

# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## BARRON COUNTY

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

#### Judy Demers, Director

Barron County is in the process of developing a Child Death Review (CDR) Team. The purpose of the team is to review and share information on all child death cases to gain a better understanding of the circumstances and risk factors. The team's work will focus on three areas: investigation, services and prevention. Each year, 400 Wisconsin children die from reasons other than terminal illness; approximately 200 of these deaths could be prevented. CDR teams are multi-disciplinary and can include these disciplines: medical examiner, law enforcement, public health, mental health, school personnel, Child Protective Services, medical staff, Emergency Management, and others as deemed necessary by the team. Training is scheduled on September 24, 2010 at the Justice Center. Representatives from each of the disciplines have been invited. The Children's Health Alliance is providing the technical assistance for this initiative.



As of August, 2010, 504 Barron County residents are receiving Badgercare Core services which became available in July, 2009, and is focused on medical coverage for adults with no minor children. Also, as of August, 2010, 24 individuals from Barron County are receiving Badgercare Basic, which is for individuals who are on the waiting list for Badgercare Core.

Due to the fact that the State of Wisconsin failed a federal review of the WIC program, counties have been subject to review by the Department of Health Services. The Barron County WIC program was reviewed on September 2, 2010, and for the period of time from January thru June, 2010, there were no errors found in our financial data.

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# September 2010

### CLERK OF COURT

#### Sharon Millermon Deputy Clerk of Court

Effective September 1, 2010, Restraining Orders changes were enacted to make harassment and domestic abuse restraining orders similar. Before September 1,

2010, a parent or guardian needed to file a harassment restraining order on behalf of a child. Now a child can petition the court themselves. A petitioner in a harassment case can also request the sheriff to assist them in placing them in possession of their

residence. All petitioners in all types of restraining order cases may advise the court of any other no contact provisions. It is now required that a petitioner provide their address to the court. The address is placed in a sealed confidential envelope.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

**Mark Servi  
Highway Commissioner**

Where has the summer gone? It seems like last week we were starting to formulate our work schedule, and now we are into the early fall. Construction season is still in full swing in Barron County. There are many projects underway on the State, County and Local Road Systems. It has been a busy and productive summer for our crews.

The pavement replacement project USH 53 from Barron north to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue is scheduled to be completed in early November. The asphalt paving project from USH 8 south to

New Auburn is scheduled to have the mainline paving completed by October 1, and the ramps and ancillary work will be completed yet this year. This work is funded by the ARRA program. The work is done by contractors working for the WISDOT.

On your Barron County Highway System, we are currently working on our major fall paving project, CTH K. There is a section in the Village of Turtle Lake from USH 8 to Pine Street, and then the project continues from the Village limits south to CTH D. We are milling and pulverizing the existing asphalt. The new asphalt surface will be 28-foot wide, replacing the ex-

isting 24-foot width. We are scheduled to complete the shouldering and install the pavement marking in early November.

There are still a few Town and Municipality projects for us to complete. The Towns, Cities and Villages have again provided us with a good number of projects. These projects help keep our crew efficient and cost effective in all phases of our operations. Please join me in thanking them for the projects that we perform for them. They play a big part of the success of the Highway Department.

October 10, 2010 (10/10/10) is national **Put the Brakes on**

**Fatalities Day.** Each year, traffic crashes cause about 40,000 fatalities and are the leading cause of death for people ages 3 through 6 and 8 through 34. Alcohol-related crashes account for 32% of all traffic fatalities and speed was is a contributing factor in 31% of all fatal crashes. The economic impact nationally of all vehicle crashes recorded in 2000 was \$230.6 billion. Join us in helping to spread the word that by using safer driving behaviors such as not talking or texting on cell phones, using seat belts, not drinking and driving and obeying traffic laws will dramatically reduce the number of traffic crash related injuries and deaths.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

**Rachael Richie, HR Director**

<u>New/Replacement Positions</u>				
<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Office/Department</u>	<u>Incumbent</u>	<u>Date Filled</u>	<u>New/Replacement</u>
Deputy Medical Examiner	Administration	Recruiting		Replacement
Finance Director	Administration	Recruiting		Replacement
Behavioral Health Program Manager	Health & Human Services	Recruiting		Replacement

- As a result of large health insurance claims, the Request for Proposal for Health Insurance was not sent out based on the recommendation of the Health Insurance consult. It is anticipated that preliminary renewal data will be available at the end of the month.
- Flu shots will be administered on the following dates/times:

**October 5, 2010**

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.: Government Center, Room 110 A & B

1:45 p.m.— 3:45 p.m.: Justice Center, EOC Room

4:00 p.m.— 4:45 p.m.: Highway, Break Room

5:00 p.m.—6:45 p.m.: Justice Center, Hall near Dispatch Entrance

Anyone is welcome to receive a flu shot. A copy of your insurance card (front & back) must be provided for billing purposes. A cash option is also available.

## TREASURER'S OFFICE

Vonnie Ritchie, Treasurer

### Unpaid Taxes

On September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the current year unpaid taxes are transferred to certificates. This is the first step in the tax foreclosure process. The unpaid tax for the current year collection is \$400,000 less than it was last year. Listed below is a spreadsheet showing the certificate totals for the past 10 years.

#### *September Sale Book*

Tx Year/Yr Due	Total Tax Roll	Delq Tax Total 9-1	% Unpaid	Balance Sept 1, 2010
2000/2001	45,391,631.68	992,784.06	2.19%	32.90
2001/2002	49,572,130.81	1,057,898.01	2.13%	36.28
2002/2003	51,880,053.45	1,144,145.38	2.21%	255.59
2003/2004	56,516,231.63	1,076,048.09	1.90%	298.07
2004/2005	60,131,880.83	1,235,374.57	2.05%	322.59
2005/2006	61,924,118.88	1,671,870.18	2.70%	326.90
2006/2007	64,981,123.96	1,298,997.84	2.00%	2,167.93
2007/2008	69,598,313.20	1,492,011.09	2.14%	292,969.57
2008/2009	71,258,276.57	2,133,601.83	2.99%	834,720.50
2009/2010	74,900,729.82	1,732,165.61	2.31%	1,732,165.61

The In-Rem Tax Deed process starts two years from the September 1<sup>st</sup> certificate date.

### Tax Foreclosure Property

We expect that there are 2 houses that need to be razed from this year's foreclosure process. We are working on this process and will hold the tax deed property sale when the cleanup is complete.

### Wisconsin County Treasurer's Association Fall Conference

The Wisconsin County Treasurers' Association has a Conference each October in different parts of the State. This year we are hosting the Conference in Barron County at Tagalong Golf and Resort, on October 6, 7, & 8, 2010. Topics that will be presented are listed below:

- Giving and Receiving Feedback and Effective Meetings - University of Green Bay
- A Retrospect Look at Parliamentary Procedure - Dr. Pannier
- Bank Risk Analysis - Brian Hextell and Tammy Schmidt of PMA
- The Internet-It's a Hostile World Out There - Fred Laing of UMACHA
- Wisconsin Department of Revenue - Stan Hook

It will be great to have the County Treasurers from the entire State of Wisconsin here in Barron County.