

### Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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ISSUE DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	DESCRIPTION OF SEGMENT
WPS out repairing damage from weekend storms	News	4/2/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	Public Service crews have been out repairing damage for the weekend winter storm, much of it in Forest County, just as another round is setting up. Snow is expected to develop across the North later this afternoon bringing 2-to-4 inches on average. A Winter Storm Watch has been extended to 1:00 Wednesday morning as significant accumulations are expected Tuesday and Tuesday night with an additional 5-to-7 inches likely. Gusty winds will again make driving difficult and travelers are urged to monitor local forecasts for the latest information.

The battle for a nonpartisan seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court is a partisan-driven slugfest seen as a possible harbinger of voter attitudes heading into the fall midterms. Sensing a victory in Tuesday's election could be a momentum-builder, a bevy of national Democrats have endorsed Rebecca Dallet, a Milwaukee County judge. She's running against Michael Screnock, a judge appointed by Republican Gov. Scott Walker. Both parties have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on their respective campaigns.

The Family Dollar store in Lac du Flambeau may reopen today, after a car ran into the front the of the building yesterday afternoon. Reports from the

					<p>Vilas county Sheriff's department show a 75-year old woman hit the gas instead of the brake, crashing into the business. No one was hurt.</p> <p>Firefighters yesterday rescued a deer that went through the ice on the Pelican River. The animal was struggling but unable to get out as they arrived. The deer was freed, rested a few minutes then took off back into the woods.</p>
Arrests in Merrill over the weekend	News	4/2/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Three people were arrest Saturday night after a Lincoln County deputy found a wanted person in Merrill. The 30-year old Irma man gave false ID and after officials learned his real identity he was taken into custody on felony warrants from Marathon County for theft and bail jumping. The K9 unit alerted to drugs in</p>

their vehicle which led to the arrest of a 38-year old Kronenwetter man and 20-year old Rhinelander woman.

The Wisconsin Departments of Justice and Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection reached a consent judgement with Sprint communications to resolve complaints related to inadequate cancellation disclosures for improper notice of price increases and service changes. The \$280,000 settlement requires Sprint to adjust their notification procedures.

Eligible customers will see a \$5 adjustment on their bills. Since he has already been behind bars for nearly nine months, a man who pleaded guilty in a fatal car accident could be out in about three months. Forty-seven-year-old Derek Lee Nelis entered a no-contest

					<p>plea in February to one count of homicide by negligent operation of a vehicle. Eighteen-year-old Gabrielle Bresette of Ashland died in the 2014 crash. The charge against Nelis was reduced when the Wisconsin Supreme Court made a ruling on the admissibility of blood evidence last year. Nelis has had 19 criminal convictions over the last 20 years and is an admitted drug addict.</p> <p>Another late season snowstorm has its sights set on Wisconsin. Snow will intensify tonight and tomorrow with accumulations up to 11-inches expected across NE and central parts of the state.</p>
Heavy snow on the way	News	4/3/16	6a,7a,8a	1:30	The heaviest snow of the latest storm to hit Wisconsin is still on the way, expected

to move in later this morning across NorthCentral parts of the state bringing an additional five to eight inches. Winter storm warnings remain in place until 4:00 tomorrow morning. Schools and some services from Stevens Point to Rhinelander have closed for the day, many already last night. The list is on this station's website. City officials in Rhinelander remind drivers of the overnight parking ban downtown and if possible to not park on the streets so crews can efficiently clear the snow.

It's voting day in Wisconsin with a referendum question whether or not to eliminate the state treasurer's position and a hotly contested state supreme court race drawing attention. In Rhinelander the first significant mayoral

challenge in more than a decade is going to add to the workload of poll workers with two write-in candidates. Chris Frederickson and Scott Counter are not on the ballot while Alex Young is and that means officials will have to hand count those sheets. City Clerk Val Foley says that process will take some time and results would be available as soon as possible. And with the winter weather officials say polls are open until eight so take your time.

The Oneida County Sheriff's Department will guide county employees through mandatory active shooter training next month.

Human Resources Director Lisa Charbarneau says having the staff prepared on what to do in the event of a violent intruder for fellow workers and the

					public is very important.
China responds to Trump's high tariff's	News	4/3/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>China is responding to the Trump administration's higher tariffs on steel and aluminum by adding a 15 percent charge onto items like American ginseng. Ninety-five percent of the ginseng produced in the U-S comes from Wisconsin. China is also increasing tariffs on U-S products like pork, fruit, and wine. The Ginseng Board of Wisconsin says China buys more of its product than any other country. It is possible that Chinese consumers will turn to ginseng produced in Canada due to the price differential.</p> <p>Polls across the state opened at seven this morning to several inches of snow and more coming down and election officials stress not only the importance of your votes,</p>

but arriving safely to cast them. Polls are open until eight which they say will allow plenty of time to get there.

A Marathon County judge told prosecutors there wasn't enough probable cause to move forward with two felony charges against a Wausau mother. Twenty-six-year-old Chantele O'Brien was accused of causing mental harm to a child, plus two counts of child neglect. Police found evidence of drug use when they executed a search warrant at her home.

When police arrived at the door, O'Brien's seven-year-old daughter reportedly asked if officers were there to get "all the needles," then showed them where they were. O'Brien will still have to face the two misdemeanor neglect charges.

					<p>The stop signs at the corner of Courtney and Pelham Streets in Rhinelanders will disappear next month as work is set to begin updating the signal lights at the intersection.</p>
New mayor in Rhinelanders	News	4/4/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>A sweeping statement was made yesterday as write-in candidate Chris Frederickson captured 58% of the vote and won the Rhinelanders Mayor's race over city council and county board member Alex Young with 39%. Another write-in, Scott Counter, was a distant third. Campaigning on a platform of involving the people and not being a politician, Frederickson said he's looking forward to getting started. He replaces incumbent Mayor Dick Johns, who's retiring after 13 years in office. Incumbent district 4</p>

alderman Tom Kelly just beat challenger Kyle Rogers. Ron Counter, Anne Munninghoff Eshelman and David Holperin, all incumbents, won additional terms to the Rhinelander School Board. For county board, Alex Young lost his district 3 seat to Bill Liebert, Steven Schreier beat Bill Freidenberg in district 4 and Bob Mott held his seat in district 7. Two open seats go to Russ Fisher and Robert Almekinder.

In other races of note, Using his age as part of his platform, 25-year old Derek Woellner beat incumbent William Bialecki for the Mayor's seat in Merrill, Merrill also approved a \$2.5-million school referendum...Prentice voters said yes to an \$8.5-million measure...DC Everest's \$60-million dollar referendum passed, but a

					<p>12.6-million plan to update schools in Phillips was turned down.</p> <p>Only one of six incumbents on the Forest County Board survived with Steve Bunda in district 16 the only winner. In the state Supreme Court race, liberal Rebecca Dallet defeated conservative Michael Screnock. And voters rejected the referendum question, keeping the state treasurer's position that's been around since before Wisconsin was a state.</p>
Record voter turnout in Rhinelander for mayoral vote	News	4/4/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Election officials in Rhinelander said it was a record turnout in the city as voters chose a write-in candidate at its first new mayor in 13 years. Newcomer Chris Frederickson beat back incumbent city council and county board member Alex Young in a contest that</p>

centered on change for a city hall that's been mired in problems the last few years. Frederickson said he hoped his campaign helped with a turnout that included a number of new voters and a total nearly 10% higher than average for a spring election. He won the job with 58% of the vote to Young's 39. Another write in, Scott Counter picked up 4%. Liberal Judge Rebecca Dallet defeated conservative Michael Screnock for a seat on the Wisconsin Supreme Court, carried by big margins in Milwaukee and Dane counties. Conservatives still control the court four-to-three. And even though current Wisconsin State Treasurer Matt Adamczyk was working to eliminate his job, voters overwhelming decided they want to

					<p>retain the office. State treasurer was one of five original state offices created by the Wisconsin Constitution in 1848. With Dallet's win, Governor Scott Walker is warning of a possible Democratic wave in November. He said big government special interests flooded the state with distorted facts and misinformation. Next, they'll target me. Walker is running for a third term this fall.</p> <p>Tribal ID's are now a legal form of identification. Governor Walker signed the measure yesterday, allowing the use of tribal identification cards for picking up prescriptions as well as purchasing and selling certain items.</p>
Election results	News	4/5/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	The successful write-in campaign for Rhinelander mayor wasn't the only one

				<p>in the area. Another name not on the ballot in Crandon was Glen Pfeifer, who made it to the embattled school board. Pfeifer retired after 17 years as Crandon's middle and high school principal and now wants to work on fixing the problems in the district. Superintendent Dr. Doug Kryder was suspended by the board last month, the subject of an investigation by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Pfeifer wants him out. Also looking for change is the group Citizens United for Education, and it may start with a recall of board members. Those plans are still in the works.</p> <p>A Marshfield man denies charges he molested an eight-year-old girl, accusing the child's mother of making up the story. Now, his legal troubles are even</p>
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				<p>worse after skipping a court appearance this week. Prosecutors say 18-year-old Zachary Noll touched the victim inappropriately more than a dozen times starting in January 2015. The girl says he threatened to kill her if she told anyone. When Noll failed to appear in court, the judge issued an arrest warrant and scheduled a bail forfeiture hearing for April 17th. Praising the bipartisan support for the legislation, Governor Scott Walker was in Wausau yesterday, signing a number of bills to improve the lives of foster families. The measures strive to help foster parents create a stable environment during traumatic changes for a child. They also provide financial support to teens once they grow out of the foster care system.</p>
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<p>Accident closes down northbound lanes on Hwy 51</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/5/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An accident around 7:30 this morning closed the northbound lanes of Hwy 51 at County Y in Hazelhurst. No other information is available.</p> <p>Investigators with the Chippewa County Sheriff's Office arrested a woman who gave them a false name as they were checking out a stolen vehicle report. Thirty-eight-year-old Emily Sweeney of Chippewa Falls told deputies her name was "Amanda Bunce." Bunce is her identical twin sister. When they found the man suspected of stealing the vehicle in Ladysmith, he called her Emily. Gale Field was taken into custody at a home in the town of Tilden after he was found hiding on its roof. Sweeney has been charged with misdemeanor resisting or</p>
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				<p>obstructing an officer. Saying he was "only kidding" isn't going to get a 17-year-old student at Mukwonago High School out of trouble. Witnesses tell police Jared Roberts threatened to "shoot-up" the school April 20th, which is the anniversary of the fatal attack on Columbine High School in Colorado. Co-workers say Roberts discussed his plan with them at Walmart. He apparently said he would shoot the school resource officer first because he was the only one with a gun. Roberts told investigators he didn't have access to any firearms. A search of his home didn't turn up any weapons.</p> <p>Well below normal temperatures and more measurable snow are in the forecast heading into the weekend. A couple inches</p>
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					<p>could accumulate tonight along with winds gusting near 30-mph Friday. Record setting lows could also hit both Saturday and Sunday mornings along with a chance for more snow.</p>
Traffic on Hwy 51 slowed down	News	4/6/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Highway traffic through Woodruff and Arbor Vitae will be slowed down the next couple years as construction on the Hwy 51 corridor starts back up. The \$9.3 million project includes a new intersection with Hwy 47. Work includes new water mains, lighting, signals, center turning lanes and more and is expected to be complete by October of 2019.</p> <p>University of Wisconsin System President Ray Cross says discussions about cutting more than a dozen liberal arts majors at UW-Stevens Point could extend</p>

into the fall. Cross told the Board of Regents during a meeting Thursday that UW-Stevens Point officials are currently discussing the cuts with shared governance groups, faculty and students. He says those discussions could go on well into the fall semester. He added that the regents have entrusted chancellors with the authority to change their schools' programs and regents shouldn't insert themselves into what he called a "campus-based conversation." UW-Stevens Point has proposed cutting the majors to cope with a projected \$4.5 million budget deficit. The plan calls for adding or expanding 16 programs with a higher demand.

An altercation with a tribal member last year brought charges against Mole Lake

					<p>Chairman Chris McGeshick. The 53-year old faces charges of false imprisonment and intimidating a witness, both felonies and two misdemeanors. He's rejected a plea deal and July 30<sup>th</sup> was set for a court date. The Sokagon Chippewa Tribal Council has backed McGeshick in contesting the charges.</p> <p>The Oneida County Economic Development Corporation has a new executive director, naming Stacey Johnson of Arbor Vitae to replace the retiring Roger Luce.</p>
Marathon Co. man takes plea deal	News	4/6/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>A 56-year-old Marathon County took a no contest plea to charges he locked a woman in a wooden box and sexually assaulted her. Allen Jamroz will be sentenced on convictions</p>

of second-degree sexual assault and false imprisonment in June. The victim says Jamroz asked her to help with a remodeling project in his basement, but she says he attacked her with a stun gun and tied her up in December 2016.

Prosecutors dropped charges of kidnapping and battery as a part of a plea deal.

Former Wisconsin Governor Tommy Thompson said he was not surprised to see Rebecca Dallet win the Wisconsin Supreme Court race on Tuesday. “I thought Dallet ran a strong campaign,” he said [in Rib Mountain this](#) week. “I knew the Republicans were in trouble. I think it's indicative of what's taking place across the country. There's a Democratic wave and that Democrats are much

more energized." Thompson was in the Wausau area to help celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy and Service.

Several residents of Edgar have reported seeing a bear which has been roaming around the north-central Wisconsin community. Their reports have appeared on the Edgar Police Facebook page. Police are urging people to be on the lookout for them and make sure food and water aren't accessible by keeping pets inside and not put their garbage containers out until just before collection time. Locals are being asked to call the U-S-D-A Wild Life Services office if they spot him.

Candidate drops out of state governor race	News	4/9/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Another candidate has dropped out of the Governor's race in Wisconsin. Michele Doolan ended her campaign over the weekend, throwing her support behind former State Democratic Party Chairman Matt Flynn. Last month Bob Harlow announced he was leaving citing funding problems. A number of Democrats are still active in their bid to unseat incumbent Republican Scott Walker in November. Meanwhile, the Wisconsin Supreme Court kicked a decision on of the John Doe investigations against Governor Walker back down to a lower court. A Brown County judge will now decide whether or not to release or return millions of documents related to the investigation of Walker's 2012 gubernatorial campaign. The state justice</p>
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department is still looking into how many of those documents were leaked to the media.

A broken water main has Merrill residents running their water until discoloration clears up. City Police in an online post over the weekend stated people had been calling to report the poor condition of the water.

Drivers heading westbound on Highway 29 may experience delays on their commute beginning today. The Department of Transportation will complete routine maintenance and repair damaged concrete pavement on the westbound section of the highway between Edgar and Abbotsford. There will be daytime single lane closures and the speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph.

					<p>In addition, work on the Highway 97 interchange is scheduled for completion before the end of the day on April 19. This schedule may change depending on weather conditions and construction progress.</p>
<p>Jobs to be lost in the state with major stores shutting down</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/9/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development estimates that more than 22-hundred jobs could be eliminated by the closing of 12 Boston Stores and Younkers locations by early June. The parent company, Bon-Ton Stores, Incorporated, says it hopes jobs can be preserved through a sale process. It said it is in active discussion with an investor group to acquire the stores. State and federal laws require companies like Bon-Ton to make an official notification when there is potential for job losses. If employees do</p>

				<p>lose their jobs, that would start to happen June 5th. Taylor County Sheriff's deputies say the 71-year-old woman who died in a house fire had been smoking a cigarette near her oxygen supply. Authorities say they got a 9-1-1 Friday afternoon from a man saying he and his wife were inside their burning home. Arriving deputies say 79-year-old Michael Rantanen was outside when they arrived, telling them his wife was still inside. Smoke and fire kept the deputies from entering. Firefighters from Rib Lake were able to enter the house shortly after that, finding Susan Rantanen's body in the living room. A 35-year old Vesper man was arrested yesterday morning after a Lincoln County traffic stop. A deputy observed his vehicle</p>
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					<p>driving down the middle of Hwy 51 near County K in the Town of Birch. The drive was cited for a first offense of operating while intoxicated and arrested for violating terms of his probation.</p> <p>Traffic was slowed on Hwy 51 last night for a car fire near Tomahawk around 6:00.</p>
<p>Gov. Walker to establish new economic zones across the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/10/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Federal officials okayed Governor Scott Walker's list to establish new economic opportunity zones across the state. 120 of them stretch across 44 counties including Ashland, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Price and Vilas. The zones, created by the new federal tax law designed to spur development, creates a tax incentive for businesses and individuals that invest in the zones.</p>

The Rhinelander School Board last night weighed several options to help alleviate overcrowding, the biggest of which was moving to draft an offer to purchase the St. Joseph's church property.

Potentially the school would be used for early childhood and 4K classes. Other discussions considered having eighth grade in the high school and fourth and fifth graders in the middle school. These are only options at this point as the board works to deal with the costs of such moves.

The Marathon County Board will set its own mining regulations tonight. The ordinance will provide more oversight and protection for potential mining operation. The county has one potential site just east of Wausau.

Earlier we told you of the

					<p>retirement next month of longtime Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport manager Joe Brauer. Now another man who was pivotal in keeping air service to the North is stepping down. Bob Heck has chaired the Airport Commission for 43 years, more than half his life and over that time helped grow the facility to one of the finest regional airports in the Midwest. Rhinelander native Matt Leitner was hired to replace Brauer. Through city council action last night the facility was renamed the Robert G. Heck Airport.</p>
<p>Early morning fire leaves one dead</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/10/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An early morning mobile home fire in the Town of Fairbanks leaves one person dead. Shawano County Sheriff's deputies were called to the location at 4:45 A-M yesterday.</p>

Emergency responders say the trailer was fully involved when they arrived. The Tigerton Fire Department reports its firefighters found the body of the person who lived there. The name, age, and sex of the victim haven't been released yet. The Wisconsin State Fire Marshal will investigate and an autopsy will be conducted on the victim.

A Milwaukee County judge will hear arguments next month about where a sexually violent offender should be placed when he is released from custody. Portage County officials are trying to prevent Gregory Loomis from being released to a halfway house in the Town of Alban. A new state law requires all sexually violent offenders to be placed in their home county when they get out of jail. The judge will hear

					<p>the case May 24th. Loomis was sent to prison for sexually assaulting children he was babysitting over a four-year period ending in 1992.</p> <p>A new national report rates Wisconsin as one of the least-stressed states in the country. The ranking by the WalletHub website puts Wisconsin 46th among the 50 states. WalletHub compared four factors to come up with its rankings -- work-related stress, money-related stress, family-related stress and health-and-safety-related stress. Border Rival Minnesota was ranked the least-stressed state, while researchers say you find the most stress among people living in Louisiana, New Mexico and West Virginia.</p>
Plans to build a new Lakeland senior center	News	4/11/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	The Lakeland Senior Center was destroyed by fire nearly

three years ago and has been operating out of temporary quarters. Yesterday, plans for a new building were announced, on land donated by The Howard Young Medical Center, on two acres just behind the One Penny Place Senior Living Center in Woodruff. The 15,000 square foot building would feature a café, classrooms and gym. The Lakeland Retirement Foundation hopes to raise \$2.5 million for the project through donations and looks to break ground in the fall.

A 29-year old Rhinelander man is jailed on a \$10,000 cash bond, charged with burglarizing a city laundromat. Justin Helvey allegedly stole hundreds of dollars by prying open a change machine. Investigators matched his prints to similar crimes in

Illinois. He's facing three felony and one misdemeanor count and is back in Oneida County court May 7<sup>th</sup>.

After 20 years, the state lifted its so-called mining moratorium last July and gave local units of government a time table to enact their own regulations. Marathon County became the latest last night, approving two proposals to help protect their county and the environment. They also established a mining oversight committee to make sure companies follow all federal, state and local guidelines.

Applications for room tax funds are now available from the Rhinelander Tourism and Marketing Committee. The spring disbursement of the grants specifically for non-profit community groups and

					<p>organizations. Proposed projects should be focused on the Rhinelander area and geared to bringing people in. Applications are available at the chamber or on their website.</p>
<p>Paul Ryan announces he won't seek re-election</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/11/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>After nearly 20 years as a Wisconsin Congressman, and a short stint as Speaker of the House, Paul Ryan announced this morning he will not seek reelection to his first district seat. The Janesville Republican said he was anxious to spend more time with his family and added he was satisfied with his accomplishments, including tax reform and an increased defense budget. The move now triggers a race to replace his leadership role in Washington, mainly between majority leader Kevin McCarthy and</p>

majority whip Steve Scalise. Speculation centers on the Trump administration's inability to keep incumbent GOP members from jumping ship.

Meanwhile, Democratic U-S Senator Tammy Baldwin is continuing a period of strong fundraising.

Baldwin's campaign disclosed yesterday it has raised nearly four-million dollars in the first three months of the year.

Campaign officials say Baldwin has nearly eight-million dollars cash on hand, far ahead of her G-O-P rivals.

New limits on Wisconsin welfare programs are now law. Governor Scott Walker signed nine bills into law Tuesday that will shift more people from public benefits to jobs. He signed the bills at stops in Wausau, River Falls, and Milwaukee.

					<p>Critics argue the new laws are not cost-effective in getting unemployed people jobs.</p> <p>The state Supreme Court is requiring a permit to carry a loaded gun in a car. The high court affirmed two lower court rulings rejecting a claim by gun rights advocates that an exception in a state law allowed it. The courts found that the exception was meant for people with concealed carry permits.</p>
<p>Tripoli man released from prison</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/12/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two years ago, Kenneth Welsh held multiple police agencies at bay for hours at his home in Tripoli while drunk, threatened to blow it up, shot at his wife then he was shot in the process. In January of 2017 he was sentenced to prison but filed a complaint saying he didn't understand all the charges against him. A</p>

				<p>mistake by his attorney forced the state to re-try him and yesterday he was released on lesser charges. Now 62, Welsh is reunited with his wife, who is terminally ill. He's on probation for three years. The family of Sara Quirt Sann surrounded Governor Scott Walker in Wausau yesterday as he signed a law in her name that will better protect family lawyers from threats. She was one of four people killed last march in a shooting spree sparked by a domestic dispute. The so-called, Sara's Law now makes any threats a felony and is the first of its kind in the country. Forecasters are still putting the pieces together of a one-two punch from a pair of winter storms that will impact the north half of the state over the weekend.</p>
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					<p>Rains have already started and some accumulating snow is expected. What happens tomorrow through Sunday is still in speculation but the National Weather Service still indicates a significant precipitation event.</p> <p>And in sports, the NFL released the preseason schedule for the Green Bay Packers, playing Tennessee, Pittsburgh, Oakland and Kansas City in August. The regular season schedule should be available just before the draft at the end of the month.</p>
More snow could impact farmers	News	4/12/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Weather officials are saying that more snow could negatively impact farmers. The continually cold and snowy weather may affect when local farmers start harvesting their crops and meteorologists say snow is likely to continue for a</p>

				<p>while. Agriculture agents at the U-W-Extension say typically farmers are getting ready to do field work. They say the weather is better for livestock, but puts farmers behind schedule, which could impact produce prices. Governor Scott Walker is reacting to the news Republican Speaker of the House Paul Ryan will not be running for re-election. Ryan announced yesterday his intention to retire from politics when his term expires at year's end. Walker says he respects Ryan's decision, but that the southeast Wisconsin representative will be missed. A native of Janesville, Ryan said he has no regrets despite taking the Speaker's job reluctantly in 2015. He said he's proud of the accomplishments of the Republican-led House,</p>
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					<p>including the big tax cut bill that was approved last year. The Wisconsin Republican is only 48. He said he wants to spend more time with his kids and does not want to continue being a "weekend dad." Ryan has served in the House since 1999.</p> <p>Wisconsin Transportation Secretary Dave Ross will be joining local lawmakers for listening sessions. State Senator Tom Tiffany along with Representatives Mary Felzkowski and Jeff Mursau announced they're bringing state agency secretaries to the North over the next few months so people know their concerns are being heard. The first two are April 30<sup>th</sup> in Crivitz and Merrill.</p>
More snow is on the way	News	4/13/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	A strong storm system moving into Wisconsin will continue to track north

through the weekend as snow will begin to mix with rain in the morning hours, ushered in on gusty northeast winds. The mix will continue into tomorrow morning until it becomes all snow with the heaviest accumulations coming overnight. Then a second surge hits Saturday night bringing more snow through Sunday. Travelers should monitor forecasts for the latest information.

Nicolet College in Rhinelander applied for 11 grants to aid technical education and for the second year got everything they asked for, this time for nearly \$1 million. The funds will help establish a pilot program for welding in five area high schools, allowing students to earn a technical diploma in their respective schools. Money will also go toward expanding the

welding program, provide additional college prep workshops, support more online classes and tutoring, financial guidance and career planning. The high schools involved include Rhinelander, Northland Pines, Tomahawk, Laona and Mercer.

Langlade County's Forestry and Recreation Committee narrowly approved a grant proposal to build an ATV/snowmobile bridge over the Wolf River yesterday. It's just the first of many steps to approve the plan which must get final approval from the state. The crossing would link to trail systems across Langlade and Oconto counties. Support for the project is not universal as silent sport enthusiasts maintain the decision was rushed and will not be as big a financial boon to

					<p>communities as portrayed. The \$400,000 bridge would cross the Wolf just east of White Lake.</p>
The snow continues	News	4/13/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Winter Storm Watches span much of the state with a one-two punch coming in this weekend. Across the north, specifically Florence, Forest, Oneida and Vilas Counties, forecasters are calling for 8-to-14 inches possible by Sunday night, accompanied by strong northeast winds. Further south, icing will be a problem with rain that will change to snow as temperatures drop. Widespread power outages are likely with the ice and heavy snow combination. Travelers are encouraged to monitor local forecasts through the weekend. The spring athletic program is being discussed today at Rhinelander High School</p>

				<p>with activities director Brian Paulson working with the coaching staff to save the season for several sports. With the impending snow storm this weekend and below normal temperatures, soccer, tennis, softball and baseball are all going through heavy shifts in their schedules. Girls soccer will now play conference schools only once and it's week to week moving forward. Tennis matches are a big question mark right now. Baseball and softball is a bit easier because double-headers can make up for lost time. Paulson says the WIAA does have plans for situations like this, but if it continues deeper into May, things can change.</p> <p>High school seniors in Wisconsin can now sign apprenticeship contracts, with school approval and</p>
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					<p>the school meets state requirements. Governor Scott Walker signed a measure yesterday to recruit more young people for jobs in the construction industry. Walker said, "Through these on-the-job training programs, we are providing the future of Wisconsin's workforce with needed skills to have rewarding careers."</p>
<p>Travel remains difficult with snow covered roads</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/16/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Travel will remain difficult this morning, especially on secondary roads that are just getting plowed from as much as 25-inches of snow fell across much of the area. Yesterday, church services were cancelled, some stores closed and as usual there were a number of accidents, one of which, on Hwy 47 just outside of Lake Tomahawk on County D dropped powerlines across the highway. A</p>

number of schools are closed today, including many that initially had two delays. That list is available on this station's website.

Periods of light snow remain in the forecast this morning with a minor accumulation expected. Many communities have also declared snow emergencies to allow town/city and county crews to remove snow from the streets and roads. Vehicles parked may be ticketed or towed. Temperatures will be warming to a more normal 50-degree range by the weekend.

An Antigo man is jailed on federal firearms and drug charges. The U-S Attorney's Office says a grand jury returned a three-count indictment against 33-year-old Shane Tillman last week. Tillman is accused of conspiring with others to

					<p>distribute methamphetamine while in possession of a gun. He was a convicted felon prohibited from carrying a firearm. Prosecutors say Tillman could face a life prison sentence if convicted on all charges. He remains in federal custody pending trial. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is awarding four 250-thousand-dollar grants to expand medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder. The grants include the Forest County Potawatomi Community. More than 30 pieces of legislation have passed aimed at ending the opioid epidemic.</p>
An energy company shuts down a pipeline	News	4/16/18	12p,5p	1:30	Enbridge Energy has decided to shut down two major oil and gas pipelines which carry those products

across the Upper Midwest. Enbridge says the move was made after a power outage at its terminal in Superior. The storm system pounding the region was also a factor. Enbridge says the pipelines will remain shut down until the weather conditions improve in the Straits of Mackinac. The company is also checking out the possibility that one or both of the pipelines may have been damaged when it was hit by the anchor of a ship.

One of many pro-gun rallies held nationwide brought an estimated 100 gun-rights advocates to the Wisconsin Capitol this weekend. The rallies were held to answer March for Our Lives events held around the U-S. Gun advocates say they worry those student-led protests will threaten their Second Amendment rights. Many

openly carried a gun in a legal manner. They said they were there to resist the idea that stricter gun controls are the answer when preventing incidents like the Parkland school shooting.

After picking up well over a foot of snow over most of northern and central Wisconsin, another storm system moving in Wednesday will produce more accumulating snow. The precipitation might start out as a mixture of rain sleet and snow, but then change over to mainly snow. During the afternoon and evening, there could be a few inches accumulation, maybe 6 or so inches in spots, with the heaviest south of Wausau and much lighter to the north. Slowly warming temps round out the week.

<p>Snow totals from the weekend storms</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/17/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The National Weather Service released official totals from the weekend snowstorm in the state and eight communities set all time records. Leading that list, Sturgeon Bay with 30-inches of new snow. Shawano was two-tenths of an inch behind. Also smashing records, Oconto, Waupaca, Peshtigo, New London, Appleton and Brillion. Officially, Wausau tallied 20.5 inches, Lac du Flambeau 19.5, Minocqua and Merrill 18.5, Rhinelander 18.4 and Eagle River 14.8. Another small but potent system will move in tomorrow bringing about 3-to-6 inches of snow to parts of central Wisconsin. The North should see an inch or less.</p> <p>An Eagle River man is jailed on a \$25,000 cash bond, charged with first degree</p>
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sexual assault. Richard Loppnow faces two counts after allegedly forcing a woman into various sex acts last October. He was also armed and threatened to kill her. He's back in Oneida County Circuit Court on Monday.

Fire damaged a home in Wausau yesterday afternoon. Crews were dispatched to the 3900 block North 25<sup>th</sup> street about 1:00 and were able to contain it to an upper level bedroom. No one was home at the time. The cause is still under investigation.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker is running for a third term in November and says he has no interest in a job in Washington. The Republican governor stressed he's running for a

					<p>full term and has no interest in a cabinet position in the Trump administration. Former Governor Tommy Thompson, who left for a cabinet position, told him more can get done as a governor.</p>
<p>Suspects in custody after attack on police in Portage Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/17/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 100-thousand dollar grant from the Public Service Commission will help a Northwoods group expand broadband internet access to most of Oneida County. The Oneida County Economic Development Corporation had asked for 218-thousand dollars. That money would pay to install about one dozen new towers and make improvements to existing towers. The P-S-C reportedly received applications for grants worth 22-million dollars when it had seven-and-a-half-million available. If the</p>

full Oneida County grant application had been approved, an estimated 92-percent of the county would have been covered. Two people are charged with felonies after Portage police say they "viciously" attacked two police officers. Police Sergeant Eric Walters lost consciousness when he was kicked in the head. Witnesses say 21-year-old Olivia J. Boomsma punched Officer Brian Loewenhagen in the face several times while he was trying to take her companion into custody. Twenty-one-year-old Jacob Hellenbrand was wanted for a probation violation. The incident happened Sunday night at a convenience store in Portage. An off-duty nurse started helping the unconscious police sergeant and reportedly

					<p>body-slammed Boomsma, holding her until an officer could handcuff the suspect.</p> <p>Rarely a day goes by when there's not someone at Rhinelander's dog park, opened last summer. Now the city of Eagle River is exploring a location and has been asked to set up a committee to explore the options. The city council is looking for 10 members of the public and one council member to be on it and Alerman Ron Kressen immediately volunteered. If interested, contact the city clerk's office.</p>
<p>Old Store in Tomahawk to be torn down</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/18/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>What's left of an old convenience store in Tomahawk is going to be torn down. A decade ago, 25 year old Rochelle Anderson was murdered there and her family has been working to have the</p>

building demolished for closure. Derek Domke was convicted of the crime and sentenced to life in prison. Rochelle's father, Randy Anderson says it hurts every time he drives by. The property owner indicated the building will be down by the end of next month.

A Rhinelander man faces prison time for attempted robbery. 43-year old Timothy Kulhanek, dressed as a UPS driver, forced his way into an Arbor Vitae home last week when a woman answered the door. The criminal complaint states he wanted cash but left with nothing.

Phillip Spiller pleaded no contest yesterday in Marathon County Court to robbing the Dollar General on Grand Avenue New Year's Day, 2017. The 45-

year old Schofield man was arrested several weeks after the robbery. In addition to that charge he's also got multiple other felonies for bail jumping and possession of narcotics.

Wisconsin Public Service's winter moratorium is now over and the utility urges customers who've fallen behind on their bills to quickly catch up. As of Monday, those with significant past due balances are at risk of disconnection. Payment plans may be available.

Just in time for tax day yesterday, the IRS website to make payments went down. The office didn't have an immediate explanation for the failure but quickly extended the filing deadline to midnight tonight.

<p>Wis. Residents can sign up for tax credit</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/18/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin families can sign-up for a 100-dollars-a-child tax rebate starting next month -- if that child was under the age of 18 for the entire year of 2017. The child must also be a Wisconsin resident and a U-S citizen. Governor Scott Walker signed the legislation yesterday. The deadline to apply is May 15th. He expanded the state's sales tax holiday for school supplies at the same time. Walker says the 100-dollar rebate will help all Wisconsin families with the cost of raising children. Families who qualify will receive the rebate check by September 1st. Democrats call it a "one-time campaign gimmick." There's an upside to all that snow parts of Wisconsin saw over the weekend: an end to dry conditions in the</p>
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state. The National Weather Service notes the heavy wet snow that blanketed central and eastern Wisconsin is going to help quench the soil and put a cap on an abnormally dry winter. Parts of the state were seeing abnormally dry conditions this winter, just having the precipitation this time of year is always a good thing. Even better news for farmers and gardeners is that most of the moisture in that snow is going to stay put. Temperatures are expected to be mild over the next week or so and some more snow is expected to fall today across parts of the state, with milder and more normal spring temperatures expected for the next week after that.

And in sports, the Bucks

					return to Milwaukee Friday in a two game hole in their playoff with Boston.
Antigo man fined for gambling machine in a convenience store	News	4/19/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>An Antigo businessman was fined \$10,000 for having a commercial gambling machine at a convenience store in Mosinee. 81-year old Howard Wagner pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count and prosecutors dismissed a civil action that sought to revoke a liquor license according to Marathon County court records. Several years ago Wagner was fined for having electronic gambling machines at a store in Schofield.</p> <p>Fire yesterday afternoon destroyed a dairy barn near Stratford. Firefighters from seven different departments arrived to the</p>

building already engulfed on the 1700 block of Eau Pleine road in the Township of Cleveland. Two silos were also heavily damaged and torn down. 25 dairy cows were lost in the fire that officials suspect was started by electric heater.

Rhinelanders' City Council last week approved renaming the terminal at the airport and yesterday the Oneida County Board okay it, naming it after retiring airport commission chairman Robert Heck.

The good news is the snow will be melting. The bad news, there's so much of it now that flooding becomes an issue. With high temperatures heading well into the 50's in the weekend the National Weather Service says the runoff for the record setting storm

					<p>may begin flooding city streets, then low-lying areas, small streams and creeks. Rural homeowners are being advised to check their sump pumps. Eventually the runoff will work into main stem rivers into next week causing them to rise. The latest forecasts indicate parts of the Wolf River basin may reach minor flood stage. Other rivers across northeast Wisconsin may also approach or exceed flood stage.</p>
Rhinelanders looking to buy some property	News	4/19/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p><b>As the Rhinelanders School District was looking at buying the St. Joseph's Church and school property to help ease overcrowding at the elementary levels, they learned it's already been sold. Apparently another area church purchased the property. The possibility of leasing</b></p>

**space there may be an option, among others.**

The 10-billion dollar Foxconn project is a major economic boost to southeastern Wisconsin, but it can also be good for the rest of the state. Only one part of the project has been opened for bids so far. Fourteen information sessions are going on around Wisconsin where local businesses are able to find out how to get involved. Hundreds of Wisconsin companies will be needed to supply construction workers, carpenters, electricians and more. An estimated 16-thousand workers will be involved in building the massive manufacturing plant over a four-year period.

More than 2200 are out of a job as efforts to save the parent company of Boston Store and Younkers have

run out. Two liquidators were the winning bidders at a bankruptcy auction for the Bon-Ton company. Great American Group and Tiger Capital Group are buying the assets for \$775 million. In a letter to its employees, Bon-Ton officials say the liquidation would take anywhere from ten to twelve weeks. "Bon-Ton will move forward in a constructive manner to ensure an orderly wind-down of operations that minimizes the impact of this development on our associates, customers, vendors and the communities we serve." The liquidation would affect all Younkers and Boston Store locations remaining in Wisconsin and also close down the Milwaukee headquarters.

<p>Minocqua man still being held for decades long murder investigation</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/20/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Minocqua man accused of murdering his wife 36 years ago still maintains his innocence. Robin Mendez pleaded not guilty yesterday in the 1982 death of his wife, Barbara, whose body was found at the Park City Credit Union where she worked. The case was cold for decades until his daughters volunteered evidence they were coerced into saying he didn't do it. Mendez is still held on a quarter million dollar bond and is back in court June 20<sup>th</sup>. An autopsy is planned for today on a man, found in the closet of a Marathon County motel room. The Sheriff's Department reported the body was found about 12:30 yesterday at the Village Inn of Marathon City, a restaurant and bar with a five room motel on the</p>
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second floor. Authorities do not believe the public is in any danger.

Three years ago an emergency rule was placed on the Minocqua Chain of Lakes for catch and release of walleye.

Two years are left and now biologists say it looks like the population of the popular gamefish is starting to rebound. Stocking of extended growth walleye fingerlings combined with the no bag limit for both sport and tribal anglers are showing signs the previous slow natural reproduction of the fish is turning around.

The DNR indicated some 60,000 more fingerlings will be introduced over these next two years.

And in sports, the toughest schedule in the NFL belongs to the Packers who'll open their season against the Bears and end it at home

					against Detroit. Five games are in prime time.
UW Madison won't remove names	News	4/20/18	12p,5p	1:30	Officials at the University of Wisconsin-Madison decided they won't remove the names of well-known student leaders who were connected to the Ku Klux Klan more than 90 years ago. Instead, they will spend one-million dollars to create a museum-quality display project honoring groups subjected to prejudice on the campus. Chancellor Rebecca Blank commissioned a study last fall to decide how the university was going to respond to its history of intolerance decades in the past. A study group considered renaming spaces which honored people like Porter Butts, the first director of the Wisconsin Union. It was decided the display was a

better approach.

Three years of fundraising, planning and work on the Newbold Outdoor Recreation Area and Rookery run disc golf course will be seen this spring. The recent snowfalls have stalled work but there are now sponsors for all eighteen holes and the practice basket. Organizers say the signs for the course will be installed soon. The project raised more than \$41,000 for the championship level course.

The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will be delaying the opening of recreation trails and campgrounds due to the extended winter season. Access to these trails and campgrounds for preparations has been delayed due to the

					<p>lingering heavy snow pack. Crews typically spend April preparing ATV, UTV, horse and bicycle trails for a May 1 opening and a May 3 opening for the campgrounds. Officials will reassess the areas in about two weeks in an effort to get the campgrounds and trails open as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Deer tests positive for chronic wasting disease</p>	<p>New</p>	<p>4/23/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has confirmed that a wild deer has tested positive for chronic wasting disease in Oneida County, in the Crescent Township.</p> <p>As required by law, this finding will renew Oneida County's existing baiting and feeding ban for another three years. Additionally, the two-year baiting and feeding ban will renew in Langlade County.</p> <p>For more information regarding baiting and feeding</p>

regulations and CWD in Wisconsin, and how to have adult deer tested during the 2018/2019 hunting seasons, visit the department of natural resources website.

Marathon City officials are suggesting people should stay off the Rib River while the water is so high after two teenagers had to be rescued Sunday. An assistant chief with the Marathon City Fire Department says the two boys were kayaking near Highway 29 and County Road-O when one of the kayaks tipped over. The other teenager was able to use his cell phone to call for help and share the location with emergency responders. A rescue boat was used to get them to safety and both were taken to a hospital. They are expected to recover.

					<p>A Janesville attorney and member of the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents has announced his candidacy for the seat being vacated by House Speaker Paul Ryan. Republican Bryan Steil was once a driver for Ryan. Two Democrats -- union ironworker Randy Bryce and Janesville teacher Cathy Myers -- have announced they are running to take Ryan's place in Congress. Steil made his formal announcement Sunday. Ryan said he wasn't running for re-election two weeks ago and he said Friday he has no immediate plans to endorse any candidate.</p>
Tomah VA Clinic back in the news	News	4/23/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>The Tomah V-A Medical Center is dealing with its problem of over-prescribing painkillers by using non-traditional therapies in a new approach. The Wisconsin hospital is one of 18 across the U-S involved in the U-S</p>

Department of Veterans Affairs' Whole Health program. Whole Health coaches work with patients to address chronic pain, prevent illness or injury and respond to mental health needs. The alternative approach includes therapies like tai-chi and acupuncture.

A new survey in the Democratic race for Wisconsin governor indicates a virtual dead heat between Paul Soglin and Tony Evers. The Maslin poll shows Evers with 25-percent support and Soglin at 23 percent. State Senator Kathleen Vinehout is in third place with the support of 13-percent of voters while no other candidate reached double digits. More than 600 likely Wisconsin Democratic primary voters responded to the poll last month. By a more than 3-to-1 margin, Wisconsin voters rejected the notion that a candidate from Madison cannot win.

					<p>Reedsburg police say human bones found by two children last weekend may date back to the mid-to-late 1800s. The children brought what looked like a fragment of a human skull to their home after they had been playing in the woods behind the Greenwood Cemetery Saturday evening. The children led officers to a pile of dirt on the cemetery property where they made the discovery. Police say that's where the cemetery stores dirt taken from gravesite excavations. They say older, unmarked sites can sometimes be disturbed when new sites are excavated. Reedsburg police, the Sauk County coroner's office and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Anthropology Department are evaluating the fragments.</p>
Marathon Co. death being investigated	News	4/24/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	The Marathon County Sheriff's Office reports a man found dead in a Marathon City motel

closet had been reported missing last November. Many questions remain. Authorities say they don't know what killed 28-year-old Brian Kienast and they also don't know how long he'd been in that closet. The body was found Thursday in the Village Inn motel on Marathon City's main street. The case is being investigated as a suspicious death. An autopsy may clear up some of the confusion.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has fired a ranger who was accused of bullying and intimidation. Daniel Perry patrolled the remote Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest. When his state employment was terminated last May, three of his co-workers were suspended. Perry was accused of harassing a female co-worker, shooting another with an air gun and other intimidating acts. Perry argued he wasn't

					<p>a bully, pointing out he had never been the subject of a complaint from a member of the public in 15 years with the D-N-R.</p> <p>An ammonia spill at Abbyland Foods in Abbotsford has sent 18 people to a hospital with breathing complications. One of the victims is a firefighter. Multiple departments were called to the plant yesterday at about 7:20 P-M, when a pipe carrying the gas ruptured. It was quickly repaired. Abbotsford firefighters were going door-to-door last night, checking on residents to make sure they were okay. Authorities say calm winds helped keep the impact of the spill from being much worse.</p>
State hemp business owner has contracted land to grow his product	News	4/24/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>The owner of Wisconsin's first legal hemp store says he has about 35 acres of land contracted at a local farm so he can grow some of his own product. Lawmakers legalized industrial hemp in the state</p>

last December. Wisconsin native Joel Peterson and his partner started making plans to serve the new market shortly after that. PriceLand Hemp is now open for business in Black River Falls. Peterson says it could be a lucrative business. He thinks he can grow more than one-million dollars' worth of hemp on that contracted land.

Officials with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources say a grass fire burned several acres at Lake Wissota State Park near Chippewa Falls. Multiple fire crews responded to the fire Sunday evening and the Department of Natural Resources was also requested at the scene. The D-N-R estimates five acres of a largely wooded area with lots of pine trees burned. Fire officials say the park was evacuated and closed while crews battled the fire but has since re-opened. The cause of

					<p>the fire is being investigated.</p> <p>Officials say no one was inside the Brown County Veterans Memorial Arena when heavy snow caused the roof to collapse last Friday. The problem was first reported when snow slid off the arena dome and crashed through the roof in the ticketing area. A few hours later more snow fell, causing the roof over a conference room to give way. As much as six feet of snow was left inside the arena. No official damage estimate has been given. The problem can be traced back to a winter storm the previous weekend which dumped more than two-feet of snow on the region around Green Bay.</p>
More changes coming to the Crandon school board	News	4/25/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>More changes for the beleaguered Crandon School Board as Brian Tupper resigned effective yesterday and Jeff Ackley, Jr. selected to take over his position as president. The</p>

district is still without a superintendent, as Dr. Doug Kryder remains under investigation and on paid administrative leave. And there's no permanent principal for the middle and high schools after the resignation of Andy Space earlier this year. He's still contemplating litigation against the district. Kryder had been under fire by the community since he spearheaded Space's departure, a move that spawned a united citizens group that's working to recall the board.

Eagle River's open for even bigger business with an even bigger incentive. Governor Scott Walker opened the newest certified site in the state, the first north of Wausau, a 21 acre parcel across from Northland Pines High

School. This 20<sup>th</sup> location in the state means it's development ready, deemed certified by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Walker said the utilities, permits and other things a developer would need are already in place.

Vice President Mike Pence will be in Wisconsin this afternoon, speaking on the recently enacted tax cuts at an event sponsored by pro-Trump group American First Policies, a roundtable organized by the America First Action super PAC and a campaign fundraiser for Governor Scott Walker. The roundtable will also include Wisconsin congressman Glenn Grothman, Foxconn special assistant Louis Woo and Job Creators Network executive Alfredo Ortiz.

					We could see a few snowflakes across the North Thursday and Friday as cooler air moves in bringing clouds and chances of rain.
Rhineland school board to meet in special session	News	4/26/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	Rhineland's City Council meets Monday in special session to deal with the sudden resignation of interim city administrator Keith Kost. Kost negotiated a contract extension late last year running to June 30 <sup>th</sup> , offering to help find a full time replacement after former administrator Kristina Aschenbrenner was fired in 2016. He abruptly resigned after meeting with Mayor Chris Frederickson yesterday morning. Oneida County Judge Michael Bloom will move forward with the sexual assault case of 38-year old Richard Loppnow. The Eagle River man is accused of forcing a woman into

sex, threatening to kill her on two occasions in October of last year. He's facing two counts of first degree sexual assault with a dangerous weapon and bail jumping. He's also facing drug charges in a separate case. He'll be arraigned May 14<sup>th</sup>. A 29-year old Merrill man will be in Lincoln County court today facing felony drug charges. A deputy stopped him north of Merrill on Hwy G shortly before midnight Tuesday and a K9 officer alerted to drugs. A search uncovered about \$1000 worth of methamphetamines. Pending charges include possession with intent to deliver, possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia and an outstanding arrest warrant from the Department of Corrections.

					<p>The disappearing snow pack is exposing dry grass, and several acres of it burned yesterday afternoon near the village of Marathon City. The fire was reported on county road O just after 3:30 between Rock and Four Mile roads. It was quickly controlled by firefighters from the DNR and Marathon City and Mosinee departments.</p>
<p>New Rhinelander mayor is looking for help after a surprise resignation</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/26/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>New Rhinelander Mayor Chris Frederickson is looking to outside help after the surprise resignation yesterday of City Administrator Keith Kost. Since yesterday morning, Frederickson has been meeting with staff and department heads in an effort to keep the continuity of government and handle the day-to-day operations. The city council meets in a</p>

				<p>special session Monday to deal with Kost's decision to leave. The mayor will also have conversations with GOV HR, the Illinois-based recruiting firm hired to find a full time replacement for the administrator. Kost was an interim fill in after Kristen Aschenbrenner was let go in 2016. He had an extended contract running to June 30<sup>th</sup> in an effort to find a qualified person to fill the spot. The position has been a revolving door with Bill Bell leaving in 2011 and Blaine Osborne in 2015. Jerry DeShane, Executive Director of the League of Municipalities will meet with the mayor over the weekend and city officials as well on Monday. As more and more big-box retail store chains close their doors, declare bankruptcy and conduct liquidation sales, one franchise is</p>
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					<p>reversing the trend. Gander Mountain is planning to reopen Wisconsin stores in Grand Chute, Green Bay, and Sheboygan. The stores will be rebranded "Gander Outdoors." Camping World C-E-O Marcus Lemonis bought the Gander assets in bankruptcy court last May and he has embarked on an ambitious effort to seize an opportunity. Stores will open in the next two weeks in Grand Chute and Sheboygan, with the Green Bay location opening in June. The Wausau location is already open.</p>
Rhinelanders firefighters on scene of early morning fire	News	4/27/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Rhinelanders firefighters were on the scene early this morning at a house fire on Keenan Street in the city. Witnesses reported a lot of smoke but no visible flames shortly after 4:00. The occupants were able to</p>

				<p>get out and were sitting in their cars. No other information is available. Oneida County dispatch got a call of a missing air ambulance helicopter shortly before 11:30 last night. The last known contact the craft was about a half hour earlier. Emergency responders found the downed helicopter in Hazelhurst. Details of the accident and condition of the occupants are not being released as the investigation continues. The Portage County Sheriff's department reports the 18-year man wanted for shooting two people and stabbing another early yesterday is in custody. Alec Varney allegedly injured two young men with a shotgun and stabbed another. A motive for the incident has not been released.</p>
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29-year old TJ Myers of Merrill was formally charged yesterday after being arrested after a traffic stop, with nearly \$1000 worth of methamphetamines in the vehicle. He's jailed on a \$5000 cash bond and back in court May first.

The Independent ticket for Governor has Northwoods ties. Antigo native Maggie Turnbull announced her intention to run for the office, and launching the campaign plays into her career as an astrobiologist. Her running mate for Lt. Governor is Wil Losch of Rhinelander, a social studies teacher at the high school. They'll face a number of Democratic candidates in an effort to unseat incumbent Republican Scott Walker, whose going after a third term.

Air medical helicopter crashed last night	News	4/27/18	12p,5p	1:30	An air ambulance from
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Madison en route to the Ascension Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff crashed last night, killing the three people on board. First responders found the wreckage near South Blue Lake Road in Hazelhurst, about six miles from the hospital. Eight departments aided in the search effort. The FAA confirmed the crash following a news release from the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. The dispatch center was notified the helicopter was missing at 11:22. It was last heard from just before 11. The National Transportation Safety Board will lead the investigation into why the chopper went down.

Superior Mayor Jim Paine says the evacuation order was lifted as of 6 a.m. this morning after an explosion

at the Husky Refinery on the city's southeast side yesterday. He said on social media all indications were the refinery site is safe and stable and the air quality is clean and normal. Thick, black smoke covered the area most of the day. There were no fatalities in the explosion but 15 were hurt with 11 requiring hospitalization, one injured critically.

Wisconsin and Texas are leading a coalition of 20 states trying to invalidate the Affordable Care Act. A motion seeking a preliminary injunction was filed in a federal court in Texas yesterday. The states are arguing Obamacare is no longer constitutional following passage of this

					<p>year's tax overhaul which eliminates fines for failing to have health care coverage. Sixteen states with Democratic governors want to intervene, saying they have to defend the law because the Trump administration won't do that.</p>
Support for air crash victims	News	4/30/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>The outpouring of support for the crew lost in the crash of a Spirit Medical Transport helicopter last week has been significant. Late Thursday night, on a return trip from Madison the copter went down in a wooded area in Hazelhurst, killing the pilot, 34-year old Rico Caruso of Hazelhurst, paramedic Greg Rosenthal, 43 of Mosinee, and 30-year old flight nurse Klint Mitchell of Watersmeet. The Howard Young Foundation will use its, "Helping Hands"</p>

fund for any donations to benefit the families.

Contributions can be made online at

[howardyoungfoundation-dot-org](http://howardyoungfoundation-dot-org). The National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration have taken over the investigation of the crash. The Ascension Spirit Air Medical Services remain grounded.

Rhinelanders' City Council tonight will deal with the sudden resignation of interim city Administrator Keith Kost. Kost abruptly left last Wednesday after meeting with Mayor Chris Frederickson. In special session tonight there are two agenda items, first to discuss the resignation and secondly to discuss and possibly approve the hiring of another interim administrator. Kost came on late last year following

					<p>the termination of Christina Aschenbrenner. His contract was to end June 30<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Warm, dry, windy weather is creating prime conditions for wildfires across Wisconsin. The Department of Natural Resources reported 35 fires in the state just yesterday. Officials are asking the public to be careful with campfires, outdoor grills and smoking that could throw off a spark and ignite a fire. The DNR responded to 25 wildfires on Saturday, mostly caused by debris burning. Winds gusting over 30 miles per hour today won't help the situation.</p>
Lincoln Hills guard under investigation	News	4/30/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>One of three guards who resigned or was fired in the last month at the state's juvenile prison is accused of taking out the garbage before responding to an</p>

				<p>inmate's call for help. The 16-year-old tried to hang herself and suffered severe, permanent brain damage. Wisconsin Department of Corrections officials determined the three guards at the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for girls lied under oath and falsified logs. The schools are scheduled to be closed by 2021. The state of Wisconsin had to pay the inmate's family 19-million dollars in a settlement over the case.</p> <p>Get ready for a little bit more pain at the pump this summer. Crude oil prices are at the highest level in more than three years and expected to climb higher, pushing up gasoline prices along the way. The U.S. daily national average for regular gasoline is now \$2.81 per gallon. That's up from about \$2.39 per gallon</p>
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				<p>a year ago. Still, prices remain well off from 2008, when crude oil prices jumped above \$130 per barrel and average retail gas prices surged to an all-time high of \$4.11 per gallon.</p> <p>Many trees in Wisconsin still don't have leaves showing. A late snowfall, cool temperatures and strong winds out of the east are being blamed for this year's delay in tree budding. The delay is most noticeable in northeastern Wisconsin, at least a week behind the normal schedule -- and they are expecting we will see leaves on those trees in about two weeks in that part of the state.</p>
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Preliminary report of the crash of the Spirit helicopter	News	5/1/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Federal investigators with the National Transportation Safety Board expect to have a preliminary report into the crash of the Spirit Medical Transport helicopter in Hazelhurst later this week. The craft went down late Thursday, killing the pilot and two medical staff. More than \$20,000 has been raised for the families of pilot Rico Caruso, paramedic Greg Rosenthal and nurse Klint Mitchell. The three will be remembered in a private church service in Woodruff Friday morning. Meeting in special session last night, Rhinelander's City Council accepted the sudden resignation of interim City Administrator Keith Kost on a 5-3 vote. Kost left the position after meeting with Mayor Chris Frederickson last week.</p>

Veteran council members directly asked the newly elected mayor why he quit but Frederickson said it dealt with personnel issues and he couldn't comment. He did say there were differences in management styles. They also questioned the lack of transparency on the matter that appeared to center on disciplinary actions. The group then tabled further discussion on whether or not to have another temporary replacement or press ahead with hiring a new administrator. The application deadline for filing was last Friday through the firm hired to conduct the search. GOVhr will bring the finance committee up to speed on the progress at their meeting next week. Merrill has a new fire chief. Josh Klug, an 11 year

					<p>veteran of the department and current deputy chief in Wausau replaces Dave Savone, who abruptly retired in March amid several grievances that were filed against him.</p>
<p>Didion mining problem</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/1/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Federal investigators say one supervisor at the Didion Milling tells them an air filter blew off a corn grinding device last May shortly before a deadly explosion. Five people died and 14 were injured. A spokesperson for the U-S Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board says it could be another six months before it issues any conclusions about the incident. Preliminary findings were released yesterday. The supervisor told the feds flames shot out of an intake line when the filter blew off just before the incident at the plant in</p>

				<p>Cambria, about 40 miles east of Wisconsin Dells. Governor Scott Walker told people attending a Midwest Conservative Summit he would welcome the chance to join the president if he comes to the state. Walker disputed a New York Times report which said he was unlikely to campaign with President Trump. Walker says voter frustration with Washington doesn't mean voters are frustrated with the president. He pointed out he joined Vice President Mike Pence at a fundraiser in Milwaukee just last week. Part of Foxconn Technology's plans to create a next-generation environment around its new Wisconsin plant includes the use of autonomous trucks. The trucks would carry the products between the new facility in Mount Pleasant,</p>
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					<p>using Interstate 94 part of the way, to General Mitchell International Airport. The hi-tech driver-less trucks could be on the road as soon as 2021. Foxconn is also discussing the use of self-driving cars to carry the thousands of workers from park-and-ride lots to the plant.</p>
Rhineland woman back in court	News	5/2/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>The Rhineland woman accused of hiring a hitman to kill her husband will be back in court next month. 27-year old Megan Danielczak appeared yesterday and attorneys are crafting a plea deal. She's charged with solicitation of first degree homicide after paying an undercover agent, posing as a hitman back in February. She's currently free on a \$5000 cash bond. Nearly \$15,000 worth of electronics were stolen from</p>

the Best Buy in Rib Mountain yesterday. The Marathon county sheriff's department reported a hole was knocked in a rear wall of the building.

Rhineland was one of seven area high schools to receive a Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation grant for their Fab Lab. Governor Scott Walker toured the classroom yesterday and announced the funding of just over \$24,000. The lab is a small-scale workshop equipped with an array of flexible, computer controlled tools, spurring creation and invention in students. Antigo, Park Falls, Florence, Lakeland, Northland Pines and Phillips also received grants for their programs.

The state's fishing opener is Saturday and anxious anglers are hoping northern

					<p>lakes will be free of ice. Probably not. While river systems and smaller waters are opening quickly in the mild weather, larger lakes still have more than a foot of frozen water. Ice fishermen are still venturing out and area sport shops are telling people to check conditions before venturing out. Popular destinations may have just enough room to launch a boat, but not much more. Motels are reporting cancelations, as are area guides who can't get to their prime spots.</p>
<p>Gov. Walker issues state warning over potential wildfires</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/2/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Governor Scott Walker declared a state of emergency over the threat of wildfires. He says the Department of Natural Resources and Wisconsin Emergency Management will work with the National Guard to help protect state residents. The D-N-R</p>

reported 43 wildfires in Wisconsin Monday and Tuesday. Red flag warnings are in effect for several counties in central and western Wisconsin. The D-N-R has prohibited all burning -- even with issued permits -- and is warning people to be careful with any and all outdoor activities.

U-S Marshals think a wanted man could be hiding in campgrounds in northern Wisconsin. Thirty-eight-year-old Dallas Christel is wanted for sexual assault, strangulation, suffocation and several other offenses. Federal agents are asking campers to be on the lookout for Christel, who's been on the loose since March. Searchers say he raped and strangled a woman in New Holstein last year and accused of narcotics violations. The feds say he

also has ties to Michigan and Colorado, but they think he's still here. A report from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates changes to the food stamp program would end benefits for 75-thousand clients in Wisconsin. Democrats criticized the SNAP plan being considered by Congress which would add new work and job training requirements for recipients. The state of Wisconsin would lose almost 24-million of the 867-million dollars in food stamp benefits it received last year. The Bureau estimates more than 23-thousand children would lose their automatic eligibility for free and reduced-cost school lunches. Parents would have to re-apply.

Helicopter crash victims	News	5/3/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	Visitation for the first of
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three members of the flight crew of the Ascension Spirit Air Transport helicopter that crashed a week ago was held yesterday in Wausau. Greg Rosenthal was the paramedic aboard the craft that went down in Hazelhurst enroute back from Madison. He served in that position 14 years and was also a volunteer firefighter and first responder with the Kronenwetter Fire Department. An Honor Guard will lead a procession to Woodruff where he'll be buried. Tomorrow, a private memorial service will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Woodruff to remember the crew, including pilot Rico Caruso of Hazelhurst and flight nurse Klint Mitchell of Watersmeet. The ceremony will include a

presentation by the Honor Guard, reflections and a flyover from medical teams from across the state.

Police departments along the procession route are asking drivers in the area to expect delays between 9-and-3 both today and tomorrow, with a high volume of traffic expected along Hwys 47 and 51 and county J.

Andrea Healy will be sentenced on the 16<sup>th</sup> after pleading no contest to a number of felony drug charges in Oneida County Court. This is the third time the 51-year old Rhinelander woman has been convicted on meth-related charges.

22-year old Anika Wildcat-Chapman of Crandon took a no contest plea as well to charges of child neglect after being arrested when the one year old child she

					<p>was baby-sitting tested positive for marijuana. She'll spend a year on probation as terms of a plea deal. Investigators believe the infant ate part of a pot-laced cookie.</p>
<p>Increased traffic on Hwy 51</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/3/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Woodruff Police Chief Leonard Drewsen is advising drivers to be aware of increased traffic on Hwys 51 and 47 as well as County J heading to Holy Family Catholic Church where a memorial service takes place tomorrow morning for the crew of Ascension Spirit 2. The medical transport helicopter went down last Thursday night in Hazelhurst, killing pilot Rico Caruso, paramedic Greg Rosenthal and flight nurse Klint Mitchell. The private remembrance of the crew begins at 10:00 and ends 90 minutes later with a flyover from transport crews from</p>

across the state. Governor Scott Walker is ordering state agencies to step up containment efforts to fight chronic wasting disease in the state's deer herd. Under the new guidelines, deer farms will need to improve their fencing, deer farmers won't be able to move any deer from CWD quarantine areas and hunters won't be allowed to move whole deer carcasses out of CWD quarantine areas. Wisconsin Wildlife Federation director George Meyer says that the new rules will help contain the spread.

U-S Senator Ron Johnson says changes to the nation's food stamp program are aimed at making parents more self-reliant. The Wisconsin Republican says changes made to the farm bill are based on focusing

					<p>government assistance to those who are truly needy. He says six percent of the American population is on food stamps during a good economy historically and the latest statistics find more than 13 percent are accepting SNAP benefits now. Johnson says he thinks "something is a little haywire."</p>
<p>Flags to fly at half staff for helicopter crash victims</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/4/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>On the Governor's order, flags fly at half-staff today in Wisconsin, in honor of the three crew members of the Ascension Spirit 2 Air Transport that crashed last week. Rico Caruso, Greg Rosenthal and Klint Mitchell died when their helicopter went down in the woods in Hazelhurst late Thursday night on a flight from Madison. A service in Woodruff this morning remembered the family men.</p>

				<p>Last June a Marathon County Judge sentenced 38-year old Kristopher Torgerson of Wausau to life in prison for killing 22-year old Stephanie Low eight years ago, and burying her body in Forest County. Torgerson has now been granted an extension to appeal his sentence and conviction. Despite the judge's ruling, court documents show he'd be eligible for parole in 28 years. The time for filing a post-conviction motion or notice of appeal was extended until July 8th. Emotion ran high at a forum last night in Merrill on gun control. The packed meeting room at the TB Scott Free Library included community members along with law enforcement and members of the NRA. The panel discussion swung from the purpose of the</p>
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					<p>Second Amendment to mental health issues and the influence of video games on violence. Is summer arriving next Friday? Those at the Rhinelander Chamber believe it is. For the second year there will be a Summer Kickoff downtown to celebrate the importance of tourism to the area and wraps up National Tourism and Travel Week. The event features a pig roast at the Masonic Lodge along with music and prizes.</p>
<p>Green Bay man died and Antigo man hospitalized after high speed chase</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/7/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Green Bay man died and an Antigo man hospitalized after a high speed chase with authorities late Saturday. 35-year old Stacey King was driving over 90-mph, pursued by Shawano County deputies when he crossed into Langlade County on Hwy 45, lost control and rolled</p>

the vehicle near Antigo. 36-year old Albert Biddell was flown to Wausau Aspirus Hospital in critical condition.

A Lac du Flambeau home was destroyed by fire early yesterday. Vilas county authorities reported the blaze that started in an attached garage just before 1:00. Flames spread to the home quickly and the occupants inside were able to get out safely. A faulty electric appliance may have triggered the fire, which is under investigation.

The state's fishing opener went by quietly, too quiet for many businesses across the North. Most of the smaller lakes were ice free but larger, more popular bodies of water were still frozen for the most part. Resorts, hotels and guides

					<p>faced cancellations due to the conditions but those who did venture out reported limits on a number of species. The water is still too cold for fish, especially walleye to come in to spawn but that will change quickly with the forecast for this week.</p> <p>578 teachers in the state will see an email this morning that simply states, "You just got funded". That message is from Herb Kohl Philanthropies, which just flash-funded \$425,000 worth of projects for teachers in honor of National Teacher Appreciation week. Tomorrow more support is coming for social-emotional learning projects.</p>
Three Illinois men in Lincoln Co. jail	News	5/7/18	12p,5p	1:30	Three Illinois men are in the Lincoln County Jail after deputies responded to a disturbance in the Town of

Rock Falls. A 911 call reported a man trying to force entry into a tavern on State Rd 107. Deputies found three men, two 18 year olds from Waconda, IL and another 18 year old from Island Lake, IL at the tavern. They were believed to be under the influence of drugs and resisted arrest. Charges range from disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, battery to an officer, possession of marijuana, and possession of drug paraphernalia to criminal damage to property and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's consent. Another deputy escaped serious injury after he crashed his patrol car on Hwy 107 while responding to emergency calls for help from deputies on the scene. A 31-year-old homicide suspect is expected to make a court appearance

in Portage County this week following a fatal shooting at a home Saturday night in the town on Almond. With a major law enforcement response in the area, the Almond High School prom was temporarily suspended.

The Wisconsin Tourism Department reports tourism represented 20-point-six-billion dollars in total sales in the state during 2017. That figure is three-percent higher than the year before. Governor Scott Walker is quoted as saying the travel and hospitality industry in Wisconsin is booming. The tourism industry directly or indirectly supports nearly 200-thousand Wisconsin jobs. Two billion dollars in direct tourist spending was made in Milwaukee County to lead the state. Dane County followed, with Sauk

					County third.
Homicide charge for Almond man	News	5/8/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>First degree intentional homicide charges are pending against 31-year old Steven Breneman of Almond. He's accused of shooting 45-year old Donald Brewer at his home Saturday night during an argument. He's in the Portage County jail on a million dollar bond and is back in court the 29<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Governor Scott Walker signed legislation last year allowing a pilot program in the state for growing industrial hemp. More than 350 applications were received and just before the filing deadline, the Department of Justice ruled all CBD oil and products are illegal, even those made from plants in the pilot project. Meetings with Attorney General Brad</p>

Schimel are being planned.

The National Rifle Association returned star power to its leadership, naming retired Lt. Colonel Oliver North president of the organization. The 74 year old North, at the center of the Iran-Contra affair three decades ago, will be the biggest celebrity to lead the 5-million member gun lobby since actor Charlton Heston, a commanding figure in his own right. North's appointment was hailed by gun-rights supporters who consider him a warrior who will vigorously battle efforts to restrict access to firearms. Gun-control advocates called his appointment symptomatic of an NRA tone-deaf and unwilling to seek solutions to gun violence.

A statue of the Virgin Mary,

					<p>stolen from St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wausau over the weekend is being returned today. Wausau police have it now, along with the indentities of the suspects who took it. No charges are expected once the statue is returned according to church officials.</p>
<p>A race for the 35<sup>th</sup> assembly seat</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/8/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>There's a race for the 35<sup>th</sup> Assembly seat, now held by Republican Mary Felzkowski of Irma. Mark Martello of Tomahawk announced he'll seek the seat as a Democrat. Retired after 27 years in the military, mostly serving as a medical health officer, Martello is now a clinical social worker. The 35<sup>th</sup> district is made up of portions of Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida and Shawano counties. A Wisconsin Rapids woman will spend six months in jail</p>

for calling in a false report of a gunman at a school February 20th. Autumn Trepish was trying to divert police attention away from her friends who were shoplifting at a Walmart at the same time. Trepish entered no contest pleas to misdemeanor charges of obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, and bail jumping. She will be on probation for two years after she gets out of jail. No students were present when the school involved was put on lockdown for 40 minutes. Classes had been canceled due to bad weather.

Twenty-seven sub-contractors and suppliers have won contracts worth 100-million dollars to work on phase-one of the Foxconn Technology Group project. The flat-screen manufacturing plant is

					<p>being built in southeastern Wisconsin -- with the first dirt moved yesterday.</p> <p>Governor Scott Walker joined business leaders at news conferences in three cities to announce the new deals. The Wisconsin sub-contractors are part of the work being done to prepare the site in Mount Pleasant for construction. It is estimated more than one-million cubic yards of dirt will be moved each month.</p>
<p>No one hurt in head on collision in Woodruff</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/9/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The preliminary report of the Spirit 2 helicopter crash last month gave few details of the accident that claimed the lives of its three man crew. The craft went down shortly before midnight April 26<sup>th</sup> and the wreckage wasn't found until 2:15. Several items were key in the report most notably, the helicopter passed an inspection the</p>

day before. Pilot Rico Caruso, who had more than 3200 hours of flight experience also passed his last check ride test. The emergency signal that automatically triggers in a crash was also received. Flight recorders were damaged and the National Transportation Safety Board is working to restore the data. What actually caused the crash may not be known until next year or later.

No one was hurt following a head on collision in Woodruff yesterday morning. Two pickups crashed just after 9:00 near the intersection of Hwy 51 and County J.

Bucky on Parade was unveiled in Madison this week, 85 statues of the UW mascot on display, all

					<p>brightly painted by local artists. One of the only 64 chosen to do that work was Christy Rasmussen of Merrill, an art teacher at Prairie River Middle School. She said it took three months and hundreds of hours to paint the 6-foot 6-inch fiberglass statue, which she named, "Bucky on Guard". That name gives a nod to basketball coach Greg Gards charity, Garding Against Cancer, a beneficiary of the project. And by its stance, it's guarding all the things that make up Madison. The Bucky's will be on display throughout Madison until mid-September.</p>
<p>Preliminary reports from Spirit helicopter crash</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/9/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A preliminary report from the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't list a cause of last month's fatal crash of a medical helicopter in Hazelhurst.</p>

Pilot Rico Caruso, flight nurse Klint Mitchell, and flight paramedic Gregory Rosenthal were killed. The F-A-A says the chopper had been inspected the day before it went down.

Federal accident investigators say it hit a tree about 70 feet tall that night, slamming into the ground at a steep angle. The crew was returning to Woodruff after delivering a patient to Madison.

Some Wisconsin deer farmers don't agree with proposed methods to stop the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. Governor Scott Walker laid out plans last week that, among other things, calls for better fencing and limits on transporting animals. They say the new rules could bankrupt farmers and that they're not causing an increase in CWD cases and

the strict regulations already in place are working. One central Wisconsin farmer said the governor shouldn't be shutting down farmers doing everything they've been asked to do.

A 250-thousand dollar grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation will help fund a Tomah project at the site of the former Tee Pee Supper Club. The 11-million dollar facility will include a restaurant, a bar and banquet hall, with a mix of office and residential space. The Tee Pee was a Tomah staple for decades. It closed four years ago. Local officials anticipate the new project will mean 35 jobs. The restaurant could open by December. Similar grants were awarded to Rice Lake and Soldiers Grove.

<p>Convicted sex offender returns to Rhinelander</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/10/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Having served his sentence, convicted sex offender Richard Duellman will be returning to Rhinelander tomorrow. The 40-year old was convicted of three offenses with minor girls dating back to 2013. He'll be living on Sycamore Street in the city, supervised by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections until April of 2023 and on the state's Sex Offender Registry Program for the rest of his life.</p> <p>The Oneida County Courthouse will be closed the next two Saturdays' as the Sheriff's office and other law enforcement agencies undergo active shooting training. The drills are designed to better prepare officials for such a situation, should it ever occur.</p> <p>The Marathon County Sheriff's Department ended</p>
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a nearly month long search with the arrest of 32-year old Jerry Toubee Vang, who was considered armed and dangerous. He was stopped on the Wausua's north side following a high speed chase through Rib Mountain, Rothschild, Weston and the eastern part of the county. City police and the county SWAT team helped in the capture near the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Street and Nina Avenue last night. Wisconsin's Congressional delegation have differing views on the President's decision to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal. 8<sup>th</sup> District Republican Mike Gallagher said he has no problems with it. Third District Democrat Ron Kind called it reckless and dangerous while 6<sup>th</sup> district republican Glenn Grothman said compared

					to two years ago, it's a bad deal. Senate Democrat Tammy Baldwin said it was a mistake since there's no alternative plan to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.
Car crashes into a house in Wausau	News	5/10/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Two people were hurt early this morning when a car went out of control and crashed into a house in Wausau. Police say speed and alcohol may have contributed to the mishap around 1:00 this morning when the car left the road, rolled and crashed into the house injuring the driver and an occupant of the house. Charges against the driver are pending.</p> <p>Reasons for the abrupt resignations of two leaders of the Mosinee Fire Department become a little clearer with the release of documents through an open records request. Fire</p>

Chief Doug Jennings and Deputy Chief Emily Dobeck were criticized for their behavior at work. There were allegations of bullying other employees and the two were accused of going missing during work shifts. Jennings and Dobeck petitioned the judge to keep the complaints from being released, but he refused.

A full agenda meets the Rhinelander City Council Monday, most notably items related to the vacant City Administrator's position. Interim administrator Keith Kost suddenly resigned last month and updates on the replacement process will be discussed.

National Weather Service teams will be in the field investigating whether tornadoes actually touched down in at least two locations in southern and

					<p>southeastern Wisconsin yesterday. A trained weather spotter reported a tornado in Washington County shortly before 5:00 P-M near Richfield. On the other side of the state, some serious damage was done to a barn and a machine shed north of Fennimore in southwestern Wisconsin's Grant County. Thunderstorms hit several areas, but no serious injuries were reported as of last night.</p>
<p>A sewer blockage in Rhinelander yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/11/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A blockage in a city sewer main resulted in a backup yesterday afternoon in Rhinelander. About 100 gallons of sewage overflowed from a manhole in the 1200 block of River Street behind some homes about 1:00. City crews removed the obstruction, easing the backup. No basement backups were</p>

reported and all necessary steps were taken to limit any health or environmental hazards.

The melted snow and resulting spring cleanup comes with a warning from the Forest County Sheriff's Department...know what you're picking up.

Common items used in drug manufacture include burned pieces of aluminum foil, syringes, soft drink bottles and more. The larger, 32oz bottles may have a gravel like substance inside, used to make meth and is highly explosive. Notify authorities if unsure about how to dispose of something.

Wisconsin farmers who grow industrial hemp can produce CBD oil from it. Attorney General Brad Schimel made the ruling yesterday in a reversal from

					<p>a Justice Department memo last month stating only doctors and pharmacies can distribute the oil and people can possess it only with a doctor's certification. That left many farmers wondering whether it would be worth their time to start growing hemp, and the industry objected. The new guidance came after Schimel met Wednesday with industry representatives, lawmakers and the state agriculture department. Schimel says industrial hemp has the potential to be a big part of the state's farm economy and growers who want to produce CBD oil will have no problem as long as they get a permit and follow state ag department requirements.</p>
Taylor Co. authorities arrest	News	5/11/18	12p,5p	1:30	Taylor County authorities

suspect in stabbing

have arrested a stabbing suspect after a Thursday fight in Medford. The sheriff's office received several calls about the fight. Investigators say 25-year-old Derek Novak of Phillips and 24-year-old Stormy Webber of Medford apparently confronted each other on the side of Taylor County Highway-Q over relationship and child care issues. Novak is accused of stabbing the other man several times using a military-style knife. Webber was airlifted to Aspirus Medford Hospital. Novak was also injured, too. He was treated and released, then taken to the Taylor County Jail. Wisconsin wildlife officials want to impose buck-only restrictions in only one county this fall, a sign the state's northern herd has regenerated. The DNR will

ask its board to approve a plan that would make Iron County the only county where hunters could kill only bucks. The board designated Ashland, Eau Claire, Iron and Vilas counties as buck-only last year. Citizen advisory councils in Ashland and Price counties wanted buck-only restrictions this year out of fears a mid-April snowstorm led to higher deer mortality.

[Wisconsin Republicans](#) will hold their state convention in Milwaukee this weekend. Delegates will hear from GOP officials, including Governor Scott Walker, House Speaker Paul Ryan, and Senator Ron Johnson. They'll also endorse one of two candidates running to challenge Senator Tammy Baldwin in November. The convention will be the last for Ryan, in his role as

					<p>Speaker and U.S. Representative for the state's 1st Congressional District. Ryan is not seeking reelection to the seat he's held since 1999. The convention runs through Sunday.</p>
<p>Weather watch out for the northwoods</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/14/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Elevated to near critical fire conditions are expected across the North through Wednesday due to the lack of rain, warm temperatures and low humidity levels. Afternoons will be the worst in the sun. Several departments supplied mutual aid to Pine Lake firefighters yesterday with a grass fire off Hwy C just west of Rhinelander. Officials say fires can start easily and spread quickly in these conditions. Burning bans are in effect and people are asked to check with local officials for the</p>

regulations in their respective counties.

The jury in the Frank Schuman abuse case returned their verdict early Saturday morning.

Schuman from Lac du Flambeau, a champion mixed martial arts fighter faced 11 criminal counts, accused of threatening and battering his ex-wife, Carli Berquist, for years. He was acquitted on eight of those counts and convicted of three misdemeanors, for which he could serve nearly three years. The date for sentencing has not yet been set.

The Dollar General store in Spencer is closed after a car drove into the building yesterday. No one was hurt as the two workers inside were nowhere near the damage. The two people in the car were also

					<p>uninjured.</p> <p>Meeting in Milwaukee for their convention, Wisconsin Republicans endorsed State Senator Leah Vukmir for the U.S. Senate. She carried the delegates by a nearly 3-to-1 margin over challenger Kevin Nicholson, a former Marine. The endorsement is not the same as the nomination, which will be up to voters in August's statewide primary. That winner faces Democratic Senator Tammy Baldwin in November.</p>
Clark Co. officer shooting being investigated	News	5/14/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Justice is investigating an officer-involved shooting at the end of a high-speed chase Friday in Clark County. Police had tried to stop a person with a felony warrant, but he took off. When finally stopped, the suspect engaged</p>

surrounding law enforcement officers in a gunfight. His name hasn't been released.

A 12-year-old girl is being treated at a Green Bay hospital for critical injuries after she was hit by a truck in the Village of Gresham Saturday afternoon.

Stockbridge-Munsee police say the girl was crossing the street at about 4 P-M when she was hit by the truck which was pulling a boat and trailer. The girl's name hasn't been released.

Police say no charges are pending against the 27-year-old driver of the truck.

A 24-year old Rhinelander man was arrested Saturday night after a Lincoln County deputy stopped him on Hwy 17 for speeding. When the routine check was done it was found the man was wanted by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections

					<p>for violating terms of his probation. He was cited for speeding, operating without a license and arrested on a warrant charge.</p> <p>A researcher at UW-Madison finds young people go away to college and never move back to the state's more rural areas. Professor Randy Stoecker studied more than 18-hundred Wisconsin municipalities and found fewer than 300 are gaining and keep young adults among their residents. Stoecker says the loss of those young adults can result in higher costs for schools, public services, and recreation.</p>
Crandon man to spend his life in prison	News	5/15/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	A Crandon man will effectively spend the rest of his life in prison. 34-year old Matthew Christenson was sentenced yesterday to 60

years on multiple charges of sexually and physically abusing children over a period of years. Both Judge Patrick O'Melia and DA Chuck Simono said this was the worst case they'd ever seen. O'Melia handed down a much stronger sentence than recommended saying, "I can't risk you being out". It's no secret there are problems at Rhinelander City Hall. One of them surfaced at last night's council meeting when members split over reappointing Todd McEldowney President of the Police and Fire Commission. Mayor Chris Frederickson cast the tie-breaking vote. McEldowney's served on the commission 37 years and drew the ire of the council last year when they suddenly named Dave

Funkhouser as the city's new police chief, only to have him turn down the job a short time later. His critics say procedures were not followed. McElDowney said he hopes the city and commission can move past this and work together. Governor Scott Walker said the US Supreme Court's ruling to legalize sports gambling won't have an impact in Wisconsin. He said our constitution has specific prohibitions on it and the state has compact agreements with all 11 sovereign Native American tribes, preventing the high court's ruling from having much of an impact here. Walker was in Rhinelander yesterday, addressing business issues at a meeting hosted by Grow North, serving eight counties for business development in the region. He said giving

					students the proper tools is the key.
State taxpayers can get additional relief	News	5/15/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin taxpayers can apply online for the state's 100-dollar-a-child tax rebate starting today. The application deadline is July 2nd. The state estimates about 122-million dollars will be claimed by qualified taxpayers this year. The rebate can be accessed through the new state-sponsored website ChildTaxRebate-dot-WI-dot-Gov. People can determine if they are eligible, what information they need to apply, and how to submit a claim. The rebates will be returned through a direct deposit or a check in the mail. Fraud accusations leveled at its former president led a central Wisconsin veterans group to disband. A watchdog group says</p>

Ronald Worthey lied about serving in Vietnam. He apparently didn't earn a Silver Star and three Purple Hearts. His military records show he served stateside. Worthey headed the Wausau-based group Souls of Honor. The group's vice president says he is forming a new group with a similar mission -- to support Wisconsin veterans. The group Guardians of the Green Beret accused Worthey of fraud. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation reports pedestrians fatalities grew by about 20 percent last year. Nearly 60 pedestrians died in accidents on Wisconsin highways in 2017, compared to about 50 the year before. The numbers mirror the national trend of increased pedestrian deaths. Nationwide, there has been a 46-percent

					<p>increase since 2009. Task forces are being formed in Wisconsin to emphasize pedestrian safety this summer. While efforts to reduce distracted driving continue, distracted pedestrians are contributing to the problem.</p> <p>National League Central Division leading Milwaukee is under the lights tonight again against the slumping Diamondbacks in Arizona.</p>
<p>Search for missing LacDuFlambeau man</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/16/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The search for a missing Lac du Flambeau man resumes this morning. Antonio Roche was last seen in the Longs Point Lane area May 5<sup>th</sup> and his father reported him missing last Saturday. Several K9 units and search and rescue crews spent much of yesterday searching both land and water for the 24-year old. Anyone with information about Roche's</p>

whereabouts are asked to contact either the Lac du Flambeau police or Vilas County sheriff's office.

David Meinnert took a no contest plea yesterday in Oneida County Court on a misdemeanor charge to invasion of privacy. The 69-year old Rhinelander man will spend 30-days in jail with work release privileges and apologize after spying on a woman, tanning naked at the salon he owns back in mid-January.

Several fire departments and the DNR battled a house fire in Newbold yesterday afternoon. Starting in a nearby shed, the blaze spread to a house, destroying both. No injuries were reported.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is

					<p>reviewing a 105 page complaint against Granite Peak in Rib Mountain. The ski hill is accused by Domtar Paper of taking millions of gallons of water to make snow from the Big Rib River without federal approval, possibly impacting the flow through Domtar's dam.</p> <p>Oneida County's ATV/UTV trail system and Enterprise Campground open for the season next Tuesday. This includes the trails maintained by the Hodag 4-Wheelers Club and Little Rice ATV Riders. The county forestry department recommends staying on the marked trails as they're in early season condition and wet in spots.</p>
Double fatality in Oconto fire called suspicious	News	5/16/18	12p,5p	1:30	Fire investigators are calling a double fatality fire in Oconto County suspicious. Emergency responders

were called to the burning mobile home in the Town of Lena at 3:25 A-M Tuesday. The first crews on the scene from the Lena Fire Department reported the discovery of a body lying next to the home. When entry was made, a second body was found inside. The names of the victims haven't been released. The Oconto County medical examiner and the state fire marshal's office are helping with the investigation. The Wisconsin state senator who won the Republican endorsement last weekend is traveling to 10 party field offices around the state. Leah Vukmir received 73 percent of the vote at the party convention in Milwaukee. That's doesn't mean she automatically becomes the Republican candidate to oppose incumbent Democrat

Tammy Baldwin in the November election, but it gives her access to the party infrastructure as an offset to her opponent's financial advantage. Kevin Nicholson's campaign spokesman says their strategy remains the same - win the August 14th primary.

Wisconsin emergency management workers are involved in a statewide exercise so they will be able to respond in the event of a massive power outage. The Dark Sky training exercise started yesterday. The Wisconsin National Guard is training with local emergency management teams to be ready if cyber-attackers manage to shut down the power grid.

Participants are working on strategies to distribute food while the electricity is off, keeping hospitals and other

					critical infrastructures operating, and maintaining fuel supplies. The exercise wraps up tomorrow.
Missing LacDuFlambeau girl	News	5/18/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>There was still ice on the water the day 24-year old Antonio Rouche of Lac du Flambeau was last seen May 5<sup>th</sup>. Yesterday morning, searchers found a body in Pokegama Lake but haven't confirmed the identity, waiting for autopsy results.</p> <p>Former Lincoln County District Attorney John Schellpfeffer has been reprimanded for sending racy texts to a client. The State Supreme Court admonished him for messaging a client he represented in family court cases, texting her to wear something sexy to a meeting along with other sexual jokes. Now in private</p>

practice, Schellpfeffer was not fined in this case.

Wisconsin's US Senators were on opposite sides of yesterday's vote to confirm Gina Haspel to head the CIA. Democrat Tammy Baldwin was concerned about Haspel's role in the interrogation of suspected terrorists after 911.

Republican Ron Johnson, a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, said the world is a dangerous place and as a career intelligence officer and already deputy director, Haspel has the experience needed to help keep the country safe. The senate vote to confirm the nomination was 54 to 45.

Nicolet College in Rhinelander graduates more than 430 students tomorrow in their 49<sup>th</sup>

					<p>annual spring ceremony. In all, the school is expected to bestow 503 associate degrees, technical diplomas and certificates for the current academic year. 34 people earned a GED or HSED through the college's academic success program. Following the graduation, the annual Nurse Pinning Ceremony, originated by Florence Nightingale in the 1860s takes place in the Nicolet Theatre.</p>
<p>Fire danger across the north is very high</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/21/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Tinder dry conditions remain across the North with the fire danger very high and it doesn't take much to trigger one, as witnessed yesterday in Monico. Volunteers along with the DNR and Oneida County Sheriff's Department responded to a fire about 4:00 on Neptune Lake Road where embers from a</p>

charcoal grill ignited the grass behind a home. Damage was minimal. Investigators are looking into the identity of a man, pulled from the Wisconsin River in Wood County. The Sheriff's Department discovered the body north of the Centralia Dam. No other information is available.

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Never Forgotten Honor Flight left Central Wisconsin Airport this morning with 101 veterans on board. The group tours the war memorials in Washington, DC, dedicated to their service. On this trip are 100 Vietnam era vets and one from WWII. They'll be back to a rousing reception tonight.

Beginning today motorists on Hwy 51 near Tomahawk will have to slow down. Highway crews are repairing a damaged

					<p>beam guard on the Wisconsin River Bridge and traffic will drop from 65 to 55 miles per hour. Work is expected to be a day or two. On Wednesday, construction begins on Hwy 10, west of I-39 near Portage County Hwy E and the Wisconsin River. Speeds will also drop at that location with the project expected to wrap up by the 31<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>There are now six Republican candidates running for the First Congressional seat in Wisconsin, held by the retiring Paul Ryan of Janesville. The primary election is August 14<sup>th</sup>.</p>
Rhinelander city council meets in special session tonight	News	5/21/18	12p,5p	1:30	Rhinelander's city council meets in special session tonight to update the situation caused by the sudden resignation of interim city Administrator

Keith Kost last month. No reason for the decision has been made public yet, but tonight the council gets updated on the progress in finding a replacement.

There may also be action whether or not to pursue another temporary fix or go onto a timeline for a permanent replacement.

Mayor Chris Frederickson has already said he doesn't want to do both jobs. The firm contracted to find that replacement, Illinois-based GovHR, will provide information and the availability of temps, should the use of one be approved.

Authorities in northern Wisconsin are searching for the suspected shooter in a homicide case.

Investigators say they found the suspect vehicle thought to be stolen by 31-year-old Preston Kraft. The Rusk

County Sheriff's Office identified the shooting victim as 53-year-old Robert Pettit of Conrath, killed Friday afternoon. Law enforcement officials haven't said what led up to the shooting and say Kraft should be considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information is asked to call the Rusk County Sheriff's Department.

A two-year study finds the highest concentration of plastic pollution at a national park is found in the waters surrounding the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore. The micro-plastic fibers come from clothing, deteriorating nets and broken fishing lines. Ground was broken over the weekend in Iron River for a new park to honor past and present military. The 10-acre parcel will

					include the memorial area, RV and camping sites, pavilion, hiking trails and water access.
Eagle River increasing water bills to city residents	News	5/22/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>For the first time in nearly two decades, Eagle River is increasing water bills to city residents. Due to massive expenses that couldn't be offset from the winter of 2014 that froze and broke water mains, rates are going up almost 50%. Other utilities are not affected and customers will begin seeing the increase this month.</p> <p>Wisconsin law enforcement are now putting more emphasis on enforcing the seat belt law as the annual Click It or Ticket campaign is underway. It runs through June third. And while the state's usage rate is nearly 90%, it's still behind the national average. And speaking of averages,</p>

gasoline prices hit \$2.94 a gallon in Rhinelander for regular this morning and the industry expects it closer to three as the Memorial Day holiday approaches.

Wisconsin is part of a multi-state effort to crack down on shady cryptocurrency sales. They're called Initial Coin Offerings, and many of them are scams. Those are "investment opportunities" where the makers of a cryptocurrency offer shares, much like a stock sale. The Department of Financial Institutions finds the problem is it's only speculation and if something goes wrong, your money is gone.

Local landmarks are always good for directions, but changes come and Rhinelander's Pizza Hut corner is no more. The corner of Oneida and Lincoln Streets now houses

					<p>the new Associated Bank which opened yesterday, moving all the employees from their two downtown locations. All services of the bank are up and running in the 2500 square foot facility including three drive-through lanes.</p>
<p>Cancer care funding increases in the northwoods</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/22/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>More than three million dollars has been used to improve cancer care in the area through the Marshfield Clinic Minocqua Center. Major upgrades to its cancer treatment technology will be unveiled next Tuesday with a new, state of the art linear accelerator that will significantly decrease the length of radiation treatments. The device will effectively cut the treatment time in half. Other treatment techniques are also being enhanced.</p>

Wisconsin's top economist, John Koskinen will address a Rhinelander Chamber sponsored event next week. Working with the Dept of Revenue, Koskinen will discuss the state's best economic performance in nearly two decades. He says understanding what's happening within the state and how the community compares to others can be a key insight and even help determine direction and goals for business. The meeting is next Tuesday at the Chamber at 5pm.

Wisconsin joins Michigan and Minnesota in a regional effort to better understand the West Nile virus in ruffed grouse. The disease has been found in more of the birds lately since first being discovered nearly 17 years ago. The states are in the early stages of testing

					<p>following reports out of Pennsylvania that west nile is reportedly impacting the population of ruffed grouse there.</p> <p>Two major road construction projects begin soon in Tomahawk. Water drainage issues will be addressed on King's Road near King's Hill and South Tomahawk Avenue. This is the first of a three phase project that includes the storm water issues as well as installing sidewalks. Crews advise drivers to be aware of delays this summe</p>
<p>Florence Co. man to be in Marathon Co. court next month on homicide charge</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/23/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 56-year old Florence County man will be in Marathon County Court later next month, charged with first degree intentional homicide. Lee Franck is accused of killing his ex-girlfriend's father, Lyle Leith, February 20<sup>th</sup>. His body was found in the garage of his</p>

home in Wausau. Investigators say the two men got into an argument the day before. Franck remains in jail on a \$750,000 cash bond.

Gun policy questions didn't fare well with Wisconsin's House delegation. Among the items are better tracking on gun sales, background checks, banning anything larger than a 10-round magazine and assault-style weapons. Republicans [Sean Duffy](#), [Mike Gallagher](#), [Glenn Grothman](#) and [Jim Sensenbrenner](#), and Democrat [Ron Kind](#) did not respond. Republican [Paul Ryan](#) said no. Democrats [Gwen Moore](#) and [Mark Pocan](#) said yes.

Currently eight states require seatbelts on large

school buses. And now a federal transportation panel is recommending all new buses be equipped. The National Transportation Safety Board approved the lap/shoulder belt recommendation yesterday. The follows a series of deadly crashes, the latest last week in New Jersey where a student and teacher died on a field trip where the bus collided with a dump truck.

The Triple-A reports more than 41 million people will travel this Memorial Day weekend. And almost all of them will be driving. The State Patrol advises motorists to drive safely, slow down in construction zones and be patient. Troopers are expecting the worst delays and congestion Thursday and Friday when people who commute to work and

					people who are traveling to get away for the weekend-- have to share the road.
The federal govt. is threatening to sue the state	News	5/23/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>The federal government is threatening to sue Wisconsin because it doesn't let temporary overseas voters file unofficial ballots or get their ballots electronically. Federal law allows voters living outside the country -- short-term or long-term -- both options. The U-S Attorney General's Office is demanding the state of Wisconsin sign an agreement promising to provide those options. The matter is on the agenda to be discussed at a meeting tomorrow.</p> <p>Ascension St. Clare's Hospital, Weston and Ascension Good Samaritan Hospital, Merrill are among sixteen hospitals honored by the University of</p>

Wisconsin Organ and Tissue Donation for their ongoing commitment to saving and improving lives through organ and tissue donation.

The Award of Hope recognizes the comprehensive work of hospitals that achieve or exceed the goals of the measures that maximize the gift of life. Last year, Ascension St. Clare's had a donation consent rate of nearly 75-percent and Ascension Good Samaritan achieved an 80-percent rate which made possible more than 550 gifts of tissue for transplant, giving people improved mobility, clarity of sight and freedom from pain.

Trying to make the annual event a safer experience, organizers of Madison's Brat Fest, the world's largest, are adding security and cutting

					<p>back on the hours for the carnival. A major fight broke out on the midway last year. In an effort to head off any disturbances, four Dane County Sheriff's deputies will be added to the event's private security team. An estimated crowd of 180-thousand is expected to attend the event between Friday and Monday night. The event raises money for local charities.</p>
<p>Five defendants in murder case were in court yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/24/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The five defendants in the Wayne Valliere, Jr murder case were in Iron County Court yesterday. The Lac du Flambeau man's body was found near Mercer New Year's Day after being missing for 10 days. Richard Allen, Joseph and James Lussier, Evan Oungst and Curtis Wolfe remain held for the beating and shooting of Valliere. In yesterday's</p>

hearing it was determined there is enough evidence to move forward with the case and the men will be arraigned next week.

With burning permits suspended across much of the North due to the high fire danger, the DNR has taken steps to bolster response to a call. Two single-engine air tankers or SEAT planes are now stationed in Rhinelander to aid firefighters on the ground should they be needed. While the planes cannot extinguish a blaze, the chemical drop allows those on the ground to contain it. The aircraft will stay until the hazard passes, and that may be this weekend with several days of rain in for the forecast.

With one of the most hectic weekends of the summer

					<p>coming up, many Northwoods businesses find themselves short-staffed. While the city of Rhinelander doesn't depends as much on the tourist trade, Eagle River and Minocqua do. All are having difficulty finding summer help. A number of business owners say they can't understand why people, especially college kids, don't want a part time, good paying job. Several also said many times new hires don't even show up and while it may be a struggle, they'll do just fine.</p>
<p>Firefighters contain fire at dairy farm in Merrill</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/25/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Firefighters were able to contain a fire and the Van Der Geest Dairy, south of Merrill early this morning. Reported just after 1:00, the fire started in a sawdust tank but the cause and extent of damage is not known. Ventilation of the</p>

building was required.  
Several departments  
responded.

The price of gas across the  
North is about 50-cents  
higher than last year  
heading into the Memorial  
Day weekend. According  
to the AAA, reduced global  
production and increased  
domestic demand are  
leading to the increases.  
The agency notes  
unemployment rates are  
down and more people are  
driving to work. There's also  
more money to spend on  
leisure vacations and road  
trips. The prices however  
are not keeping people  
from traveling as nearly  
million Wisconsinites will  
take a trip.

Heated verbal and  
diplomatic exchanges  
between the US and North  
Korea ended up cancelling  
the upcoming summit.

Democratic Wisconsin Senator Tammy Baldwin was not surprised, still backing sanctions and diplomacy with the country. Republican Senator Ron Johnson said North Korea will benefit greatly once all nuclear capabilities are dismantled.

Dianne Look intended to write and publish her children's books in her retirement, but she was one of four people killed during the March 22<sup>nd</sup> shooting in Wausau last year. Students and artists at DC Everest High School picked up the project and produced and published, Memory Garden, Bebe the Tiny Beast and a public celebration and sale of the book takes place June 5<sup>th</sup> at the school. All proceeds to toward the Dianne Look-Renaud Scholarship.

<p>Apartment fire on Wausau's east side</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/28/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two people are hospitalized after an apartment fire yesterday on Wausau's east side. The 10-unit building at 10<sup>th</sup> and Thomas streets is uninhabitable from the damage. One man trapped on the second floor was rescued while a woman jumped from the building and was injured. The alarm was called in shortly after noon. A car near the building also burned. The conditions of those hurt is unknown, as is the cause of the fire. Two people were hurt in a one vehicle rollover in Arbor Vitae late Saturday. The accident, on Hwy 51 near Snyder Road sent both occupants to the Howard Young Medical Center where they were airlifted out for further treatment. The Wisconsin primary isn't until August 14<sup>th</sup> and that's</p>
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making democrats nervous over their large field of candidates running for governor. There's not a clear front-runner and no one is showing signs of dropping out. Party leaders hope the field will narrow as incumbent Republican governor Scott Walker stockpiles resources and is in the middle of a \$1.4 million TV ad campaign. The Democratic convention is next weekend and insiders say things may be sorted out there.

Just over a month ago a massive, record setting snowstorm effectively shut down much of Wisconsin. The last two days more records were set, but for very different reasons. Ninety degree temperatures that were set back in 1911 fell when the mercury hit 94 on Saturday and 92 yesterday in

					Rhineland. Temperatures still well above normal are forecast for the remainder of the week with scattered storms from time-to-time.
Woman who jumped from a burning building in Wausau is in critical condition	News	5/29/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	The woman who jumped from the second story of a burning apartment building in Wausau Sunday is in critical condition. 19-year old Krista Betz sustained multiple injuries when she hit the concrete. Another person was injured but no information is available. The fire, at 10 <sup>th</sup> and Thomas Streets on the city's east side was reported shortly after noon. Preliminary indications point to an electrical issue. The residents of the 10-unit apartment are being helped by the Salvation Army with emergency needs and a place to stay. The Memorial Day weekend typically kicks off the

summer season across the North and law enforcement reminds vacationers and summer residents alike to make sure boats are properly equipped before hitting the water. Lincoln County recreation officers said the most common problems were not enough flotation devices, traveling too fast in no wake zones and passing other occupied boats.

It was a record setting holiday when it came to temperatures. Over the three days Rhinelander broke marks set back in 1911 and 1918 when the mercury hit 94 and 92.

Yesterday, the 91-degree reading unofficially tied the old mark, again set in 1911. Young Kadence Wagnitz has been traveling around the world, via Facebook. The 8-year old Wabeno girl has an inoperable brain

					tumor and short life expectancy, but that's not stopping her from sightseeing as thousands are sending pictures via social media. She has five weeks of radiation treatments then the family plans to hit the road. Kaydance wants to see Disney World and go camping.
A car rollover in Rice Lake killed a person	News	5/29/18	12p,5p	1:30	Attorneys for Brendan Dassey say the U-S Supreme Court could decide whether to review the Wisconsin man's appeal in less than a month. The state of Wisconsin is asking the high court not to grant the request for a hearing. Dassey was 16 when Teresa Halbach was killed. His attorneys argue his confession was coerced by police investigators who used improper techniques while questioning a juvenile

with a low I-Q. A federal judge overturned Dassey's conviction, but a federal appeals court reversed the judge. Dassey's attorneys want the Supreme Court to review the appeals court decision.

A one-vehicle rollover near Rice Lake late Sunday killed the 31-year old driver. The accident happened on Hwy 55 and County B.

Researchers at Bard College in New York report Wisconsin is among three states where law enforcement agencies use drones the most. Many U-S police and fire departments say they are finding many ways to use drones while doing their work. The Center for the Study of the Drone says the number of law enforcement agencies using the remote-controlled aircraft has doubled in less than a year-and-a-half.

					<p>Texas and California are the other states where drone use is growing the fastest. Minneapolis joins a growing number of cities in Minnesota raising the age to buy tobacco. It's now 21 from 18. The new law takes effect October first and supporters erupted into applause when city lawmakers unanimously approved the measure. The Minnesota Retailers Association opposes the measure, saying state lawmakers should make such decisions, not local governments.</p>
<p>Air medical transport has resumed after helicopter crash</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/30/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Air medical transport services have resumed at the Ascension Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. A temporary replacement Airbus Helicopter is now in service as work on a permanent replacement continues.</p>

This comes a month after services were suspended following the tragic crash of Spirit 2 in Hazelhurst, claiming the flight crew. As of last week, the Howard Young Foundation Helping Hands fund raised more than \$105,000 for the families of the three men killed.

The Democratic field of candidates for governor will not grow. The state Democratic convention is this weekend in Oshkosh, and Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett announced on social media he's not running for governor. Ten other Democrats are running, the primary is in August. Barrett ran and lost in the 2002 Democratic primary, and lost to Governor Scott Walker in 2010 and in the 2012 recall. Wisconsin cranberry growers may be forced to

reduce their sales if a federal marketing order from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is approved. The proposal would limit the nation's cranberry crop to 75 percent of its normal size as a way to decrease stocks and raise prices. The Cranberry Marketing Committee recommended the order last August. Growers say they can work with their handlers to manage excess fruit by selling it as cattle feed or soil supplements. The USDA ended public comment on the order yesterday.

Wisconsin farmers and truckers are being forced to take long detours and haul half-filled loads to get their products to market as new weight restrictions have been placed on nearly 200 bridges.

The search is on for two people related to a shooting

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The Dunn County Sheriff's Office is searching for a Minnesota man and a woman from Ellsworth as suspects in a shooting. Thirty-six-year-old Kari Lynn Blank and 34-year-old Shawn Harris Goplen of Red Wing are considered armed and dangerous. The shooting happened late Sunday night in the Town of Tainter. Goplen is also wanted in Minnesota on a charge of first-degree intentional homicide in another case. A Wausau man will serve 12 years in prison after being convicted on a second-degree reckless homicide charge. Jerry Schnabl and George Diver were reportedly drinking together when they began to fight. Diver accused Schnabl of touching his fiance inappropriately. Schnabl told investigators he was

defending himself because Diver threw the first punch. When Schnabl hit him, Diver fell off a stool and slammed his head into the floor, killing him. The victim's relatives say they don't think the sentence for Schnabl was strong enough

The National Democratic Redistricting Committee will spend 175-thousand dollars supporting candidates in next month's special legislative elections. The funding will pay for digital and television ads, as well as efforts to get voters to the polls. Caleb Frostman will get the help in his run for the open seat in the 1st Senate District and Ann Groves Lloyd will get the same as she runs for the open seat in the 42nd Assembly District. The elections will be held June 12th after the N-D-R-C won a court order forcing

					Governor Scott Walker to schedule the special votes. The winners will have to run again, five months later.
Forest Co. revokes bond and issues warrant for criminal	News	5/31/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	It took three minutes in Forest County Court to revoke the bond and issue a bench warrant for Patty Kirker. The 53-year old Crandon woman was a no-show at a sentencing hearing yesterday on five felony drug convictions, including delivery to an inmate, being party to a crime and manufacturing with the intent to deliver. Kirker also has an open case against her involving 161 charges of animal neglect and abuse. Flambeau Hospital in Park Falls became the first Marshfield Clinic Health System hospital to provide virtual online telestroke services for patients.

Ascension Eagle River Hospital debuted and blessed their new, state-of-the-art ambulance yesterday. In April 2017, the Auxiliary Partners membership voted and approved paying for the purchases with funds they had raised through their thrift store and Life Direct home alert program and donated to the Foundation's Eagle River's Greatest Need fund. Because that fund is part of the Foundation's Journey to Excellence Campaign, Ascension agreed to match the \$125,000 donation. Their old ambulance was donated to the Town of Russell First Responders in Lincoln County, who've been without a unit for nearly a decade. Rhinelander's Water Utility will begin flushing the water distribution system next

					<p>week. The typical hours will be from 8am to 2pm Monday through Thursday and take nearly six weeks. The city flushes hydrants to clean iron deposits in the lines and to verify they're working properly. It also improves water quality. After the flushing residents are asked to run the tap water for about 10 minutes to purge their systems of sediments.</p>
<p>Five northern Wis. Men enter a not guilty pleas in death of a man</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/31/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Five northern Wisconsin men entered not guilty pleas to charges they conspired to kill a man. Twenty-six-year-old Curtis Wolfe, 28-year-old Evan Oungst, 19-year-old James Lussier, 26-year-old Joseph Lussier and 27-year-old Richard Allen made Iron County Circuit Court appearances yesterday. They are accused of participating in the fatal</p>

shooting of 25-year-old Wayne Valliere Junior of Lac du Flambeau, whose body was found near Mercer. Valliere was beaten and shot eight times. He may have been killed during an argument over a stolen meth pipe and a suspicion by the others that he was a police informant.

A federal grand jury indicted a Stevens Point man on gun and drug dealing charges. Fifty-five-year-old Brian Louis is accused of trying to buy meth last month. Federal agents tell the court the evidence shows he had a rifle and a shotgun in his possession at the time. Louis could be sentenced to 10 years in prison on the gun charge and another 20 years on the drug charge -- if he is convicted.

				<p>The president signed Wisconsin's Republican U-S Senator Ron Johnson's "Right to Try" bill into law yesterday at a White House ceremony. The legislation would clear the way for people with a terminal illness to try experimental treatments before they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration. The bill authored by the Wisconsin Republican gives patients access to medications which have passed "phase one" approval from the F-D-A. The president says this is a "fundamental freedom" which will provide hope and save lives.</p>
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Structure fire in the town of Bradley	News	6/1/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Shortly after noon yesterday Lincoln County dispatch got a 911 call about a possible structure fire in the Town of Bradley. Tomahawk EMS and firefighters responded to a home on Robin Lane and discovered a fire had started and extinguished itself within the last 24 hours. The lone resident of the home, an 86 year old Tomahawk woman, was found deceased inside. The fire was discovered by a family member doing a welfare check. The name of the victim has not yet been released and the cause of the fire is unknown.</p> <p>The man who held police at bay several hours, shot at his wife and threatened to blow up his house two years ago, Kenneth Welsh was in</p>

court yesterday for making terrorist threats. The 62-year old Harshaw man allegedly told his wife's hospice company he'd "wreak havoc" on them if they didn't continue treating her. She is terminally ill. The Ascension facility locked down one of its hospitals last month because of the threat. Welsh remains held on a \$20,000 cash bond and is back in court next Friday.

The beleaguered Wausau Center Mall was the topic of discussion last night for city council members. The consulting firms hired to address the largely empty space presented ideas for what to do with it. This first of a series of meetings. Research finds malls failing nationwide and in this case creating mixed use spaces, like housing and retail was one idea. They said the

					<p>strength of the project is Wausau's downtown. Months of meetings and hearings are planned.</p>
<p>Woman's identity released in fire from Lincoln Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/1/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The identity of the woman found in a burned home in Lincoln County has been released. 80-year old Dorothy Schultz of Tomahawk was discovered in her damaged home yesterday by EMS and firefighters called to the home after a family member called to say there was a fire. The fire had burned itself out sometime prior to officials arriving. The cause remains under investigation.</p> <p>A sign of what's happening to school districts across the state, school officials in Manitowoc say they are moving forward on a plan to move students and teachers around to different buildings by 2019.</p>

				<p>The eastern Wisconsin city is losing population and that has been reflected by an enrollment decrease of about 500 students over the last decade. The district wants to close the McKinley Academy building, which is 127 years old. The reorganization will move freshman students to the high school and sixth-graders into middle school. Elementary schools will be consolidated. District officials say layoffs may be necessary, but they won't speculate on the number. Milwaukee-based Harley-Davidson is warning a battle over tariffs could drive the prices of its motorcycles higher. The Trump administration announced new tariffs on steel and aluminum imported from Europe, Canada, and Mexico yesterday. Canada and</p>
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					<p>Mexico quickly imposed their own tariffs, with similar actions expected from the European Union. Harley-Davidson officials say a retaliatory tariff on its motorcycles in any of those major marketplaces would have a "significant impact" on its sales.</p> <p>And the Brewers take their division lead to Chicago tonight for a game with White Sox.</p>
An accident in Merrill claims the life of a woman	News	6/4/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>A Friday evening accident claimed the life of a Merrill woman. The Lincoln County Sheriff's office says the accident happened in the town of Pine River. Fifty year old Amy K Duley was declared dead at the scene of the single vehicle accident. Authorities report that the incident was the first fatal motor vehicle accident this year in Lincoln County.</p> <p>Meanwhile also in Lincoln County, a 22-year-old Tomahawk man was injured in an early Saturday morning car crash on County Highway CC just east of Jones Rd. The Tomahawk man was transported first to Sacred Heart</p>

Hospital and then to Aspirus in Wausau for non-life threatening injuries. The male said he was trapped in the car for about three hours before anyone found him. The driver was cited for an OWI first offense, and other charges are possible.

Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel has awarded the first school safety grant under a law signed in March by Governor Scott Walker. Schimel announced today (Friday) that the Kenosha Unified School District is the first grant recipient. The district will get about 889-thousand dollars. The district will use the money to train staff in youth mental health, building security assessments and provide physical building safety upgrades. The funds will also be used to provide training in how to spot threats to schools on social media. The new law creates 100-million dollars in grants for school safety upgrades. Walker signed it in the wake of a mass shooting at a Florida high school in February. Schools have until Monday to submit applications.

The head of the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association says its members had hoped the U-

					<p>S-D-A would finalize any federal market order being considered before growing season started. The U-S Department of Agriculture wants to limit the nation's cranberry crop to 75-percent of its normal size, but the decision isn't final yet. The move would be aimed at decreasing supplies and raising prices. The federal government has done this in the past and prices did go up. If the order is approved, the extra cranberries can be sold as soil supplements or feed for cattle.</p>
<p>The states DOC has agreed to stop using pepper spray among other things in youth prisons</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/4/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Correction has agreed to stop using pepper spray and solitary confinement at the state's youth prison. The use of mechanical restraints and strip searches would be limited. A federal judge still has to approve the agreement between the state and several groups, including the A-C-L-U. The suit was filed to challenge conditions at the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake facilities near Irma. A special monitor would be appointed to ensure compliance with the</p>

terms of the deal. The groups will ask the judge to order the state to pay about one-million dollars to cover their legal fees.

Prosecutors in Columbia County say the truck driver who slammed his 18-wheeler into the back of a stopped school bus was on drugs at the time. A judge set bail for 42-year-old Wayne Murphy at 35-thousand dollars during a court appearance late last week. He's been in the Columbia County Jail since May 23rd. Twenty-six people on that bus were hurt, with five suffering critical injuries. The eighth-graders were on a field trip to the Wisconsin Dells. The driver from Indiana was working for North Dakota-based Dahl Trucking when he caused the accident on Interstate 39 south of Coloma.

West Bend police say 160 snakes were among more than 400 animals removed

					<p>from a home last week. Officers were working with East Troy police on another case when they noticed a foul odor coming from the home's basement. The snakes ranged in length from six inches to two-feet. There were also 250 mice, some dart frogs, and geckos. Investigators say many of the animals were in poor health and many others were already dead. A 42-year-old man was taken into custody. His name hasn't been released.</p>
<p>Crandon woman who failed to appear for sentencing was found in Texas</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/5/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Crandon who failed to appear for her sentencing hearing was arrested in Texas. 53-year old Patty Kirker faces five drug convictions and was headed for Mexico when caught by Border Patrol agents near Laredo, Saturday. She's held in the Webb County Jail as extradition proceedings continue to bring her back</p>

to Forest Country. It's happening in Wisconsin. The message from speakers at a forum last night in Wausau on human trafficking. Wausau Police and the Women's Community heard every county in the state has had at least one case of human trafficking, including instances of labor trafficking, sex trafficking and smuggling. The meeting was designed to detect the signs of trafficking, targeting children as young as 13. Often these children or teens that are exploited have a history of child sexual abuse. Wausau PD and The Women's Community urge parents to provide loving homes to children and to maintain a close eye on social media accounts. More restrictions and

					<p>supervision are coming to Wisconsin's troubled Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake youth prisons. Civil rights groups and the state settled over a series of abuses against inmates at the facilities. An outside auditor will also inspect the schools on a regular basis.</p> <p>The, "Big Penny" in Woodruff is now owned by the Dr. Kate Museum. Put up in 1953 to commemorate the, million penny parade to build the first hospital in the Lakeland area, the monument sits on the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Hemlock Street. Howard Young Medical Center transferred ownership of the world's largest penny, yesterday.</p>
<p>A worker at Johnsonville facing federal crimes for tampering with sausage links</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/5/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A worker at the Johnsonville Sausage operation in Kiel faces</p>

federal charges after allegedly tampering with sausage links. Surveillance video captured the actions of Jonathan Lane who faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on the two top counts of tampering with consumer products. Investigators say Lane put a cigarette paper in a sausage link March 25th and a wire connector in the same type of product three days later while he worked on a processing line. The items were removed before being packaged.

The man accused of driving drunk when he caused a double-fatal accident last December entered not guilty pleas to six felony charges. Twenty-six-year-old Trenton Bemis of Humbird was in Clark County Court yesterday. Twenty-nine-year-old

Michelle L. Kunze and 35-year-old Genie Carillo died in the accident in the Town of Pine Valley. Bemis' blood-alcohol level was more than four times the legal limit.

File this one under "you just don't get that kind of honesty nowadays." The Lincoln County Sheriff's office says an unidentified 36-year-old Merrill man turned himself in for his first OWI offense over the weekend. The man showed up at the Sheriff's office to report his crashed vehicle near State Hwy 107 and Swede Road, then asked to be arrested for the OWI. He said he flagged down a passing car shortly after the crash and asked to be taken to the Sheriff's office to report the incident. It's unclear if the man was injured or not in the

					accident.
One of five men accused of killing a LacDuFlambau man is out on bail	News	6/6/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>One of the five men accused of killing a Lac du Flambeau man is out on bond. Evan Oungst posted a \$25,000 cash bond yesterday and was released from the Vilas County Jail. Wayne Valliere, Jr's body was found near Mercer on New Year's Day. The remaining four remain jailed and all face life in prison if convicted.</p> <p>A head—on collision on Hwy 47 in Woodruff results in criminal charges. The accident Sunday afternoon by Mid Lake Road happened when a pickup driven by 51-year old Bruce Winston of Newbold crossed the centerline and hit another truck. Both drivers were taken to the</p>

Howard Young Medical Center. Criminal charges and traffic citations for Winston were referred to the District Attorney for prosecution. The state patrol is reconstructing the crash.

Investigators are looking into a fake threat after an alert went out to residents of Birnamwood yesterday. The Shawano County Sheriff's office got a phone call around 4:00 threatening violence against some residents in the area around State Road, Birch and High Streets. A heavy law enforcement presence isolated the area and urged residents to take cover. Officials began clearing out after about 20 minutes after determining the threat was a hoax. There are no classes at NorthCentral Technical

					<p>College in Wausau today as a cyber forensics team investigates a security incident. Security monitoring systems alerted staff to potential problems impacting the campus computer systems. The cyber security response plan was initiated and classes cancelled. There's no indication any student or staff confidential, personal or financial data was compromised.</p>
<p>Attending college In the state will be more expensive in the fall</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/6/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Attending college in Wisconsin will be more expensive next fall, but tuition is remaining stable. The Board of Regents for the University of Wisconsin System is scheduled to approve a new budget for the 2018-2019 school year when it meets Friday. Student fees will go up by an average of 33 dollars-a-year and room-and-board</p>

				<p>would be bumped up by an average of 118-dollars. The budget plans don't include any tuition hikes at the systems two- or four-year schools.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reports early test results find no harmful chemicals after a spill of sludge last month. The problem started at the Hi-Crush mine when a bulldozer slid into a pond in western Wisconsin. People trying to rescue the equipment operator emptied 10-million gallons of water from that pond at a fracking operation. Thick sludge drained into the Trempealeau River and eventually reached the Mississippi. No fish kills have been reported and oxygen levels are good. The preliminary test results show "no immediate toxicity."</p> <p>A Rusk County judge set the</p>
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					<p>bond at 250-thousand dollars for Preston Kraft who made his initial court appearance yesterday. He's charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the May 18th shooting death of Robert Pettit near Conrath. Kraft was taken into custody after a five-day manhunt in northwestern Wisconsin. Investigators say surveillance cameras at the home caught the fatal shooting on video. If convicted, Kraft would spend the rest of his life in prison. And the Brewers try to salvage a split of their two game series with Cleveland today.</p>
No mining in Oneida Co.	News	6/7/a8	6a,7a,8a	1:30	No mining in Oneida County. In a nutshell that was the result of a public hearing last night. With new state law taking effect next

month, the Planning and Development Committee is in a rush to get an ordinance on the books pertaining to metallic mining rules. For decades mining companies have sought operations in the town of Lynne where a large ore deposit sits. The majority of the crowd wanted a ban on mining altogether. Those few in support pointed to the economic potential. The committee begins deliberations Monday with a decision from the county board in time for the July first deadline.

A 34-year old Minocqua man died in a one vehicle crash yesterday. The accident, just before 5:00 yesterday morning was reported just south of the city on Hwy 51 in front of Sleep Central. Aaron Coleman apparently lost

control, crossed the highway and rolled multiple times into the parking lot, stopping when it hit another car. He was thrown from the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

Work on the Hwy 51 project in Woodruff is ahead of schedule and the DOT is looking at saving nearly three months of time. The total reconstruction project began in April and was expected to be finished in October of next year. The work will improve the traffic flow as well as safety for bikes and pedestrians and replace old utilities.

Engineers say June of next year is possible.

Classes at NorthCentral Technical College in Wausau resume today following a computer security incident earlier in the week.

<p>State to receive money for new business</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/7/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The state of Wisconsin will receive 160-million dollars from Washington to expand Interstate-94 near the location of the new Foxconn Technology plant in Mount Pleasant. That's 86-million less than the governor had requested. Interested parties like the Transportation Development Association of Wisconsin are asking where the rest of the money is coming from. The widening and rebuilding project for I-94 is expected to have a price tag of about 500-million dollars. State officials hoped the federal money would cover about half of the expense.</p> <p>The DNR says more data must be collected to confirm the appearance the state's wolf population is stabilizing. Volunteer trackers put the winter wolf</p>
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count at between 900-and-950 animals. The official goal is 350. The U-S Fish and Wildlife Service says the data it is collecting could result in a formal proposal to remove wolves from the list of endangered species. They were off the list once before.

Even though the temperature in Appleton reached the 90s last week, there is still some snow remaining from the mid-April blizzard. Pictures have emerged of the dirty clump of un-melted snow in a parking garage in the city's downtown area. A reporter's photo shows it is still 12-to-15 inches deep in the shadows. When 21 inches fell nearly two months ago, snowbanks were piled up as the white stuff was plowed out of highways, driveways -- and parking garages. It cost the

					city of Appleton about 350-thousand dollars to clean up from the April blizzard -- nearly three the normal cost of a storm cleanup.
Oneida Co. delays mining talk	News	6/8/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Oneida County's Planning and Development committee delayed action on mining ordinances until Monday. The standing-room only crowd at a public hearing this week drew harsh criticism of metallic mining and several Native American representatives suggested court action to make sure it doesn't happen. The county has until July first to get plans complete before the so-called mining moratorium expires. The committee tabled the issue, stopping the meeting after more than three hours.</p> <p>The DNR is still looking into the cause of a weekend UTV crash that killed an</p>

Athens teen. 15-year old Tucker Westfall was one of three juveniles heading out to do farm work when the driver lost control, rolling the vehicle.

The Wisconsin Broadcasters Association will not host debates for Wisconsin's primary election for governor and U.S. Senate. Yesterday's cancellation announcement followed criticism over handling of the Democratic debate for governor, in which only four of 10 candidates were slated to take part. The WBA said it will instead focus on general election debates.

June is Dairy Month and several area communities are celebrating with their annual dairy breakfasts this weekend, each of them on Sunday. The Lincoln County breakfast is at the MARC

					<p>center in Merrill from 8-to-noon. Four Star Dairy in Neillsville has theirs from 7-to-noon and Langlade County's breakfast runs from 8-to-noon at the Maly Farms in Bryant. Also this weekend, beginning this afternoon, the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Wisconsin River Pro Rodeo opens at the festival grounds in Merrill.</p> <p>The Milwaukee Brewers division lead is down to a half game over the Cubs. Next up, Philadelphia.</p>
An Illinois couple to be in court on Monday for string of burglaries	News	6/8/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>A Monday court appearance in Jackson County is scheduled for an Illinois couple accused of committing a string of crimes. Thomas Budasz and Jennifer Keller were arrested during a traffic stop last Saturday. The Wisconsin State Patrol found a safe, bags of money,</p>

burglary tools, purses and wallets in their vehicle. While handcuffed, the two managed to escape and run across Interstate 94, but they were quickly captured. A six-year-old special needs child was turned over to the Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services.

House Speaker Paul Ryan says there's no evidence of any collusion between President Donald Trump's campaign and Russia. The Wisconsin Republican repeated the finding at a weekly news conference in Washington, one day after rejecting Trump's claims that the F-B-I used a confidential informant to spy on his campaign. Democrats have argued Republicans on a committee investigating the possible collusion have

				<p>ignored the evidence to protect the president. The Senate Intelligence Committee and special counsel Robert Mueller are continuing separate investigations. Meanwhile, President Trump is expected to come to Milwaukee later this month for a Republican fundraiser, then he will attend the groundbreaking for the Foxconn manufacturing plant. The Taiwan-based company has promised to hire 13-thousand workers.</p> <p>Nelson's County Market in Tomahawk is changing hands. The grocery store, in business more than 70 years, has reached a sales agreement with Trig's which operates six stores in northern and central Wisconsin. The sale is expected to be finalized in about two weeks.</p>
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Several fatal crashes over the weekend	News	6/11/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Several fatal crashes over the weekend. Late Friday a 911 call to the Oneida County Sheriff's Dept reported an ATV accident on North Lake George Road in the Town of Pelican. Investigators say 27 year old Kody Carlson of Rhinelander died when he lost control of his machine, leaving the road and hitting a tree.</p> <p>Saturday afternoon a motorcycle crash killed 51 year old Phillip Mattson of Merrill. The Lincoln County Sheriff's office reported the accident east of Tomahawk on Hwy D at Sunny Point Road. Mattson was traveling with a group when the bike hit a culvert throwing him off. He was not wearing a helmet as bystanders and a deputy performed CPR but he was pronounced dead at the scene.</p>
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Early yesterday morning another accident in Oneida County, this one in Three Lakes on Military Road shortly before two. A 23-year old Illinois man, who was a passenger was killed and 21-year old driver, also from Illinois, is hospitalized. The names have not yet been released.

Lincoln County Sheriff Jeff Jaeger announced his retirement earlier this year and now a second name is added to the list of candidates running to replace him. Pete Borchardt has been with the Merrill PD for 20 years and submitted nomination papers Friday. He joins Lt. Ken Schneider of the ballot for the general election this fall.

Residents in the Village of Weston are no closer to discovering what triggered a 30 working-day

					<p>suspension for Administrator Daniel Guild after another closed-door meeting last week, centering on performance evaluation.</p>
<p>Four people killed in plane crash in Green Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/11/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Four people were killed in a fiery plane crash in Green County. The Green County Sheriff's office says two teens, along with their mother and grandmother were on board a light aircraft yesterday and died when it crashed in a wooded area. Sheriff's officials say the plane was engulfed in flames when first responders arrived. The Federal Aviation Administration and an investigator with the National Transportation Safety Board are assessing the crash site. A witness called 9-1-1 when they saw and heard the plane</p>

descend and catch fire just after noon. The names of the victims have not been released.

Wisconsin businesses are hurting from tariffs imposed by Mexico, Canada, and Europe. Fifth District Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner heard from some of those business owners at a town hall meeting last night.

Companies buying steel and aluminum from Canada, Mexico, and Europe have been hit with a 25-percent tariff since June 1st. Some U-S trading partners have also put tariffs on a number of Wisconsin products, including Harley-Davidson motorcycles, cheese, yogurt, pork, cranberries, sweetcorn, ginseng, wood, boats, paper, and shoes. The Lincoln county recreation officer and a

					<p>local tow company helped a Tomahawk man last night after his pickup rolled into the water on Lake Nokomis. The man said he took several safety precautions while removing a boat near the Bradley Dam. Somehow the brake let go sending the truck into eight feet of water. It took about an hour to retrieve it and there's no word on damage.</p>
<p>Drunk driving charges have been referred to Oneida Co. DA</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/12/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Drunk driving charges have been referred to the Oneida County District Attorney's office following a fatal accident early Sunday morning. 23-year old Austin Lockwood from Illinois died when the car he was in left Military Road, just north of Allyn road in Three Lakes and crashed. The driver, 21 year old Eric Labahn, also from Illinois was hospitalized and faces charges of</p>

operating a vehicle while intoxicated and homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle.

Traffic on Hwy 51 over the bridge in Minocqua will be down to one lane beginning today until Thursday as the department of transportation completes some maintenance work. A nearly 4-1/2 acre stretch of Schofield Avenue in Weston is the approved site for a 48-unit apartment complex. A conditional use permit was approved last night by the planning commission for Premier Real Estate to break ground for the four, 12-unit buildings this summer. Each would feature two bedrooms and baths, attached garage, patio or balcony, upscale finishes and laundry. Rates of suicide are up across the country, including Wisconsin where

					<p>mental health care workers say more of the community needs to be educated and trained in a coordinated effort to recognize when someone may need help. The Marshfield Clinic Research Institute is taking part in a national study of Lyme disease and looking for participants. Eligible patients suspected to be in the early stages of the disease will provide blood and urine samples for the program and be compensated for participating. More information's available by contacting the clinic.</p>
Explosion at Green Bay asphalt	News	6/12/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Emergency officials say an explosion caused thousands of dollars in damages at Northern Asphalt in Green Bay. The Green Bay Metro Fire Department says crews responded to an explosion</p>

shortly after 4:30 yesterday. Firefighters arrived to find debris littering the road and parking lot around a conveyor belt feeding into a distribution silo. The covers on the conveyor were burning. Fire officials say plant employees attempted to keep the flames down with fire extinguishers until the firefighters arrived, and then helped firefighters remove the burning covers. The cause hasn't been pinpointed and no injuries were reported.

Newly released records say taxpayers spent six figures reimbursing Assembly lawmakers for trips out of state since 2015. The records were released late last week and say taxpayers covered 60 trips for Republicans, who control the state Assembly with 63 members, and 24

trips for the 35 Democratic lawmakers in the past three years. Various lawmakers took trips that included attending President Donald Trump's first address to Congress, a tour of a Texas prison, and witnessing Congressman Paul Ryan being sworn in as House Speaker.

The Marshfield Clinic will host a free open house at their new primary care facility in Rhinelander. The clinic is on the grounds of the existing Rhinelander Dental Center on the city's east side, operated by Family Health Center of Marshfield. On Tuesday, the 26<sup>th</sup> there will be tours, refreshments and a ribbon cutting ceremony

The Brewers and Cubs continue their three-game series tonight. And the Packers began mandatory

					minicamp today. The three-day camp runs through Thursday.
Merrill to eliminate business for widening of road	News	6/13/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Merrill's City Council last night approved cutting off a road to allow a business to expand. Breaman Merrill Ford sits on both sides of Cedar Street, which is an access point to the neighborhood behind it and they say it dangerous for employees having to cross the street between the two properties. The dealership plans to have a barrier allowing for additional service bays and more employees. It's been a hot topic for months and one more approval from the council is needed once the dealership finalizes their plans.</p> <p>Police in Stevens Point are looking for two men following an armed robbery early yesterday. The</p>

incident happened just after midnight on the 1800 block of Wyatt Avenue when a male victim reported being approached by two men, one with a handgun, demanding his personal belongings. They then fled. They're described as a white male between 16 and 18 years old, about 5'8", average build with medium length wavy hair. The other is a black male, same age about 6' with short hair. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Police in Point.

Assembly Republicans fended off – for now – concerns of a “blue wave,” as Town of Lodi Supervisor Jon Plumer defeated Lodi Common Council member Ann Groves Lloyd, with 53 percent of the vote in the 42nd District. But in the 1st state Senate District,

					Democrat Caleb Frostman, who heads the Door County Economic Corporation, defeated state Representative Andre Jacque of DePere, by about 800 votes. Frostman's win narrows the GOP Senate majority to just three seats.
The public has a chance to voice opinions of some subjects	News	6/13/18	12p,5p	1:30	The public has an opportunity to comment on draft changes to the proposed master plan at three Northwoods properties. The DNR is looking to modify the plans in response to requests to improve access including ATV and UTV use. Two of the properties, the Upper Wolf River Fishery and Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waterways Area would enable the department to maintain such vehicle access on designated short

trails to allow connecting with larger, regional trail networks. Other changes were also suggested.

Hearings will be held in Springstead next Tuesday and Antigo Wednesday. Comments are also being taken on the DNR website.

Seven people from northern Wisconsin were among hundreds in Washington, D.C., yesterday lobbying for market-based solutions to climate change. The delegation at the Citizens' Climate Lobby includes Ben Popp, the Executive Director of the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation, who spoke on a panel about the winter sports industry. "Obviously, it hit home for us, having the Birkebeiner cancelled just a

year ago," Popp said. Popp said races like the Birkie are an integral part of the fabric of northern Wisconsin and they want to make sure in the future, snow sports can still be enjoyed. The group is asking lawmakers to set aside partisanship and work towards climate solutions both parties can agree on. The bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus currently includes 39 Republicans and 39 Democrats, including one from each party in Wisconsin. Members of the delegation met with Republican U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy to ask him to consider

					joining.
Metalic mining in the news	News	6/14/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Wisconsin counties have two weeks to adopt ordinances for metallic mining, imposed by a new state law. The Oneida County Board meets Tuesday to vote on the recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee, which has been conducting public hearings. They also recommended an advisory referendum on the fall ballot to poll voters about whether or not to allow mining on county forest land. Specifically, land in the town of Lynne where a multi-million dollar deposit of zinc, lead, copper and silver has been sought after by mining companies for decades.</p> <p>Minocqua Police reported responding to a panic</p>

alarm at the Marshfield Clinic Tuesday. 70-year old Joseph Buza and 39-year old Jillian Buza, both of Eagle River were causing a disturbance, attempting to hold a care provider against her will and threatening harm. Clinic staff were able to subdue the pair until police arrived. The couple did possess a loaded firearm and were charged yesterday with false imprisonment, endangering safety with a dangerous weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, attempted battery and disorderly conduct. They're jailed on a \$250,000 cash bond. A convicted sex offender is set to be released to Lincoln County next month. 77-year old Thomas Burrows was convicted in the 60s of sexually assaulting a 17-year old babysitter by force,

					<p>among other assault charges. Having served his sentence he's due to be released July 7<sup>th</sup>, subject to lifetime GPS monitoring. A dual charter school program serving students with Autism will benefit from a \$100,000 commitment from Ascension Wisconsin. The Lakeland STAR schools open this fall in Minocqua.</p>
<p>Brendan Dassy case being delayed</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/14/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The U-S Supreme Court isn't saying why it will delay a discussion of the Brendan Dassey case. Dassey is challenging his life sentence in the 2005 murder of photographer Teresa Halbach in Manitowoc County. The high court's discussion is being rescheduled, but no new date was listed. Dassey's case was put in the spotlight by a Netflix series three years ago called, "Making A</p>

Murderer." He was 16 when Halbach was killed and he and his uncle, Steven Avery, were found guilty of first-degree intentional homicide. Dassey's attorney argues his confession was coerced.

A 24-year-old Wauwatosa man returned a bag of money because that's the way he was brought up. Justin Schiedemeyer was on his lunch break last Friday when an armored truck turned onto the street in front of him. One of its doors was open and a bag of four-thousand quarters fell into the street. Schiedemeyer stopped and retrieved the quarters as the vehicle drove away. He carried the 80-pound bag of quarters back to work and called the police.

Bloomer police report the

					<p>arrest of a 50-year-old suspect determined to get a meal at McDonald's before heading to jail. An officer tried to stop the car driven by Jack Rasmussen because there was an arrest warrant in his name. He refused to stop until he drove to the fast food restaurant and struggled with officers as he tried to get some food. He said he wasn't going to be handcuffed until he ate. He didn't get the hamburger. He could get seven years.</p>
<p>No formal reason given for sudden resignation of Antigo school administrator</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/15/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>No formal reason has been given for the sudden resignation of Antigo school administrator Dr. Colleen Timm. In the job only since last August, Timm informed the school board her last day would be June 30<sup>th</sup>. The district has been downsizing and has gone</p>

through five administrators over the last seven years.

The Illinois man driving an SUV that crashed, killing his passenger, was formally charged in Oneida County Court with homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle. 21-year old Eric Labahn is free on a \$10,000 surety bond, co-signed by his parents. The accident happened early Sunday morning on Military Road outside of Three Lakes. The vehicle left the road, striking a tree at high speed killing 23-year old Austin Lockwood, also from Illinois. Labahn is back in court July 9<sup>th</sup>.

A Wisconsin man is accused of sexually assaulting a 13-year-old girl after an old D-N-A sample identified him as the suspect. The girl was attacked on a Beloit street

					<p>18 years ago. The Wisconsin Department of Justice is trying to clear out the backlog of thousands of sexual assault evidence kits which had never been tested. Jason Smith is currently serving time for a sexual assault conviction from another case in 2005.</p> <p>Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel announced more school safety grants for 20 districts and private schools. More than \$1.3 million will be distributed, and in this area the Prentice school district will receive over \$81,000 and Stevens Point more than \$279,000. Most of the schools are downstate.</p>
Thousands of people without power in north central Wisconsin this morning	News	6/18/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	Thousands of people are without power this morning as WPS crews work to restore service as showers and storms continue over

north central Wisconsin. The storms causes flash floods in dozens of locations but none more severe than across northern Minnesota, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Dozens of massive sinkholes and washed out roads, including Hwys 2, 53 and 35 have cut off access to several communities. Over eight inches of rain fell in only a few hours. Houghton County, MI was particularly hard hit especially Lake Linden and Hancock where downtown streets collapsed.

The Oneida County Sheriff's office is working to identify a suspect following a sexual assault. Dispatch got the call Friday of a man entering a residence in the Town of Pelican and physically and sexually assaulting an elderly woman. Anyone with

information is asked to contact the department. The Rhinelander Chamber board of directors is expected to make an announcement this week on the sudden resignation of executive director Maggie Steffen, who's stepped down for personal reasons. Five people have been in the position in the last seven years.

The Special Committee on State and Tribal Relations begins meeting in the coming weeks. Chaired by Crivitz Republican Representative Jeff Mursau, the group is tasked to study issues relating to American Indian Tribes and bands in Wisconsin and develop recommendations and legislative proposals to address those issues. Several new laws have come from the committee the last two years, which is

					made up of eight legislators and ten public members representing the tribes.
Triple A says states gas prices shouldn't keep drivers off the roads this summer	News	6/18/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>The Supreme Court today sidestepped two major cases concerning partisan gerrymandering, allowing challenged maps in two states to stand for now. The ruling in a Wisconsin case dodges the question of whether courts can hear claims concerning partisan gerrymandering, but the justices did make it more difficult for challengers to bring such claims.</p> <p>Triple-A Wisconsin isn't expecting higher gas prices to keep drivers off the roads this summer. About one-in-every-25 Wisconsin gas stations is selling fuel at three-dollars-a-gallon or higher right now. No stations had pump prices that high in June of last year. The experts say</p>

Wisconsin drivers will spend about 65 dollars-a-month more for gasoline this summer, compared to last year.

A 47-year-old Superior woman is accused of stealing 35-hundred dollars from the liquor store where she worked. Amy Lynn Westman made a Douglas County Court appearance last week. Investigators say Westman voided sales transactions at Keyport Liquor to cover up the money she had taken and is charged with felony theft. The store's owner and general manager used its video security system to track down shortages they had noticed in the days' receipts.

While work progresses on Foxconn's 10-billion dollar plant in Mount Pleasant, the company will also be moving into its new

					<p>downtown Milwaukee headquarters. Foxconn's presence is expected to add 500 jobs to the area's economy. Another 13-thousand workers will eventually be hired for the huge plant near Interstate 94. President Donald Trump is scheduled to attend a June 29th groundbreaking ceremony. The new sign for the downtown building was unveiled Friday.</p>
<p>Gov. Walker calls for state of emergency for northern counties in the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/19/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Governor Scott Walker declared a state of emergency for Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas and Iron counties following the heavy weekend rains. The Radigan Dam on the Tamarack River collapsed yesterday damaging more than a dozen roads and bridges downstream, which are now closed to traffic. The severe storms dropped trees and power lines,</p>

				<p>caused mudslides, washouts and flash flooding, closing several major highways in Wisconsin and upper Michigan. One death has been reported. Investigators with the Oneida County sheriff's department continue working on a sexual assault reported last week in the Town of Pelican. The elderly victim is unable to provide a detailed description of the suspect and officials are waiting on the result of evidence being processed by the State Crime Lab. Deputies still seek help from the community with any information they may have. The Wisconsin National Guard is sending about two dozen troops to Arizona for added border security. Officials there asked for help and additional units are expected to be on site in the coming weeks. The</p>
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					<p>Wisconsin troops are volunteers from different units around the state, under state control and federally funded. President Donald Trump in April directed the U.S. Department of Defense to support securing the southern border. The Wisconsin deployment comes as Trump's administration is taking pointed criticism for separating children from families trying to cross the border illegally. The Wisconsin National Guard has supported southwest border security in the past, In 2006 then-President George W. Bush called Guard troops to the border for a two-year mission.</p>
Rhinelanders appoints new leader for the Chamber of Commerce	News	6/19/18	12p,5p	1:30	The Rhinelanders Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee wasted no time in

appointing a new executive director. Lauren Sackett was the event and program coordinator but takes over the top spot from Maggie Steffen who resigned last week. Sackett has been with the Chamber four years, starting as the visitor center coordinator in 2014 and has experience in all facets of the day-to-day operations. She's a Rhinelander native and knows duties as well as the membership. Board President Linda Krebsbach said Lauren looks forward to being a part of the next chapter in the Chamber. The U-S Supreme Court ruled against Wisconsin Democrats who challenged the way the state's legislative districts are redrawn after each census. The high court didn't give the definitive ruling the sides wanted. Many onlookers

were hoping the court would address the broader issue of gerrymandering, whether electoral maps give an unfair advantage to the political party in power. Attorney General Brad Schimel, says the ruling is "a win for the rule of law in Wisconsin."

State elections officials are making sure people register to vote ahead of the midterm primaries by sending out postcard reminders. Those reminders are going to all eligible voters in the state who aren't currently on voter rolls. Sending out those postcards is part of the commission's requirement to maintain voter rolls. You can register online, at your clerk's office, send something in by mail, or at the polling place on election day. You can register online

					at <a href="http://MyVote.WI.gov">MyVote.WI.gov</a> . The Partisan Primary election is August 14 and the General Election is November 6.
Metalic mining back on the news front	News	6/20/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	Getting under the state-imposed deadline to update ordinances pertaining to metallic mining, the Oneida county board approved the recommendations from its Planning and Development committee. Those supporting the measure believe the county is playing by the rules laid down by the state while critics maintain mining companies will have an easier time getting permits. The board also okayed an advisory referendum question this fall, asking voters whether or not they support mining in the Township of Lynne, an ore rich location mining

companies have been  
after for decades.  
An Arizona man gets prison  
time for his conviction in a  
2015 cyberattack that  
interrupted  
communications  
equipment for emergency  
workers in Madison. Randall  
Tucker of Apache Junction  
was charged with hacking  
into municipal computers in  
two Phoenix suburbs and  
attacking a site in  
Washington DC. He was  
also ordered to pay \$69,000  
in restitution in addition to  
his 20 month sentence.  
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communications officials in  
Madison were inaccessible  
or degraded in the attacks.  
Supported by police body  
cam video, Milwaukee  
Bucks player Sterling Brown  
is suing the city and its  
police department over his  
arrest and being tased for

					<p>being illegally parked. The incident last January was captured on video and police chief Alfonso Morales apologized to Brown. Eight officers were involved, all of them disciplined by the department.</p> <p>Preliminary numbers from the DNR show turkey hunters in the state took nearly 39,000 birds during the spring season. While the numbers are still being compiled, that's down significantly from the last two years when well over 40,000 birds were killed.</p>
Wausau based Riiser oil sold	News	6/20/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>Wausau-based Riiser Fuels will retain its name, even though the chain of convenience stores has been sold to a North Carolina company. There are 34 R-Stores in Wisconsin. The sale closed Friday ending local ownership of the chain 73 years after it</p>

was founded. Terms of the deal haven't been released. The new owner says the current 320 employees will keep their jobs. The investment group which made the purchase specializes in building regional chains of convenience stores. It says it plans to grow the chain with new locations in the Upper Midwest.

Foxconn Technology says its plans for a 30-million dollar water recycling system will cut the water intake at its massive plant by more than three-and-a-half-million gallons-a-day. It's called a "zero liquid discharge" system and the company says it will virtually eliminate the need to return wastewater from the L-C-D plant back into Lake Michigan. The wastewater will be distilled, recycled, recovered and re-used.

					<p>Foxconn is using a similar water system at another of its plants in Japan. The Department of Natural Resources has already approved a request to draw seven-million gallons of water each day for the plant. This new system will cut that by half.</p> <p>Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander celebrates generation past and present tomorrow with a ceremony marking 125 of service. Two events are planned with a mass in the Galleria of facility, led by the most reverent Bishop James Powers. Then, a prayer and memorial service honoring the founding sisters at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Cemetery.</p>
Border crossing families	News	6/21/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	Wisconsin's federal lawmakers reacted to new plans to keep families

				<p>together at the border and immigration reform. This follows an executive order from President Donald Trump allowing children to stay with their parent if detained. Congressman Sean Duffy said he's supporting a measure to allow kids to stay with their parents when apprehended at the border and increase border security. Senator Ron Johnson, along with 26 other GOP lawmakers introduced the Keep Families Together and Enforce the Law Act, making sure children are not separated during their legal proceedings. Democratic Senator Tammy Baldwin said the government should focus on solutions that fix the broken immigration system. House Speaker Paul Ryan introduced immigration</p>
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legislation that will be voted on today.

Work to upgrade the intersection of Hwys 8 and 47 in Rhinelander will be the subject of a public meeting next week. Tuesday night members of the Department of Transportation will layout plans for a roundabout, with work to begin in 2019. Officials says they'll be looking for input on alternatives during the reconstruction, mainly how to reroute traffic. The meeting begins at 5:30 at the City Hall.

As flood waters recede in northwest Wisconsin, state workers are out in force assessing damage and planning rebuilding efforts. Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas and Iron Counties all remain in a state of emergency while damage

					<p>assessments take place.</p> <p>Upper Michigan-based mBank will take ownership of the Lincoln Community Bank in Merrill this fall. They have branches in both Merrill and Gleason. mBank's locations will grow from 29 to 31.</p>
<p>Marshfield man up on drug charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/21/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Marshfield police say a man who runs a support group for addicts has been arrested on drug charges. Fifty-two-year-old Benjamin Hardy is scheduled to return to Marathon County Circuit Court later this month. He is accused of giving a woman hydrocodone while they were at a Marshfield church. Hardy is charged with felony delivering narcotics. He directs Crossroads to Recovery, a support group based in Marshfield which helps people who struggle with</p>

addiction.

They say they couldn't find work, so they committed burglaries to find items they could sell. Two Shawano County brothers face dozens of charges in a crime spree last year. Twenty-six-year-old Sanome Wheelock and his 20-year-old brother Wyatt are accused of a series of burglaries, thefts, and vandalism. The Wheelock brothers targeted cabins, campers, garages, and homes. Each is charged with 56 counts in the crimes committed in the Town of Aniwa, the Town of Hutchins, the Town of Seneca and the Town of Westcott. D-N-A on a cigarette butt was traced back to Wyatt Wheelock.

Milwaukee is one of three remaining finalists among

					<p>cities wanting to host the 2020 Democratic National Convention. The party's national committee named four finalists Tuesday, but Denver withdrew after pointing to scheduling conflicts. Emerging victorious over Houston and Miami Beach could mean 50-thousand visitors to the city and an economic impact of 200-million dollars or more. The D-N-C will send a group of officials to Milwaukee in August for a site visit. The final decision will be made in January. The brand new downtown arena is the centerpiece of Milwaukee's presentation.</p>
<p>A bomb threat at a Weston bank</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/22/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A bomb threat at US Bank in Weston closed part of Camp Phillips road south of Schofield Avenue yesterday. Everest Metro Police said a teller received a phone call shortly after 11</p>

from a man reporting a bomb was in the building, which was immediately cleared. Nearby businesses and an apartment building were also evacuated. The all clear was given after a couple hours. Authorities are working to find the origin of the call.

Motorized trails on the Park Falls and Great Divide units of the Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest are open again, following last weekend's storms. The trails have been closed while Forest Service crews assessed them for damage and removed downed trees. Overall there was little damage and are safe for driving. A closure order is still in effect for trails and portions of roads in the Washburn Ranger District. Emergency repairs are underway.

Democrat Andy Gronik ended his campaign for governor yesterday. The Milwaukee businessman and political newcomer said there wasn't enough support for him to continue. This leave nine Democrats in the run to unseat Republican incumbent Scott Walker. The frontrunner in the race is state school superintendent Tony Evers.

Meanwhile, Gov. Walker met with President Trump yesterday in Washington. It was part of a lunch meeting with other governors and the US Department of Commerce to discuss the opioid epidemic, the economy and workforce development issues. He also met with Secretary Wilbur Ross and Foxconn executive Louis Woo to talk about why companies

					should invest in Wisconsin.
Forest Co. drug task force looking into suspicious vehicle in Mole Lake	News	6/22/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>The Forest County Drug Task Force was notified of a suspicious vehicle in the Mole Lake area Wednesday. Investigators followed and surveillance placed on the vehicle to Crandon. A passenger had an arrest warrant through the Department of Corrections. 29-year old Akil Johnson from Milwaukee was taken into custody. During the traffic stop the smell of marijuana was noticed and the driver, 29-year old Dominique Pickens, also from Milwaukee was arrested, both charged with felony possession with the intent to deliver crack cocaine, possession of THC and drug paraphernalia. A Marshall, Wisconsin man is sentenced to prison. Prosecutors say Kyle Engen</p>

				<p>killed a man near the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point campus in March 2016 when a drug deal went bad. Engen reportedly planned to sell 72-hundred dollars worth of pot to Deonta Lezine of Racine and some friends. Lezine's group intended to steal the drug and attacked Engen inside a car and he managed to get free. When the car took off, he shot at it, hitting Lezine in the head.</p> <p>A Stevens Point-based group is one of two organizing a protest at the groundbreaking ceremony at the site of Foxconn on Thursday. 350 Stevens Point and Gaia Coalition Network sent a joint press release today stating they were organizing "Operation: Shake the Ground". The release states they are standing up against</p>
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					<p>corruption. The Taiwanese electronics giant plans to build a \$10 billion flat-screen manufacturing campus in Mount Pleasant in Racine County. The company has scheduled a June 28 ceremony at the site. The company began excavations in May.</p>
<p>Two teens die in fiery car crash in Florence Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/25/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two 16-year old girls died in a fiery crash Friday in Florence County. Isabella Burrows from Homestead was driving on Hwy N in Commonwealth Township that morning when she lost control on a curve, crossed over traffic, leaving the road, striking a tree and bursting into flames. Her passenger, Paige Raspor from Spread Eagle was also killed. The Florence School District and Human Services Department are providing assistance to family members and high school</p>

students.

Vilas County's Highway Committee approved heavier truck traffic to haul logs from the UP. The request came from the Lac Vieux Desert Chippewa tribe to remove timber from the former Simpson property in Michigan using Vilas County roads.

Wisconsin law allows rigs up to 80,000 pounds in weight while Michigan allows more than double that. Several conditions were set, including paying for any damage caused by the increased weight of the trucks.

A couple more area schools received school safety grants. After several high profile school shootings the state legislature approved the funds for schools to make security

					<p>upgrades. This round of funding totaled \$1.7 million to 14 districts including Phelps getting \$23,000 and DC Everest getting nearly a quarter million.</p> <p>Weatherwise, a comfortable start to the week until hot temperature return for the weekend.</p> <p>A couple big muskie tournaments over the weekend with Rhinelander's Brenden Garrigan and Ryan Hirman taking top honors in the annual Charlie Baker Tournament on the Moens Chain. In Eagle River's annual PMTT it was Brian Scheffer of Tomahawk and Sam Ubl of Mukonago taking first.</p>
A number of state schools to use gun shot sensors this school year	News	6/25/18	12p,5p	1:30	A number of Wisconsin schools will be using gunshot-detection sensors

				<p>when classes resume this fall to try to get police to respond more quickly to a mass shooting. The sensors are among various security upgrades schools are rolling out with grant money state lawmakers approved this year after the shootings in Parkland, Florida. Officials say the Kenosha Unified School District plans to use 384-thousand dollars of its nearly 900-thousand-dollar award to install sensors from New Mexico-based EAGL (eagle) Technology at its 43 schools. The system is designed to alert police within seconds of shots being fired and activate surveillance cameras near their location to livestream the scene to authorities. The sensors can also lock doors after gunshots. Senator Ron Johnson doesn't think the Trump</p>
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administration is responsible for the nation's immigration crisis. The Wisconsin Republican and chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee says the nation's current policy and legal precedent incentivizes illegal immigration. Johnson says he is considering sponsoring legislation to address the immigration crisis that would be in addition to existing policies that have not been voted on yet. He said his committee is in contact with homeland security officials and continues to provide oversight.

The groundbreaking for the Foxconn factory in Mount Pleasant is again scheduled for June 28th after being briefly pushed back by a day. President Donald Trump will be on hand for the event Thursday, along

					with Governor Scott Walker and Foxconn Chairman Terry Gou. This will be President Trump's first visit to Wisconsin since last June.
Gov. Walker is calling for the end of tariffs	News	6/26/18	6a,7a,8a	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker is calling for an end to tariffs across the board. This comes after the announcement that Milwaukee-based Harley Davidson would move some of their manufacturing overseas. The company has a plant in Tomahawk. Company officials said the tariffs would add over \$2200 to the cost of a bike.</p> <p>Medical marijuana is legal in 29 states. Wisconsin isn't one of them and the Marathon County board now wants an advisory referendum on the November ballot to consider legalizing it. The move is to put pressure on</p>

state lawmakers, who are the only ones that can approve its use, to do just that.

Incumbent state representative Rob Swearingen of Rhinelander announced he's seeking a fourth, two year term. The 34th district Republican pointed to his record of job creation, keeping taxes low, expanding broadband service to rural areas and increasing school funding, among other issues. This last term he chaired the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and was vice chair of the committee on Tourism. He's also served on the committee on Environment and Forestry, small business development and the state building commission. The general election is in November. State Senator Tom Tiffany praised the Department of

					<p>Transportation's commitment to the local bridge program for keeping costs in check and implementing policies that allowed more projects to be completed. Nearly \$90-million was approved in the budget helped fund all 183 bridge projects requested, including the highways O &amp; 86 bridge in Lincoln County. The Hazelhurst Republican said he supported additional dollars from the state because of the DOT's work.</p>
<p>Brendan Dassy prosecutor feels empathy in the case</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/26/18</p>	<p>12p,5p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The special prosecutor who sent Brendan Dassey and his uncle to prison for killing a freelance photographer says he has a great deal of sympathy for Dassey. The U-S Supreme Court decided it won't review Dassey's appeal of his conviction. Special prosecutor Ken Kratz says Dassey's family</p>

				<p>and attorneys gave him the worst possible advice. Had he accepted the original plea offering, Dassey would be eligible for parole in three years. Now, the 28-year-old inmate won't be eligible for release until 2048. Kratz wonders if the "advisors" who criticized law enforcement for the way it got his confession will now apologize to Dassey for mishandling his case. If a former Superior City Council member complies with the terms of his probation for four years, the felony charge against him will be reduced to misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Twenty-seven-year-old Graham Garfield was accused of pointing a loaded gun at his fiance in April 2017. The incident happened just a few days after he'd been re-elected to a second term on the</p>
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					<p>council. He resigned about two weeks later. Garfield will spend 30 days in jail after pleading no contest to a felony charge of recklessly endangering safety in Douglas County Circuit Court Monday. The Rhinelander Area Food Pantry made its building more accessible to patrons. Two significant improvements include paving and striping the parking area making wheelchair access easier and also helping people using carts to bring food to cars. Artwork on the front of the building freshened things up for both customers and volunteers.</p>
<p>As part of a plea deal a Hazlehurst will avoid jail time</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/27/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>As part of a plea deal, a Hazelhurst woman will avoid jail. 41-year old Rebecka Lohr had been charged with two felonies for not reporting the sexual assault</p>

of two children. She was dating David Teresinski at the time, accused of the crimes. She pleaded no contest to two misdemeanors yesterday in Oneida County Court and will spend two years on probation and undergo a mental health assessment. Meanwhile, the 59-year old Teresinski, of Three Lakes, faces felony counts for repeatedly assaulting a child. His jury trial is set for August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>.

Northland Pines High School Principal Scott Foster is the new administrator for the district. Already the assistant administrator, Foster replaces the retiring Dr. Mike Richie, in the position 15 years. He leaves June 30<sup>th</sup> of next year and will be working with Foster during that period.

Severe weather in southern Wisconsin yesterday spawned several tornadoes, two of them confirmed in Grant and Lafayette counties. Little damage was reported. The National Weather Service is investigating another twister that briefly touched down in Iowa County near Plattville.

With the warmer summer weather, the Oneida County Health Department is advising people to take steps to avoid tick and mosquito bites. Both insects carry a number of diseases, with Wisconsin among the top 20% of states reporting cases of Lyme disease in the country. The agency recommends EPA-approved repellents, wearing light-colored, long-sleeved shirts and long pants and take steps to

					control insects on family pets and around the home among other things.
Mosinee man going to prison	News	6/27/18	12p,5p	1:30	A Mosinee man is going to prison for 13 years after pleading guilty to charges of sexual assault and false imprisonment. Allen Jamroz was sentenced in a Marathon County courtroom Tuesday. He admitted locking a 20-year-old woman in a wooden box in his basement while sexually assaulting her. The woman says she is too frightened to have a relationship with anyone after the December 2016 attack. She had gone to Jamroz's home to visit his granddaughter. He asked her to help him with a project in his basement and used a stun gun to force her into the box and screwed it shut. The victim managed to escape hours later.

The DNR reports human error is to blame for the release of sewer water into the Wisconsin River last January. About 65-hundred pounds of anhydrous milk fat from the Kraft Heinz cheese plant in Wausau drained into the sewer and plugged it up when the material solidified. That led to three-point-seven-million gallons of sewer water flowing into the river. The human error involved a valve being set incorrectly during a production run. The cleanup cost the city more than 51-thousand dollars.

Chippewa County officials have 60 days to decide whether to grant permits for the expansion of a sand mine near Bloomer.

Chippewa Sand Company wants to expand its 142-acre operation to nearly 11-hundred acres of land.

					<p>People who live nearby worry about the impact on the drinking water supply and wildlife. The company says it wants to drain its contaminated storm and wastewater into a nearby stream.</p>
<p>Wis. Approves money for charter schools</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/29/18</p>	<p>6a,7a,8a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction approved 26 awards totaling more than \$17 million to plan, open or expand charter schools in the state. The Northland Pines School District was awarded over \$307,000 to open the Northland Pines Montessori Learning Center. During this last school year, Wisconsin had 234 charter schools, serving more than 42,000 students, one of the top in the nation in terms of charter school opportunities per capita. Four people were hurt in a traffic accident late</p>

yesterday afternoon near the Marathon/Shawano county line. The crash, on Hwy 52 at county HH near Aniwa involved two trucks, closing the hwy for about an hour. Another accident, this one on Hwy 51 just north of Hwy 8 around 1:00 resulted in minor injuries when a woman rolled her vehicle after leaving the road.

Health officials say tainted canal water appears to be the source of a national food poisoning outbreak linked to romaine lettuce. About 200 people were sickened and five people died. The illnesses were previously traced to romaine lettuce grown in Yuma, Arizona. Yesterday, federal health officials said the same E. coli was found in canal water in the area. They are still investigating how the bacteria got there.

					<p>Some food programs are concerned about potential new Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP restrictions in the Farm Bill passed by the U-S House. The bill would expand work requirements for those relying on SNAP and if it goes through, 23-thousand Wisconsin kids could be off food share. It's now in the Senate.</p>
Foxconn ground breaking	News	6/29/18	12p,5p	1:30	<p>President Donald Trump, Governor Scott Walker and many other dignitaries took part in Thursday's ground-breaking for the new Foxconn Technology plant in southeastern Wisconsin. Trump told the crowd what used to be a field 30 miles south of Milwaukee will become one of the largest developments ever built in the world. The Foxconn plant will include 20-million square feet of buildings.</p>

Thousands of construction workers will build the plant, which will eventually offer jobs to a workforce of about 13-thousand when manufacturing efforts begin.

Marathon County authorities are searching for a 60-year-old convicted sex offender who has removed his G-P-S tracking bracelet. Deputies say Floyd Romatowski cut off the tracker about a week ago and didn't report to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Romatowski also cut off a tracking device in 2010 and was on the run for almost a full week. An arrest warrant has been issued in his name. He is being supervised for the rest of his life after being found guilty of sexually assaulting a child.

Thousands of Minnesota

				<p>residents were without power this morning after storms rolled across the northern parts of the state. Lake Country Power crews were working to restore service to over 7,100 customers without electricity in many places on the Iron Range. Minnesota Power also reported over 1,900 people without power in the same area. Crews from both companies were out working to restore service. Strong to severe storms are forecast for northern and central Wisconsin beginning later tomorrow. First it's contending with hot and humid conditions.</p>
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