several possible sites for the proposed new Cumberland High School building was the main item on the agenda of the school board meeting on Tuesday night. The sites which are given most favorable consideration are: an area south of the hospital and west of Collingwood Lake, a plot west of the hospital and south of highway 63-48, an area just west of the city near the Douglas Farm, and an area just east of the hill which is located in the First Ward east of the hospital site and south of Webb Street.

80 Years Ago
September 12, 1946

Tom Ricci, Cumberland, parked his '37 Pontiac in front of the Land O' Lakes Hotel in Rice Last week while he was attending a business meeting. When he went to get it, it was gone. Around 6:00 pm that evening, it was discovered by Sheriff Taylor on Highway 8. It looked as if it had been hit or had run into a tree.

2026 WEATHER

Date	Hi	Lo	Prec.
09/01	85	58	0.00
09/02	84	60	0.00
09/03	83	62	0.00
09/04	81	65	0.00
09/05	83	65	0.00
09/06	82	65	0.00
09/07	80	63	0.00

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LETTERS to the Editor

We're Ready for a New School Year

To the Editor:

A big thank you to the entire community and surrounding area for the support given for making our new high school a reality. Our students have a beautiful facility, and it certainly appears to meet their educational needs for many years to come. Just think-only a year ago, many students and their teachers held classes in the metal shed called the North Campus, now being used as a maintenance building. Somehow, they muddled through a year of running back and forth from building to building to get from one class to the next.

Our school board members, administrators, and maintenance staff along with CHS teacher input deserve recognition

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Court News

Barron County Circuit Court

Traffic Court

Christopher L. Larson, 43, Rice Lake, operating with PAC, $2,121.00. Shane A. Pisa, 30, Birchwood, OWI, $1,585.00 and operating while revoked, $579.00. Mohamed H. Ali, 48, Barron, speeding, $175.30. Riley H. Brown, 19, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00, vehicle mudguards fail/cover tires, $200.50 and unnecessary blowing of horn, $162.70. Daniel S. Danielson, 43, Rice Lake, speeding, $175.30. Michael E. Downing, 17, Wonewoc, WI., speeding, $200.50. Nickolas A. Edgerton, 19, Phillips, speeding, $175.30. Brent S. Fagerlin, 55, Hillsdale, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Ayanna M. Foy, 21, Cumberland, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. John L. Galvin, 63, Birchwood, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Nichole M. Good, 44, Rice Lake, speeding, $200.50. Michael J. Gorman, 36, Fort Worth, TX., violate red traffic light-work area, $213.10. Sara C. Hanson, 40, Chippewa Falls, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Matthew J. Hargreaves, 40, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Hani A. Hassan, 19, Barron, speeding, $225.70. Rachel C. Hayden, 50, Eau Claire, unlawful U/Y turn-erected signs, $175.30. Daejo T. Laurin, 26, Eau Claire, speeding, $200.50. Peter M. Lejeune, 50, Rice Lake, speeding, $175.30. Tanner M. Lewis, 20, Clayton, violate absolute sobriety law, $389.50. Nannette A. Leyh, 68, Birchwood, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Clarence J. Lindner, 62, Chetek, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. William W. Loman, 27, Indianapolis, IN., duty/report accident, $208.50 and operating left of center, $221.00. Lily J. Macknick, 18, Dresser, speeding, $175.30. Kali L. Mertens, 33, Trego, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Caitlyn M. Miller, 18, Prairie Farm, speeding, $175.30. David J. Nikolai, 23, Loyal, WI., speeding, $263.50. Jorge E. Ordonez-Quito, 28, Almena, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. George T. Oreilly, 20, Woodbury, MN., speeding, $175.30. Jeremy J. Ott, 44, Sarona, speeding, $200.50. Johana L. Parga-Rosales, 22, Barron, fail/yield right/way from stop sign, $175.30. and operate without a valid license, $200.50. Om B. Patel, 24, Elk Grove Village, IL., speeding, $276.10. Karla L. Penaloza Hernandez, 31, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00 and failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Candice A. Peterson, 48, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Nathan J. Peterson, 38, Chetek, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Sierra C. Platson, 25, Barron, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50 and operating while suspended, $200.50. Chad M. Preble, 47, Birchwood, speeding, $175.30. Zenayda L. Quezada Arauz, 23, Almena, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50 and operate without a valid license, $200.50. Cecilia E. Regep, 26, Cary, IL., speeding, $200.50. Joseph B. Respondi Jr., 36, Schaumburg, IL, speeding, $250.90. Anthony J. Rogers, 18, Cumberland, operate without a valid license, $200.50. Mark R. Rosendahl, 66, Chetek, speeding, $200.50. Luke R. Schieffer, 17, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Kadyn B. Shellman, 20, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Killian A. Shellman, 17, Birchwood, vehicle passenger failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Darrel H. Sistad, 21, Ridgeland, failure to keep vehicle under control, $213.10. Desirae J. Slayton, 32, Cumberland, windshields-tinting-critical area, $175.30. Theodore R. Small, 19, Cumberland, speeding, $175.30. Timothy T. Smith, 27, Eau Claire, speeding, $414.70. Josie M. Springer, 19, Birchwood, speeding, $175.30. Amery J. Stoner, 32, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. David L. Story, 60, Birchwood, speeding, $175.00. Travis F. Thannum, 31, Weyerheauser, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00 and operating a motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Mark H. Tietz, 65, Dallas, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Caleb W. Tinsley, 19, Almena, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Tony R. Tio, 53, Bloomer, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30. Rebecca Trevino, 44, Almena, operate without a valid license, $200.50. Rylea M. Tucker, 21, Rice Lake, operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50. Osman Y. Vasquez, 32, Minneapolis, MN., operate without a valid license, $200.50, and failure to stop at stop sign, $175.30. Jonathan A. Villalobos, 21, Barron, non-registration of vehicle, $175.30 and failure to keep vehicle under control, $213.10. Desiree A. Week, 26, Hayward, speeding, $250.90. Jay R. Weidner, 46, Rice Lake, failure to wear a seat belt, $10.00. Michael J. Wyse, 19, Barron, operating motor vehicle without proof of insurance, $10.00. Trenton A. Zurcher, 20, Rice Lake, failure to keep vehicle under control, $213.10 and operating a motor vehicle without insurance, $200.50.

Complaints

Erica J. Schleiss, 48, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. Her court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Todd A. Young, 28, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Ariahann L. Rand, 23, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her court date was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Edward G. Sonnenberg, 47, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property and domestic abuse. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Benjamin T. Palmer, 49, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct. His court date is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Robert R. Kittel, 65, of Chetek, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Logan J. Burch, 31, of Rice Lake, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Andrew D. Eddy, 28, of Cameron, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. His court date was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

James M. Marsh, 57, of Rice Lake, has been charged with illegally operate ATV or UTV on/in vicinity of highway. His court date is scheduled for October 21, 2026.

Criminal Traffic

Forrest S. Melcher, 36, of Marine on Saint, MN., has been charged with operating commercial motor vehicle without a license. His telephone scheduling conference is scheduled for October 23, 2026.

Alonso G. Mendez, 31, of Barron, has been charged with operate without a valid license. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Jayme E. Randall, 41, of Haugen, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. Her initial appearance is scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Gerardo Mendoza, 41, of Cumberland, has been charged with OWI and operating with PAC. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Erik L. Bednar, 51, of Haugen, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Antonio Munoz, 24, of Lakeville, MN., has been charged with operating commercial motor vehicle without a license. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 23, 2026.

Darrel H. Sistad, 21, of Hillsdale, has been charged with operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install/violate court order. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Loida L. Ortizarteaga, 26, of Cumberland, has been charged with operate without a valid license. Her initial appearance is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Terrance P. Robinson, 43, of Clayton, has been charged with operating while revoked. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

Criminal Complaints

Anthony Van Erp, 34, of Cumberland, has been charged with battery, harassment-attempt physical contact, harassment-conduct or acts and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Todd A. Schroeder, 57, of Rice Lake, has been charged with intentionally point firearm at person, fail/yield to stop for emergency vehicle, resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. His initial appearance is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Anthony W. Hillman, 17, of Almena, has been charged with disorderly conduct and battery. His adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Robert J. Watts, 56, of Cumberland, has been charged with disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing an officer. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

April R. Benck, 40, of Dallas, has been charged with disorderly conduct and domestic abuse. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Honey A. Blackcoon, 22, of Cumberland, has been charged with battery to public officers, battery to a health care provider or family and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance is scheduled for September 16, 2026.

Joshua G. Hollander, 39, of Cameron, has been charged with OWI and resisting or obstructing an officer. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Steven D. Biermann, 31, of Chippewa Falls, has been charged with vehicle operator flee/elude an officer, three counts of 2nd degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of methamphetamine and OWI. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 3, 2026.

William W. Johnson, 41, of Arkansaw, WI., has been charged with possess with intent-amphetamine/methamphetamine, party to a crime, possession of cocaine/coca, possession of THC and operating while revoked. His adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Amie M. Miles, 44, of Rice Lake, has been charged with possess with intent-amphetamine/methamphetamine, party to a crime, possession of cocaine/coca, possession of THC and resisting or obstructing an officer. Her adjourned initial appearance was scheduled for September 9, 2026.

Pursuit through Rice Lake and Cameron Ends with OWI



Steven Biermann

On Friday, August 28, after a driving complaint on highway 53, a pursuit began, which traveled through Rice Lake and ending in Cameron, resulting in the arrest of a Chippewa Falls man.

Steven Biermann, 31, of Chippewa Falls, was arrested by the Wisconsin State Patrol Spooner Post for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 2nd offense.

Officers responded to a driving complaint on Highway 53 in Barron County. A Wisconsin State Patrol spotted the vehicle and attempted a traffic stop on County Highway SS near Rice Lake. The vehicle failed to stop, initiating a pursuit.

The Pursuit navigated through Rice Lake and ended on County Highway SS in Cameron.

Biermann was taken into custody and taken to the Barron County Jail, where he is facing charges of fleeing an officer and operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, second offense.

The Wisconsin State Patrol was assisted by the Barron County Sheriff's Office, Rice Lake Police Department, Barron Police Department and the Village of Cameron Police Department.

Chetek Man Stabs Father; Father Suffers Life Threatening Injuries

Dane L. Mishler, 32, of Chetek, has been charged with aggravated battery, domestic abuse and first degree reckless injury.

A deputy, with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports on August 28, 2026, at approximately 6:28 pm, he was on duty when the Barron County Dispatch Center alerted all Barron County Deputies that they were taking a complaint from a male who stated he had been stabbed.

The deputy reports he was aware, based on prior contacts, that S.D.M. and the defendant, Mishler, live together. Mishler is S.D.M.'s adult son. The deputy reports he was aware on the basis of the past police contacts with the residence that Mishler has a lengthy history of substance abuse mostly centered around Mishler's consumption of alcohol.

Upon arrival, the deputy reports that he and an officer, with the City of Chetek Police Department, observed Mishler walking away from the front door of the residence. Mishler was shirtless and covered in blood.

The deputy reports that, as Mishler got closer to where he and the officer were standing, he observed Mishler was holding a metallic object in his hand. Mishler held the object up towards his neck and throat in what appeared to the deputy to be Mishler's attempt to cut his own throat.

The deputy reports he retrieved his taser, activated it, and pointed it at Mishler. Mishler held his hands up shortly after the deputy activated his taser.

The deputy reports Mishler was handcuffed behind his back. Mishler was actively bleeding from his throat. Another deputy with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, arrived on scene and brought with him gauze, which the deputy applied to Mishler's throat until Chetek EMS arrived and provided medical attention to Mishler.

The deputy reports Mishler had numerous lacerations to the front side of his throat and neck. While assisting Mishler with his medical needs, the deputy observed the metallic object he had seen Mishler holding up to his throat in the driveway area several feet behind where Mishler was being medically treated. The metallic object was a hook style bloodied razor blade.

The deputy reports Mishler was transported by ambulance to a hospital where he was medically cleared after receiving treatment for his injuries. Hospital staff advised that Mishler's blood alcohol concentration was greater than .20. Mishler was transported from the hospital to the Barron County Jail.

The deputy reports that, after he arrived on scene and confirmed with the other deputy that Mishler was stable, he went into the residence where the officer was checking on S.D.M. The deputy entered through the front door and observed various droplets and pools of blood on the carpet.

The deputy went into the kitchen area where the officer was in the process of applying a tourniquet to the upper bicep on S.D.M's left arm. The deputy observed a v-shaped deep laceration to the upper forearm area of S.D.M's left arm. The deputy reports he also observed a large amount of blood that had been collecting in S.D.M's lap and on

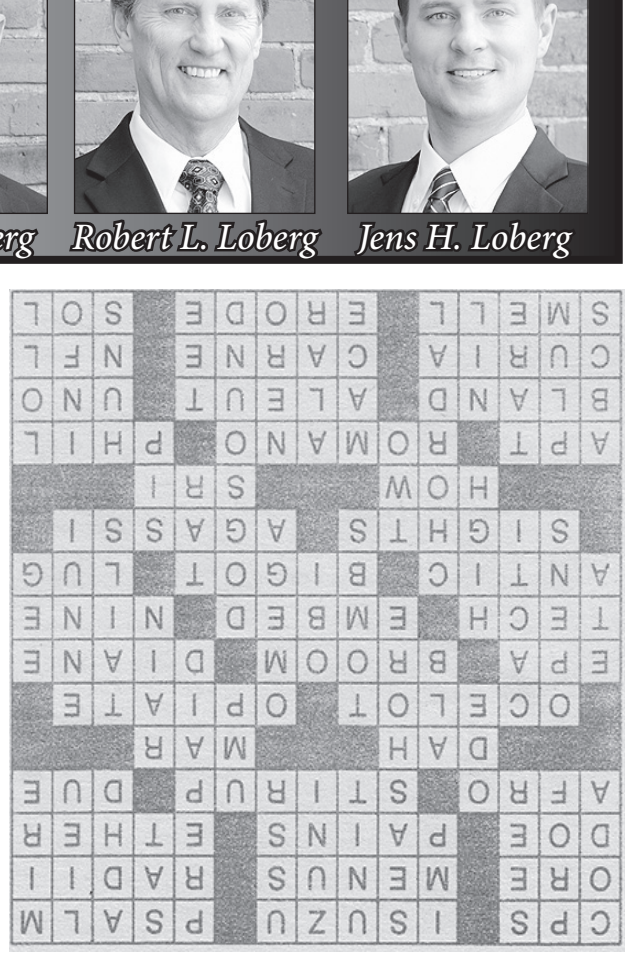
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Sports

Football Team Rolls Over Barron in HON Opener; Record 2 and 1

The Cumberland Beavers Football Team raised their record to 2 and 1 on the year with a 30-13 victory over the Barron Bears in the HON opener last Friday night in Endeavor Stadium. A stingy defense and a strong running attack were the keys for the Beavers as they kept Barron winless this fall.

Cumberland built up a 16-7 lead by halftime, due in part to a 33-yard field goal by John Richter with 2:30 left to go before intermission. The score stayed that way through the third quarter due to a big stop by the Cumberland defense on a 4th down play inside the Beavers 25-yard line with 32 seconds left in the quarter.

The ensuing drive by Cumberland turned into a Gabe Graf touchdown run making the score 23-7 early in the fourth quarter. Each team scored once more before the end of the game, as the Beavers took home the all-important victory.

Graf had a big night on offense for Coach Lauterbach with 142 yards rushing and two scores. Elijah Jain also ran the ball well with an additional 78 yards on the ground and another touchdown run. The final Cumberland score came on an 82-yard touchdown pass from Alex LaBlanc to Max Odden. LaBlanc was five for 10 through the air for 111 yards.

Defensively, Brody Gilbertson had another big game with 12 tackles including two for a loss. Unfortunately, he left the contest late in quarter three with an injury. Max Odden also played well with 11 tackles and a sack, Elijah Jain added nine tackles, John Richter had a Beavers sack, and Cole Gramberg an interception. Cumberland showed great defensive pursuit as the coaches received excellent effort from the entire defense.

This Friday the Beavers have another opportunity to grab a win when they head to Spooner to play the 0 and 3 Rails. Spooner dropped a 22-8 game to Hayward last Friday night. Game time is 7:00 pm.

Boys Soccer Team Drops a Pair of Contests; Home this Thursday

The Cumberland Boy's Soccer Team dropped a pair of contest last week, losing 5-0 to a strong Washburn Team and dropping a narrow 3-2 decision to St. Croix Falls/Unity.

In the home opener against Washburn, the Beavers battled but were unable to dent the scoreboard. "We had some offensive threats, but not many chances. We spent most of the night playing defense against a strong tactical Washburn team. Obviously, without a reserve, we got tired as the game progressed," said Head Coach Brent Sellent.

Last Thursday, the team rebounded with a strong effort against St. Croix Falls/Unity, but came up just short of victory. "It was a tough loss and a close game throughout," added Coach Sellent.

Trailing 1-0, the Beavers tied things at 1-1 with a goal by Braden Johnson on an excellent pass from Ryker McMillan. After the Saints took back the lead, the same two Cumberland players struck again to tie the game at 2-2. Unfortunately, another goal by the Saints could not be answered leaving the team with a 3-2 loss.

The Beavers played Regis on Tuesday and will then look for a win in front of their home crowd, when they host Spooner at 4:30 pm this Thursday.

Volleyball Team Plays in Elk Mound Quad; Play in Chetek Invite on Saturday

The Cumberland Volleyball Team traveled to Elk Mound last week, where they finished 0 and 3 in a Quad, losing to St. Croix Central, Spring Valley, and the host Mounders.

Depite the losses, Coach Erin Miller received some strong performances on the day as Hailey Paulson contributed 14 kills and 25 digs, Erin McCreary had two blocks and six kills, Natalie Anderson had 16 assists, and Liz Murphy contributed 11 digs.

This week, the team traveled to Somerset on Tuesday to play a Triangular against Somerset and Boyceville, while the Varsity travels to Chetek on Saturday for their Invitational where they will play five matches on the day.

Sports Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 10
Golf @ Hidden Greens 9:00
CC @ Cameron 4:00
Soccer Home vs Spooner 4:30

Friday, Sept. 11
Football @ Spooner 7:00

Saturday, Sept. 12
Volleyball @ Chetek 9:00

Tuesday, Sept. 15
Golf @ Superior 4:00
CC @ Rice Lake 4:00
Soccer @ Hayward 5:00

Thursday, Sept. 17
Golf Home vs Ladysmith/Grantsburg 4:00
Soccer Home vs Amery 5:00
Volleyball Home vs Spooner 7:00

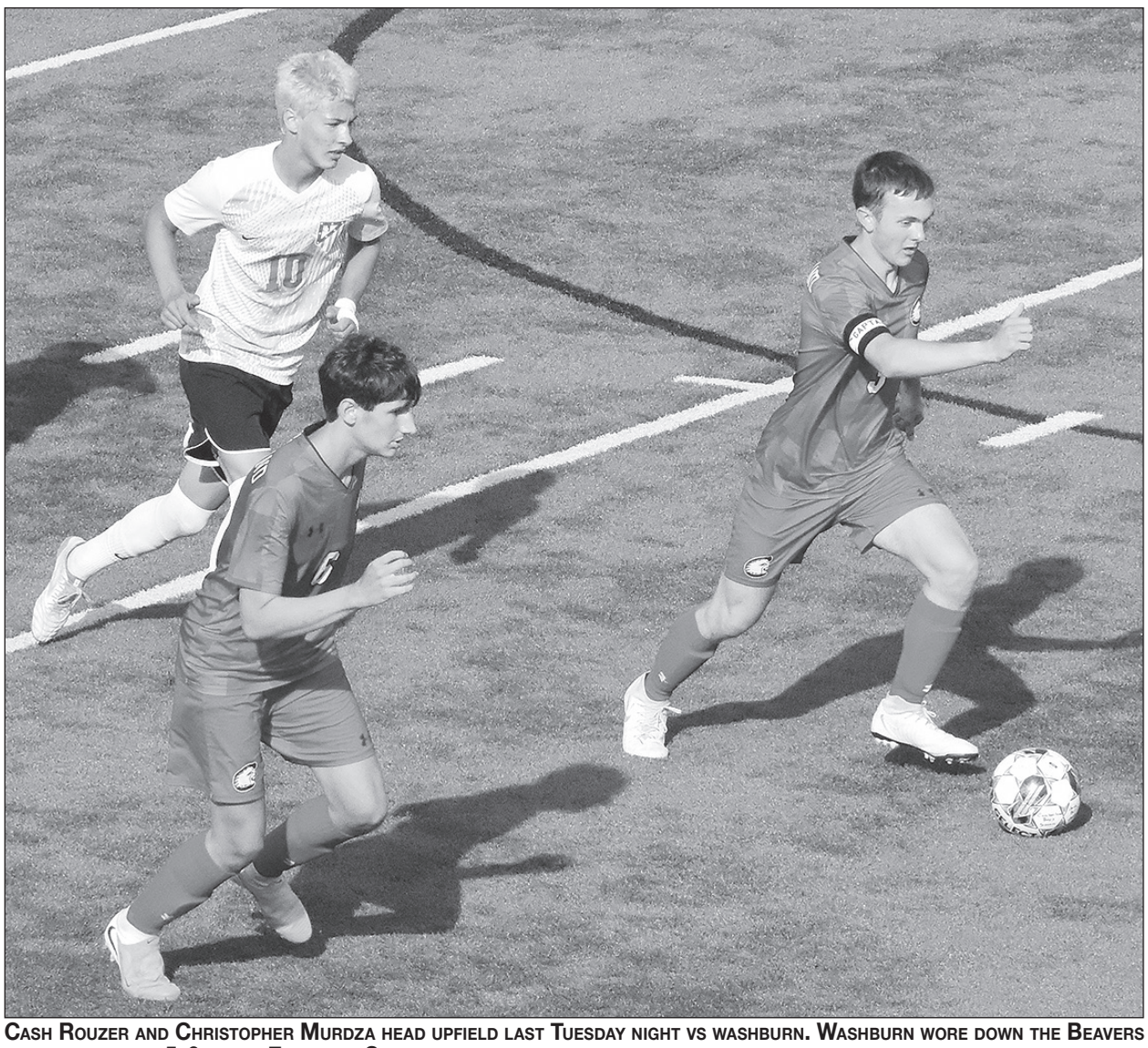
Touchdown!



Gabe Graf looks for the touchdown signal from the referee in the Beavers big wn over Barron. Graf did indeed score in the 30-13 win last Friday night at Endeavor Stadium. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Elijah Jain outruns a pair of Bear defenders Friday night in Cumberland. Photo by Kaely Wenzel.



Cash Rouzer and Christopher Murdza head upfield last Tuesday night vs washburn. Washburn wore down the Beavers and cruised to a 5-0 win at Endeavor Stadium.

Cumberland Area Fishing & Hunting Table

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09/12	Sat	> 6:24	12:13	6:47	12:36	06:42	07:25	8:28a	7:48p	2:14p	1:52a	*
09/13	Sun	> 7:14	1:02	7:37	1:25	06:43	07:23	9:40a	8:08p	3:00p	2:37a	*
09/14	Mon	> 8:05	1:53	8:29	2:17	06:45	07:21	10:53a	8:30p	3:46p	3:23a	*
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An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

Four Cool Outdoor Women

Hello friends,

I returned home from a 4,200-mile road trip last week where I helped my daughter Selina Walters relocate from Missoula, Montana to Calgary, Alberta Canada. Selina majored in both Fisheries and Water Resources and will be pursuing her master's degree. Over the last 2.5 years I have grown great respect for three of her unique, go for it, outdoor oriented friends and this week I am going to write about Rachael Valeria, Rose Chitko and Claire Bernard. Time passes, friends relocate but there are always memories and future get togethers

Rachael Valeria is one year older than Selina and grew up in Pulaski, Wisconsin. Rachael and Selina were both officers in UWSP's chapter of The Fisheries Society, and I met her when they both attended UWSP alongside her now fiancée Andy Johnson. In my simple words, Rachael Valeria is one cool and accomplished outdoor oriented woman.

While pursuing her master's degree through The University of Idaho in Moscow, Rachael remained a hardcore outdoorswoman despite the challenges of furthering her education and becoming pregnant. Since Arlo's birth, he turns 3 this month, Rachael and Andy have carried him in a pack on shoulders while hunting for deer and elk, fly fishing and shed antler hunting. A unique problem that Andy and Rachael have is that they cannot find a pack to carry an older child in.

Rachael received her master's, the ticket for biologists to climb the ladder, works as an Anadromous Fish Biologist studying Wild Salmon and Steelhead in Idaho. The last two field seasons Selina worked with Rachael out of Salmon, Idaho and these two are the definition of great friends.

Rose Chitko is from Oak Creek, Wisconsin and majored in Natural Resource Management with an emphasis in Wildland Fire Science. I met Rose who was also a friend of Selina's back at UWSP in February of 2024 when I helped Selina move to Missoula. Her and Selina were roommates until May of this year. Rose is an Assistant Fire Engine Operator for the Forest Service, in other words, Rose is a forest fire fighter who fights fires all over North America.

I have spent time around Rose twice and literally heard about her from Selina in voice, text and photo well over a hundred times. Anyone that knows Rose would describe her as the definition of physically fit. A typical off season training day can include swimming, lifting weights, and back packing with a 40-pound vest or running.

The last 3 seasons Rose has worked as a Hot Shot on a hand crew, meaning no trucks or engines, they just dig line which is very physical.

Like Rachael, what captivated me about Rose is her incredibly excellent can do, attitude and her genuine love for the outdoors.

Claire Bernard is from Rapid City, South Dakota and lived below Selina and Rose with her longtime boyfriend Andrew Mullen. Claire just graduated from The University of Montana in May with a degree in Journalism and just yesterday was hired as a journalist for Bloomberg and will be moving to Washington DC where she had interned earlier this summer.

Claire and Andrew were a major part of Selina learning to ski and they were like a brother and sister to her. They had a pretty cool rivalry, Andrew is a Vikings fan, Claire loves the Steeler's and Selina is a true Cheesehead.

Back in May of 2025 Selina became horribly ill with stomach issues and this persisted until early July. As a father with a daughter 1,200 miles away it was major stress for me as well and her roommate Rose was off fighting fires.

Selina was losing her body mass and weak as a kitten, Claire and Andrew took Selina into their home, were excellent about communicating with me and that combined with good doctoring saved the day.

Claire like Selina, Rachael and Rose simply has to be outside and active and a super bonus is she is a ton of fun.

As always, the space for this column is limited, each of these gals is my definition of great, young American women, they are active, well spoken, tough, kind and beautiful. In reality, I would be glad to help any one of them in a pinch and thankful that the stars lined up for all four of them to become such good friends in the outdoors.

Carry on Ladies,

Sunset



Rachael Valeria and her son Arlo with a cutthroat trout she caught on a fly near the Salmon River in Idaho.



Rose Chitko, Selina's old roommate while she lived in Missoula, who also went to UWSP, has fought fires all over North America.

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Zoey Brandenhoff having fun on the green at Luck.

Girl's Golf Team Participates in the Luck Invitational

Eighteen Schools from the area gathered in Luck on August 31 to participate in the Sectional Preview Invitational. St. Croix Central rolled to an easy team win with a winning score of 367, while Hayward came in second with a 390. Cumberland shot a 449, finishing ahead of Ladysmith, Barron, Prairie Farm/Clayton, and Altoona.

Leading the way for Coach Jess Olson was Makenzie Tahtinen with a score of 97. Her round included one birdie, while Coach Olson said, "Makenzie played very well." Her score put her in a tie for 13th place. Sophomore Clara Kongshaug of St. Croix Central was Medalist with an outstanding 18-hole round of 74.

Other Cumberland scores included a 114 from Freshman Zoey Brandenhoff and 119s from Wren Ruppel and Raegan Beecroft, career bests for both girls.

The girls had a home meet on Tuesday and then play in the Northwestern Invitational this Thursday, starting at 9:00 am.

Steve Laursen...

Speedway driving the #96, #9, #53, #19, and #T18. His best year was in 1982, when he won eight feature races and it is believed that all eight were won consecutively.

This list of Steve's achievements on the track is rather extensive. His total wins is believed to be at around 300 and special wins include Rice Lake Speedway Invitationals, three times winning the Amsoil Championship, six times winning the Labor Day Shootout at Hibbing, the Silver 1000 at Proctor, the Northern Nationals in Superior, the Red Clay Classic in Ashland, the Elmer Cook Memorial at Cedar Lake, the WISSOTA 100, the Harvest Bowl at Grand Forks and several high finishes in both the John Seitz Memorial and the Rumble in Aberdeen, plus six Challenge Series feature races.

One very memorable night occurred right here at Rice Lake, when after blowing a motor on a Friday night, he borrowed a motor from Dave Morgan, got to the speedway just in time for the Saturday night first feature and went out and won both ends of the evening's doubleheader.

Racing has not always been kind to him though, as he broke his neck in a violent crash against the front stretch wall at Cedar Lake in 2001 and did not return to racing until the following year.

Steve is a 1973 graduate of Cumberland High School and has lived in the Cumberland area since, having worked as a driver in sales for many years until he retired. He lives with his wife Doris in Cumberland and can still be seen racing his #19 Late Model at area tracks.

Ladies and gentlemen, Rice Lake Speedway Hall of Famer, Steve Laursen.



Austin Hornstein sends the ball upfield last week vs Washburn. Washburn went on to beat the Beavers 5-0.

UPDATE...

Improvement Projects:

The Barron County Highway Department will return in later September for some shouldering work where roads were pulverized and repaved, along with resurfacing of the cemetery driving lanes.

Hwy. 63 Resurfacing south of Cumberland towards Turtle Lake:

Work on one large culvert still needs to be completed, which should be done by the middle part of this week. Final approvals of the overlay mix are imminent and paving operations should be in full swing by the end of this week.

2026 Bear Hunting Season To Open Sept. 9

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters that the 2026 bear hunting season opens on Wednesday, Sept. 9. With diligent scouting and preparation efforts, bear hunters should again expect a quality hunting experience this fall.

This year, over 34,000 people applied for one of the 15,245 bear licenses available, and 106,000 more people opted to purchase a preference point to improve their chances of drawing a license in a future lottery.

The 2026 bear season is open from Sept. 9 to Oct. 13, with specific regulations based on a hunter's bear management zone (please reference the bear hunting zones map). Hunters must know the management zone in which they are licensed to hunt and the specific bear hunting regulations within that zone.

Zones A, B and D – Where dogs are permitted:

Sept. 9-15 – with the aid of bait and all other legal methods not using dogs

Sept. 16 to Oct. 6 – with the aid of dogs, the aid of bait and all other legal methods

Oct. 7-13 – with the aid of dogs only, no other methods

Zones C, E and F – Where dogs are not permitted:

Sept. 9 to Oct. 13 – with the aid of bait and all other legal methods not using dogs

Wisconsin has a thriving bear population estimated at around 24,000 animals. The resident bear population covers more than half the state, primarily in the forested regions of northern and central Wisconsin, with a continued trend of slow southward expansion.

Careful and regulated public hunting of bears is the primary tool used to help keep bear numbers in balance with available habitat across the state. Hunting also plays a critical role in black bear research. All bears taken must be registered with the DNR and a variety of data is collected that supports the science behind bear management.

The DNR reminds hunters that all bears must be registered by 5 p.m. the day after recovery, and they must submit two upper premolar teeth to the department. These samples provide important data used to monitor and ensure the health of Wisconsin's bear population into the future.

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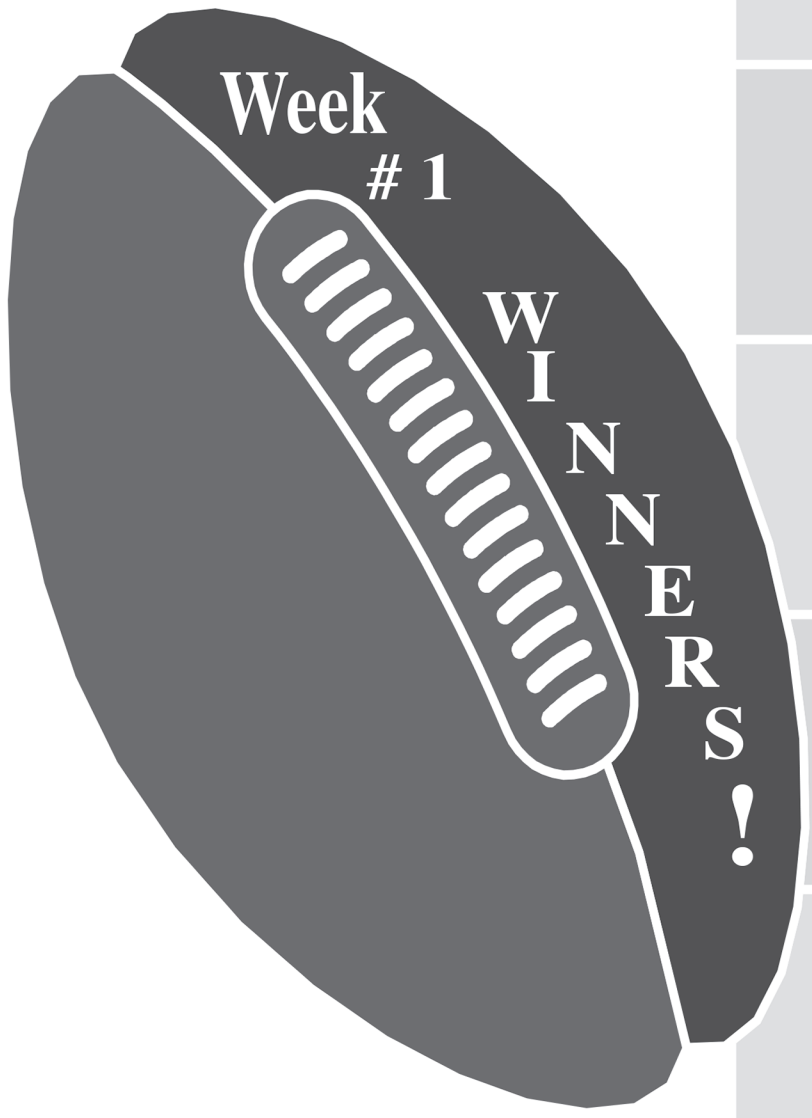
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LETTERS Editor...

for the outstanding job they've done to make our new school come to fruition. A lot of what our high school encompasses came from visits to other schools throughout the area with similar goals-education first and areas throughout the building that are available to the community as well-including our 300 capacity cafetorium.

Our students deserve the best Cumberland can give them. Once again, thank you for supporting CHS. We are truly fortunate to have this building as part of our school system. From reactions to those who attend the open house on August 31, they've been very impressed with the careful planning and hard work from the many people who helped make our new CHS a reality.

John and Nancy Garibaldi

Stabbing in Chetek...

the floor where S.D.M. had been sitting in a computer chair.

The deputy reports he assisted the officer with applying pressure onto S.D.M.'s left arm until EMS arrived and took over the emergency life-saving medical treatment that S.D.M. needed.

Another deputy, with the Barron County Sheriff's Department, reports he arrived on scene and was standing by with S.D.M. The deputy reports that an EMT who was assisting with rendering aid to S.D.M. told S.D.M. that, if they could not stop the bleeding, S.D.M. was going to die.

The deputy reports it was estimated by paramedics that S.D.M. lost approximately two liters of blood. S.D.M. was airlifted to Mayo, due to the amount of blood he lost from the laceration that was approximately two to three inches deep on S.D.M.'s left arm.

The deputy reports he confirmed with Mishler that it was only Mishler and S.D.M. that lived at the residence, and no one was at the residence that day other than S.D.M. and Mishler. Mishler stated he blacked out from drinking and didn't remember stabbing S.D.M. with a kitchen knife. Mishler stated the injuries to his throat, as well as some of the scratches on his body, were caused by himself. Mishler stated he retrieved the razor blade he used to cut himself from the garage.

The Barron County Sheriff's Department Sergeant reports that, after securing the helicopter launching area for S.D.M.'s air transport, he returned to the residence and assisted in the search for potential evidence. The sergeant reports he located a large kitchen knife with an approximately 11 inch blade lying in the grass a short distance from the front door of the residence. The blade had a reddish-brown colored substance on it, consistent with blood.

The sergeant reports he also located a bag of trash near a tree outside the residence. Inside the bag was an empty alcohol container of vodka.

The sergeant walked through the residence and observed a large amount of blood droplets on the floor of the living room, kitchen and hallway. The sergeant reports that all of the blood he observed appeared to be low velocity, dripping-type blood. The sergeant did not observe high velocity arterial blood spray of any kind inside the residence. The sergeant reports there were no obvious weapons inside the residence that were used in this incident.

The deputy reports a check of earlier calls to the Barron County Dispatch Center revealed that S.D.M. called dispatch on August 28, 2026 at 9:44 am, stating Mishler was intoxicated and shoved S.D.M. before taking off on foot. S.D.M. c alled dispatch a second time after he discovered Mishler took approximately $70 out of S.D.M.'s wallet and left the residence approximately one hour before. On August 28, 2026, at 11:05 am, S.D.M. requested to speak with a detective to discuss some stuff like having been pushed down.

The deputy reports that before S.D.M. was airlifted, he stated Mishler attempted to enter the residence. S.D.M. stated he told Mishler he did not want him to come inside because Mishler was covered in dirt and sand. S.D.M. stated he then felt something hit his left arm.

The sergeant reports he was also able to speak briefly to S.D.M. S.D.M. was being wheeled across the yard to the ambulance. S.D.M. told the sergeant that he told Mishler to get out of the house because Mishler was covered in dirt. S.D.M. stated Mishler was standing near the front door of the residence. Mishler returned suddenly and struck S.D.M. hard with something. S.D.M. did not know what Mishler had struck him with, only as the result of the strike, he had a severe cut on his arm which could have been fatal due to blood loss.

The deputy reports on August 29, 2026, at approximately 8:40 pm, he spoke with Mishler at the Barron County Jail after reading him his Miranda rights. Mishler stated he understood his rights and was willing to answer questions.

The deputy reports Mishler stated he woke up early on August 28, 2026, and started drinking. Mishler stated he drank more than a liter of vodka within a couple of hours and does not recall anything that happened.

If convicted for aggravated battery and domestic abuse, Mishler may be fined not more than $50,000 or imprisoned not more than 15 years or both. For first degree reckless injury, he may be fined not more than $100,000 or imprisoned not more than 25 years or both.

Barronett News

By Judy Pieper

Duane and I celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 1st. We had such an exciting day – Duane was over the moon because his Minnesota Twins won against (I think) Detroit by a landslide. I on the other hand was so happy to see that the coons had not bothered the corn at all. I got it all picked, cleaned, put into bags and froze. You can probably tell that we do not go all out with the celebrating thing. I told him that we don't have to, because once a woman finds the perfect husband, she doesn't need another thing. I know how lucky I am.

For many years (over 25) we have spent Labor Day weekend – and usually our anniversary – at Treeland Resort a few miles out of Hayward. We started out with one cabin that was roomy enough to accommodate our whole family. The family kept growing, and now we rent six cabins. Those grandkids and great-grandkids just keep on coming.

This year our newest little great-granddaughter, Chiara, daughter of Sanara and Alex, will spend her first vacation with us. She, and her parents, live in Worchester, Massachusetts, so we don't see them nearly often enough. Chiara will be one year old on November 19th, so we are hoping that she's not at an age where she will consider us stranger-danger. It is going to be so much fun having a little one up there. We will all be kept busy making sure she doesn't decide to go for a toddling walk off the end of a pier or something.

One of the things I really enjoy at Treeland is kayaking. Treeland is on the Chippewa Flowage, so, if a person is not afraid of getting lost amid all the islands, there are miles and miles to explore. Unfortunately for the grandkids, I am not one of the adventurous ones. We go through one canal, and then stay close to the side of that island so that we can find our way back to the resort. The only way I get any further away on the water is if one of the kids will take me out fishing in the boat with them. I don't usually catch anything, but it is fun trying anyway.

Lynn Thon and I make our traditional birthday breakfast, waffles and ice cream, while we are up there. We have everyone's name and birthdate on a piece of paper so everyone knows that they are being celebrated. Jerry Marsh usually makes breakfast one morning, and Sanara and Alex usually make us a delicious Italian supper. (We spend a lot of time eating – have to watch it when we get home.)

Pat Olson stopped by the house one day last week with some more books for the little library in front of the house. It is so nice to see so many people stopping by to check out – and drop off – books. I'm not sure who left the book Natchez Burning by Greg Iles, but I am so glad they did. By the time I could put it down at night my eyes were refusing to focus. It's about 800 pages long, and one of the best books I have read lately. I put it back out in the library now, so if you are interested in reading it, come on by and pick it up. It takes a few days, but you will be glad you did.

I have so much work to do in the garden when we are done vacationing. The weeds around the onions have grown up so much that we can hardly find the onions. I will be picking and freezing them very soon. The peppers are getting nice and big, but the ones that will be turning red and yellow are still green. And the tomatoes just keep coming. I picked a huge basketful last week, but I did not have time to can them, so I gave them to Alyse Lehmann. She makes the best home-made salsa! We have a lot of Roma tomatoes which are great for any kind of canning. I'm just hoping that we have a quite a bit of time left before we have to worry about a freeze.

The plums are getting ripe too, so I will be busy making jelly soon. And, we will pick apples and get them taken care of. Rick and Joan Stetler brought some of their apples to church to share last Sunday. They were delicious. I didn't make any pie from them, just enjoyed snacking on them.

I'm going to run. I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend and I hope you were able to stop by Shell Lake's Town and Country days for some of the events. See you next time.

Senior News

By Gloria Lindeman

We are getting busy organizing some events. First is Fall Prevention presentation, September 9th at 12:30. A RN will be taking questions and also a Physical Therapist will be here too.

Thursday, September 24th, we will have a Hospice Rep come and talk to us and answer questions. It starts at 12:30 pm, hope to see you. It is very interesting

We set the date for our Annual Fall Festival. It will be October 10th from 9am till 2pm.

Silent auction and lots of raffle ticket items. We will be serving chili for lunch and lots of sweet treats. So be sure and mark your calendar this is a very fun event.

We have a water color class on Thursday, Oct 22nd, starts at 1 pm. Will be a small fee of $5.00 to cover the materials Michelle will be the teacher again. Sign up ahead there is a paper on the desk at center.

Coffee bar is popular on Monday, stop in and visit. Will be talking about these upcoming events each week so stay tuned.

Questions about any of these events give me a call at 715/822/8241.

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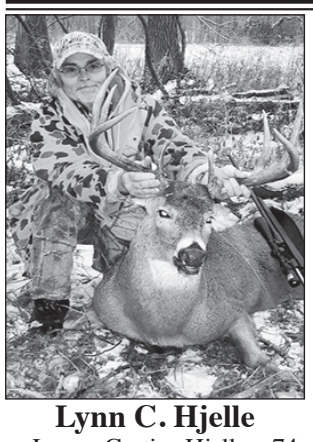
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Lynn C. Hjelle

Lynn Curtis Hjelle, 74, of Comstock passed away unexpectedly, September 2, 2026, at his home. He was born January 16, 1952, in Amery, WI to Clifford and Lucile (Hanson) Hjelle. Lynn grew up in Barronett and would go on to graduate from Cumberland High School in 1970.

Lynn's working career began by taking him to Alaska to work on the pipeline. It was during his time working at Stokley's where he met the love of his life, Darlene Stouffer and were married on September 22, 1979. Lynn would then go on to raise and deliver minnows to a variety of bait shops for Friess' Minnow Farm. Later he worked at Polaris as a welder before retiring from Rice Lake Weighing Systems.

Lynn was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman, he made sure to pass on his wisdom to his children and grandchildren. Lynn liked listening to the Statler Brothers and watching John Wayne films. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching the Brewers, Badgers, and Packers. Most of all Lynn enjoyed supporting his grandchildren at the many sports and school events.

He is survived by his wife, Darlene; children: Melissa (Greg) Lambrecht and Matthew (Beth) Hjelle; grandchildren: Prycen Hjelle, Addison and Autumn Lambrecht; brothers-in law, Dave Stouffer and John (Debra) Stouffer; sister-in-law, Gayle (Ralph) Knetter; nieces and nephews: Tracy (Dan) Vesper, Jason (Michelle) Stouffer, Adam Kluge, Sara (Patrick) O' Dea, Andrea Froehlich, and Lisa Conrad; great nieces and nephews, as well as other family and dear friends. Lynn was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford and Lucile Hjelle; sister and brother-in-law, Lois (John) Kluge; mother-in-law, June Larson; and cousin but more like a brother, Jon Owens.

Celebration of Life will be from 3-6 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at Skinner Funeral Home, Cumberland with a service at 6 PM lead by Pastor Ned Lenhart. Honorary Pallbearers are Greg Lambrecht, Cooper Vesper, Nick Vesper, Chad Owens, Henry Soldner, and Bill Soldner.

Skinner Funeral Home is serving the family.



Free "Brain and Body" Fitness Program Returns to Rice Lake This Fall

The Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Barron & Rusk Counties, in partnership with Northwood Technical College, will offer a free Brain and Body Group Fitness Program this fall for people living with Mild Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer's disease, or related dementias, along with their care partners.

The six-week program will meet on Mondays, October 5 through November 9, 2026, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Northwood Technical College Conference Center, 1900 College Dr., Rice Lake, WI. There is no cost to participate.

Brain and Body Fitness combines exercise, brain health activities, and social engagement in a single session. The program is modeled after LEEPS (Language Enriched Exercise Plus Socialization) and has been shown to improve physical fitness and mood in people living with dementia and their care partners. Classes are taught by trained Occupational Therapy Assistant students and their instructors from Northwood Technical College.

To participate, individuals must be able to perform simple exercises, follow verbal directions, and take part in conversation.

Program Details

What: Brain and Body Group Fitness Program — exercise, brain health, and social engagement for people with MCI, Alzheimer's, or related dementias, and their care partners

When: Mondays, October 5 – November 9, 2026 (6-week program), 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Northwood Technical College Conference Center, 1900 College Dr., Rice Lake, WI

Cost Free

How to Register

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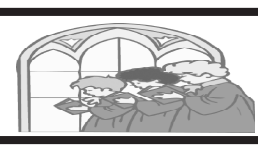
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Prayer

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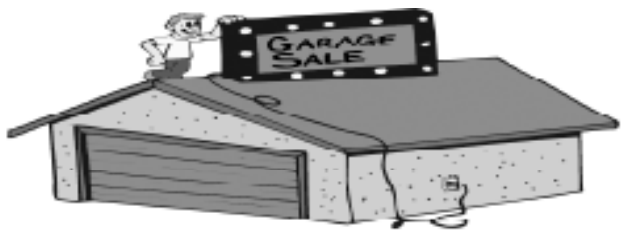
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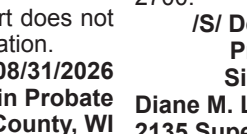
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 72

In the Matter of the Estate of Timothy Arthur Morgan, deceased, Case No. 2026 PR 72.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

A petition for Formal Administration was filed. A DEMAND FOR FORMAL PROCEEDINGS WAS FILED REQUESTING ADMISSION OF DECEDENT'S WILL AND CONSTRUCTION OF DECEDENT'S WILL.

The court finds:

The decedent, with date of birth 04/26/1954 and date of death 08/01/2026 was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin with a mailing address of 2259 7th Street, Cumberland, WI 54829.

The court orders:

The petition be heard at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse, 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, Wisconsin, Courtroom 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable James C. Babler on September 23, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 1, 2026. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center County Courthouse 1420 State Hwy 25 North, Barron, WI, Room 2700.

Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgement.

Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

Electronically signed by Honorable Judge James C. Babler
August 19, 2026

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF WISCONSIN SS
COUNTY OF BARRON
Appeal #4025

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, September 21, 2026** at 9:00 a.m. in Room 2106 of the Government Center, 335 E. Monroe Ave., Barron, Wisconsin, relative to a proposal for a special exception to the terms of the Barron County Land Use Ordinance as follows:

Requests a special exception to establish rural bait, gun, sports shop and corner store in a Recreational-Residential district, property described as government lot 1-1 prt gov lot 1 shown as lot 1 CSM 44/39 consisting of 4.07 acres, located in Section 11, T35 N, R13W, Town of Cumberland, 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: Scott M. & Mary A Bellefeuille
Agent: Mark Bellefeuille
Property address: 1011 22 ½ Ave, Cumberland Wisconsin

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of September, 2026.

Barron County Board of Adjustment
Gary Nelson, Chairman

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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
POLK COUNTY
NOTICE OF HEARING
(PROBATE)
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 1996PR000053

In the Matter of the Estate of Lola F. Woodley, deceased, Case No. 1996PR000053.

This case is scheduled for Court Trial regarding a claim filed by Northern Pines Community Programs.

Notice of hearing is scheduled for October 29, 2026 at 9:00 am. Location Branch 1, 1005 West Main Street, Balsam Lake, WI 54810. Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Daniel J. Tolan.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-485-9299 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Filed 08/31/2026
Register in Probate
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NOTICE
STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
BARRON COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(Informal Administration)
CASE NO. 2026 PR 78

In the Matter of the Estate of Gary Ladd, AKA: Gary William Ladd. Case #2026PR78.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/17/1957 and date of death 07/07/2026, was domiciled in Barron County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 2135 Superior Ave, Cumberland, WI 54829.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is December 11, 2026.
5. A claim may be filed at the Barron County Justice Center, 1420 St. Hwy. 25 N., Barron, Wisconsin, Room 2700.

/S/ Deanne E. Larson
Probate Registrar
Signed 08/28/2026
Diane M. Ladd
2135 Superior Ave.
Cumberland, WI 54829

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Beaver Dam Lake Management District
Board Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2026
12:00 Noon
Cumberland City Hall
Cumberland, WI 54829

1. Call meeting to order
2. Approve Minutes from the August 25 meeting
3. Treasurers Report
4. Recognition of visitors
5. Project Updates: Grove St Bridge, Wickre Channel, Avery Wetlands
6. Website management-webmaster, meeting packet
7. Interested parties email list consolidation- meeting notification
8. Consideration of monthly meetings with remote TEAMS attendance
9. Draft structure for online document repository-Tim
10. Chapter 33 revision advisory team-do we participate?
11. Announce next meeting date and time- tentative October 14,2026; may be cancelled
12. Adjourn.

*Additional agenda items may be added and will be posted on the BDLMD website, at City Hall and the Library no later than 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Board members maybe attending by electronic means.

Alan Carlson
President

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Cumberland School District Board of Education shall be held at 6:00 p.m. for open session on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, in the district office conference room.

1. Approve vouchers, receipts, and invoices.
2. Recognize delegates, visitors, and donations.
3. Consider approval of Emily Bristlin's resignation as Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach.
4. Consider employment of Nick McMillan as Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach.
5. Consider approval of David Olson as Assistant Girls' Golf Coach.
6. Consider approval of Abbie Thill as High School Assistant Cross Country Coach.
7. Consider employment of Brandi Bahr as Special Education Aide.
8. Hear discussion items and administrator reports.
9. Set meeting dates and events.

A copy of the agenda is posted in the elementary school, middle school, high school, and administration building.

Jennifer Hyatt
Cumberland School District Clerk

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CITY OF CUMBERLAND
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday September 1, 2026, the Common Council of the City of Cumberland, WI enacted the following ordinances:

☐Ordinance 2026-830 "Ordinance Amending Section 16 Fair Housing Code of the Municipal Code of the City of Cumberland to Incorporate All Protected Classes Recognized Under Wisconsin Statutes §106.50 and to Adopt Wisconsin Fair Housing Law, as Amended

The full text of these ordinances can be viewed at Cumberland City Hall (950 1st Ave.) during regular business hours, or online at https://library.municode.com/wi/cumberland/codes/code_of_ordinances.

Adopted: 9-1-2026
Effective: 9-10-2026

Arlene Frisinger
City Clerk

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NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING
STATE OF WISCONSIN SS
COUNTY OF BARRON
Appeal #4026

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, September 28, 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 construct an addition to a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling with a reduced setback to the ordinary high water mark to Loon Lake in a Recreational Residential district on property described as Lot 9 Nessen's Loon Lake East, located in Section 32, 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: James A & Rebecca J Close
Property address: 142 18 3/8 Ave, Comstock, Wisconsin

All persons interested are invited to attend said hearing.

Dated at Barron, Wisconsin, this 9th day of September, 2026.

Barron County Board of Adjustment
Gary Nelson, Chairman

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NOTICE-CHANGE OF HOURS

Effective September 20, 2026, the Barron County Public (Straw Pit-Town of Maple Plain) Rifle Range will be closed on Sundays until further notice. The Owen Anderson (Arland) Rifle Range will remain open on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Public Rifle Range (Straw Pit – Town of Maple Plain) Range Hours

Sunday – Closed
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All Barron County Rifle Ranges are closed the Friday before the gun deer season through the muzzleloader season each year.

For additional information – https://www.barroncountywi.gov/rifle_ranges

Wendy Coleman
Barron County Department of Administration

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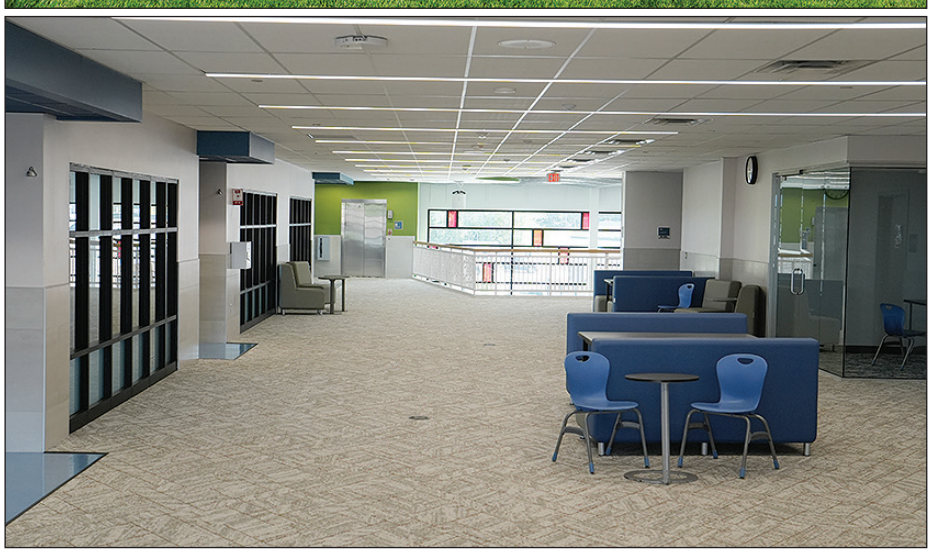
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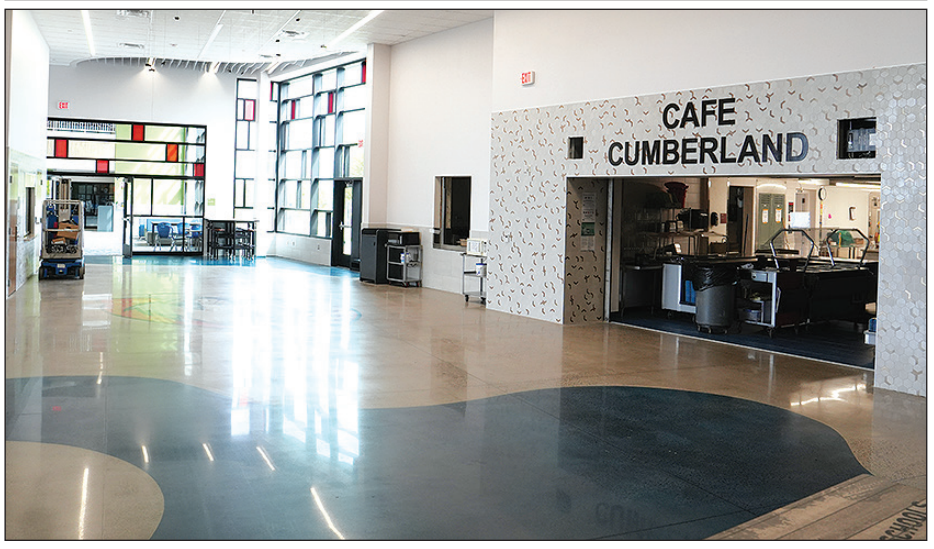












Kraus-Anderson Completes Construction at Cumberland High School

Kraus-Anderson (KA) has completed construction at Cumberland High School located at 1010 8th Ave, in Cumberland, WI. The major referendum-backed building projects follows a $32.95 million bond approved by voters.

Designed by World Architects, the 91,600-square-foot project included 43,900 square feet of additions and 47,700 square feet of remodeling. The two-story project features new classrooms, cafeteria, offices, locker rooms and an outdoor learner space, as well as an addition to the expanded commons area. Improvements also included new HVAC and boilers.

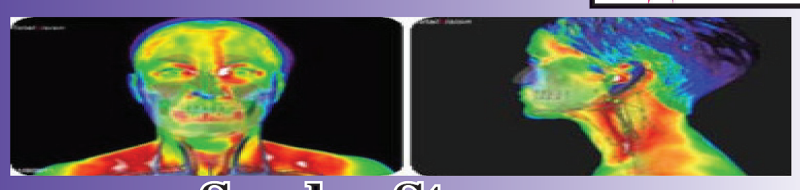
The steel used in construction came from the local division of LeJeune Steel Company in Barronett, WI. In addition, several notable construction facts include: 268 tons of steel, 44,450 bricks and 3.8 million pounds (1,900 tons) of concrete were used, and 144,000 of working hours were dedicated to the project.

Construction began in April of 2025.

The project presents years of planning, hard work, and community support. The newly completed high school provides our students and staff with modern, flexible learning spaces designed to support education and our students' future success.

At the ribbon cutting ceremony held on Monday, August 31st, Cumberland Schools Superintendent Dr. Barry Rose stated that "this is a historic time not only for our school but our entire community, thank you for fulfilling the promise to our children and our community, we have a beautiful facility and I am overwhelmed with pride". He went on to say "I extend my gratitude to the taxpayers and community members of this district, your votes and hard earned dollars built these walls, it is because of you we are here tonight. I also want to thank our school board members for their courage to see this through, Kraus-Anderson Construction, Wold Architects and the construction crews who brought this vision to life ahead of schedule, 16 months completed with an original estimate of 18-24 months. We are on time and on budget, we didn't just build a structure, we built a building that reflects the needs of our current and future learners. The building was designed to give our students the very best environment to succeed.

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