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Tables turned
Sworn witness takes the stand, only to be arrested after changing story. **A2**



Library closing
Rice Lake Public Library will close 2 weeks as it moves back to home building. **A3**

Warriors rolling
Soccer team trounces Eau Claire North 10-0, remaining undefeated. **B1**

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WEATHER



Thursday

Friday

Showers and possibly a thunderstorm Thursday; some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Friday expect mostly cloudy skies with a 20% chance of showers with a high near 60°. Mostly sunny Saturday, with a high near 69°. Mostly sunny Sunday, with a high near 74°.

Date	High	Low	PR
Sept. 3	77	54	1.10
Sept. 4	74	48	—
Sept. 5	69	49	—
Sept. 6	71	53	.05
Sept. 7	73	50	—
Sept. 8	63	49	—
Sept. 9	63	49	.29

1.44

Readings for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m.

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Inspiration in the sky

Bowman brings message of hope to Birchwood

BY RYAN URBAN
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Birchwood was another landing spot Saturday for American patriot Dana Bowman, a double amputee determined to inspire all to overcome their setbacks.

With artificial legs below the knee, Bowman jumped out of a helicopter at 5,000 feet and landed squarely on target in a field near Trinity Lutheran Church in Birchwood with a 200-foot flag trailing behind him.

After landing, he said, "I'm so proud to be an American. I'm so proud to be here and jump for this pastor and his church and bring the community together."

More than 100 people gath-

ered to witness the jump, take hold of the massive flag and sing "God Bless the USA."

They raised \$236 for Bowman's charity, HALO for Freedom Warrior Foundation, by buying playing cards and setting them in the landing area. Where Bowman landed was the winning card, and that person won half the pot.

Bowman lost his legs in a parachuting accident in 1994 while a member of the U.S. Army's elite parachute team, the Golden Knights. During a training exercise, he collided with teammate Sgt. Jose Aguilon in mid-air at high speed. Aguilon was killed instantly, and Bowman's legs were severed at the knees. Bowman's

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Firefighters extinguish Jennie-O fire

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Firefighters and police responded to flames at the Jennie-O Turkey Store in Barron at around 7:30 a.m. Monday.

Barron resident Ronald Lundequam said he had heard about a mill fire on his police scanner and looked out the window of his home to see

green tinted smoke coming from Jennie-O.

Firefighters used ladder trucks to supply constant streams of water to the green metal structure the flames were coming from. Two exhaust stacks coming from the structure appeared damaged.

The fire appeared to be under control by 8:45 a.m.

By 8:55 a.m. firefighters were

using a saw to cut a square hole into the green metal structure to check for fire extension.

The scene was clear by 1:15 p.m., according to the Barron County Sheriff Department's Facebook page.

Barron-Maple Fire Chief Mike Romsos called the day a gamut of everything a firefighter trains for.

Romsos commended every

department that responded and said everything went well and there were no firefighter injuries.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The Jennie-O Turkey Store's parent company Hormel Foods issued the following statement to The Chronotype:

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Hunt Hill holds Grand celebration

BY RYAN URBAN
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Hundreds gathered Saturday to celebrate Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary and an enduring love of nature it inspires.

It was a special occasion, as the new Richard Grand Recreation Hall was dedicated, with special guest Marcia Grand.

Marcia said of her late husband, "Richard always felt that

it is our duty as people to protect and help those less fortunate than us. He was not only talking about human beings, he's talking about plants and animals. Things become vulnerable, whether a tree or a butterfly, and it's our job to help them, and that's what we have to do, and Hunt Hill teaches that."

The Grands visited the camp only once in 1982, but the expe-

rience left such an impression that they remained major supporters through the years.

Richard Grand was a leading figure in wrongful death and injury lawsuits, pushing payment for victims in the millions. Since graduating from the University of Arizona's law school in 1958, Grand won his clients a settlement or verdict of more than \$1 million apiece in more than 100 cases, accord-

ing to his obituary. He died in San Francisco in 2013 of natural causes.

Marcia said that in 1982, after a series of high-stress, high-profile cases, Richard was feeling burned out and needed to get away.

Ardent Audubon Society supporters, the Grands intended to go to a camp in Maine, but

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PHOTO BY RYAN URBAN

Marcia Grand (scissors in hand) cuts the ribbon at the dedication of the Richard Grand Recreational Hall, in honor of her late husband, at Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary on Saturday. Also pictured in the ribbon cutting are Hunt Hill building committee members, from left, Gary Davis, Wayne Sabatke, Bill Stewart, Nikki Janisin, Tom Vonasek, Carolyn Cleveland and Storme Nelson.

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