Problems/Programs Report WQPC/WPRE

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WQPC airs produced news reports at 7am, 8:00am, 8:30am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm. A community affairs/interview program airs weekdays at 9am.

WPRE airs produced news reports at 7:15am, 8:15am, 8:45, and 12pm. A community spotlight interview program airs at 10am.

A number of significant local news stories were covered. Some of the highlights include:

# **April**

Gov. Tony Evers proclaimed April as Safe Digging Month, raising awareness of the simple measures Wisconsinites can take to keep their communities safe this digging season. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) reminds residents and professional excavators to always contact the Diggers Hotline by phone at 8-1-1 or online at <a href="https://www.DiggersHotline.com">www.DiggersHotline.com</a> before they dig.

## -UW-Regents Raise State Tuition Rate

UW Regents say they are worried about the growing cost to get a college education, but almost every single one of them also voted to raise tuition at the state's campuses. The UW's five percent tuition hike passed Friday on a 15-1 vote. Only Technical College System President Rodney Pasch voted against the increase, saying those are real dollars that real students are going to have to pay. The five percent tuition hike is the first in a decade, and is earmarked mostly for raises and university employees. Students will see higher costs on their tuition bills next fall.

# -Light for All Seasons Named for April

Partners of Crossing Rivers Health has announced Kelly Mundt as the Light For All Seasons honoree for April. Kelly's name and photo will be featured on the monitor at the Main Entrance of Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center. His name will also be displayed on the Partners of Crossing Rivers Health website.

If you would like to know more about this program, information cards are available at the Main and North Entrances of the Medical Center and at Jerry's Gift Shoppe. Information is also available by contacting Iva Mulhern, at ijmulhern@mchsi.com or by calling 608 326-9062 Photos and donations are due the 15th of the month prior to the requested month

# -The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced the 2023-2024 Wisconsin's Fishing Regulations

These new regulations went into effect on April 1 and the DNR is asking you to review daily bag and size limits and season dates along with specific rules or regulations associated with the body of water they plan to fish. All license requirements apply.All residents and non-residents over 16 must possess a 2023-2024 general fishing license to fish in Wisconsin. Annual resident licenses cost only \$20, with information on additional options available on the Fishing Licenses webpage. Fishing licenses can be purchased online via GoWild, at a registered sales location or at DNR Service

Centers.

### -Spring elections take place across Wisconsin today. Other than the statewide

In The Supreme Court race, there are a few local contested races. There are three candidates running for two Prairie du Chien school board seats: Lonnie Achenbach, Nick Gilberts, and Byron Hardy. Three candidates running for two seats on the Seneca School board are Eric Grimsled, Mark Johnson, & Britney Joy. Five candidates are running for three open seats on the North Crawford School Board: incumbents Ed Heisz, Charissa Richter and Jesse Swenson , and challengers Cody Brockway and Mark . Fredelake. The top two vote getters will serve three-year terms, and the third place vote getter will serve a two-year term. Five candidates are up for three open positions on the Gays Mills Village Board. Candidates include Aaron Fortney, Josh Kasinkas, Larry McCarn, Kevin Murray, & Emily Swiggum Polling places are open until 8:00 o'clock tonight.

# 6-A Minnesota Man has been sentenced to More Than 24 Years in Federal Prison for Gun and Drug Convictions

32 year old Shawn Gaston of Fairmont, Minnesota, pled guilty on July 8, 2022, to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by a prohibited person, and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Evidence at the plea and sentencing hearings showed that from February 2020 through October 2021, Gaston and others distributed approximately 27 pounds of methamphetamine across Northern Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Gaston was sentenced to 295 months' imprisonment and must serve a term of five years' supervised release following imprisonment. There is no parole in the federal system. Gaston remains in custody of the United States Marshal until he can be transported to a federal prison. Several law enforcement agencies from Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin investigated the case including the Iowa-Grant Drug Task Force and the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

#### 12- Red Flag No Burn Warnings Issued

All burning permits have been suspended in Crawford County. No burning is allowed in Crawford County until further notice. Crawford, Grant, Vernon, Richland, Clayton, Allamakee, Fayette and Winneshiek counties are all a part of a Red Flag Warning until 8 pm this evening. A

combination of strong winds, low relative humidity, and warm temperatures can contribute to extreme fire behavior making burning extremely dangerous. You can find a list of each county's burning policies on the Wisconsin DNR website.

## 14- National Drug Take Back Day

National Prescription Drug Take Back Day is next Saturday, April 22nd. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office, Health & Human Services, ADRC, and Crawford County Emergency Management will be participating with several drop off locations at several communities throughout the County. Unwanted or expired medications can be taken to the fire stations in Wauzeka, Ferryville and Seneca next Saturday from 8am until noon, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Wal-Mart in Prairie du Chien. The Sheriff's office also has a drug disposal box that is open year-round. Ferryville will also have an Opioid Epidemic Presentation at 10am which will give you a chance to learn about the opioid overdose reversing medication NARCAN, and other basic opioid facts. You will also be able to take NARCAN home for free to keep in your first aid kit. Unused or expired medicine should never be flushed or poured down the drain. Water reclamation facilities are not designed to remove all pharmaceuticals and trace amounts are showing up in rivers and lakes.

# 17- Flooding Preparations Start in Prairie du Chien

With the Mississippi River expected to be at or near 20 feet by Friday, April 21, city and county officials are making preparations now for the high waters. The Prairie du Chien Correctional Institution will be filling sandbags starting today. The sandbags when filled will be stationed at the corner of N. Ohio St. and E. Washington Ave. The city and county are looking for volunteers who would be willing to place sandbags around the city and Crawford County. Please call 326-0266 if you would like to volunteer.

Tetanus shots are available to the public, for free, by contacting the Crawford County Health Department .The flood gate on Wells Street in Prairie du Chien will be closed when levels reach 20 feet. Traffic on the Mississippi River in Crawford County will be restricted, by order of Sheriff Dale McCullick and Mayor Dave Hemmer, once the river passes 19.5 feet.

# 18- The City of Prairie du Chien and Crawford County have issued a State of Emergency for the flooding along the Wisconsin and Mississippi Rivers.

The latest projections from the National Weather Service have the river reaching a level at or near 21.5 feet early next week. Sandbags have been filled and delivered to the location at the corner of East Washington Street. and North Ohio Street. The city and county are looking for volunteers who would be willing to place sandbags around the city and Crawford County.

# **20--Statewide Weather Testing Pushed Back**

You will hear the tornado sirens across Wisconsin tomorrow instead of today. Wisconsin

Emergency Management yesterday decided to postpone the test because there is a chance for storms in parts of the state later today. Emergency managers wanted to avoid any confusion. The sirens will sound tomorrow at 1:45 in the afternoon, and 6:45 in the evening. The test gives Wisconsin communities a chance to make sure their equipment and systems are working correctly.

# **24-Road Surfacing Construction Starting**

Preliminary work is scheduled to start today on the surfacing project on Highway 60 between Bridgeport and Boscobel. During construction, 60 will be closed and detoured utilizing US 18, and US 61. Highway 60 will be open to traffic with single lane closures starting August 31st.

Iverson Construction is the prime contractor for the project. The project is designed to resurface 10.9 miles of WIS 60 with additional improvements to include new pavement markings, storm and sanitary sewer and updated curb ramps. Project completion is scheduled for mid-October 2023 depending on the weather.

# -Crawford County Sheriff's Office Investigates Reports of Spray Painted Properties

The Crawford County Sheriff's Office received numerous reports of spray-painted graffiti on public and private property in Soldiers Grove on April 1st. A building, livestock trailer, tractor, road surfaces, road-signs, etc. were spray-painted with bright orange paint causing thousands of dollars of damage. An investigation determined that three juveniles from Viroqua were responsible for the vandalism and will be facing multiple counts of trespassing, graffiti, and / or destruction of property to include restitution for repairs. The Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Vernon County Sheriff's Office.

## 27-Crawford County Health Department Gives Safety Tips for Flooding

Crawford County Health would like to remind residents of important safety tips during and after the flood. Avoiding flooding areas, ensuring you have safe water, and cleaning up safely are important steps to keep in mind. Stay out of flood waters if possible. Half of all flood related drowning occur when a vehicle is driven into flood waters. It is important to not go into flood water to salvage personal items unless the water has receded and authorities have declared the area safe. The Health Department recommends that anyone who has or will work in flood water be vaccinated for Tetanus within the last ten years. If an injury occurs while working in flood water and the last Tetanus vaccination was over 5 years ago, it is recommended to receive a Tetanus booster at that time. Once flood water has subsided ensure you have safe drinking water. For those with municipal water, follow any directions given by your municipality regarding water usage. Private well owners should determine if their well has been affected by the flood and if so, assume the well is contaminated. Signs a well may be affected by a flood include: Floodwater came into contact or run over the top of the well, you notice changes in taste, smell, or color of water, or you have a shallow well and live near areas that have been flooded.

Do not drink or bathe in water from a private well that has been or is flooded. We recommend

that a private well be disinfected and then tested before consuming the water. Lastly, cleaning and sanitizing your household with bleach after flooding is important to help prevent the spread of illness and disease.

## 28- Train Derailment Investigation in De Soto

Federal authorities are investigating the cause of a train derailment that happened yesterday afternoon near DeSoto. Crawford County Emergency Management responded to the scene south of DeSoto that occurred at 12:15p.m. A BNSF freight train carrying hazardous materials, amongst other cargo, derailed on the tracks, causing two of three train engines to become derailed and an unknown number of cars to come off the track. Two of the cars came to rest in the Mississippi River. The cargo included lithium-ion batteries, oxygen containers, and paint. There were four BNSF employees who were transported to the hospital for medical evaluation. However, as a precautionary measure, Crawford County Emergency Management worked with the Crawford County Highway Department to shut down a section of State Highway 35 until the clean-up process can be completed. The cause of the derailment is currently unknown. BNFS and federal agencies are looking into the cause

### May

# 1- Crossing Rivers Health Removes Mask Requirement

Crossing Rivers Health in Prairie du Chien has announced effective today masking requirements for patients, visitors, and staff are being relaxed. Masks will still be required at the hospital and clinics for patients experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 seeking any type of care and staff providing direct care to patients considered to be at high risk of complications from COVID-19. Masks will still be available at entrances for patients and visitors to wear if they desire. Visitors are encouraged not to visit if they are experiencing any symptoms of illness. According to Crossing Rivers Health officials, Covid-19 community levels have stayed below high for several months, prompting the organization's change in masking requirements. Find more information, including current visitor guidelines and restrictions, at www.crossingrivers.org.

### -Richland Center Domestic Shelter Closes

A Richland Center domestic violence shelter has closed. A press Release from Passages, Inc. says the shelter will close for an indefinite period of time, saying they have struggled with staff retention over the past several months and is unable to provide services to those in need of 24/7 emergency shelter. Executive Director Shannon Roberts says their plan is to focus on enhancing staff sustainability and looking at increasing wages to retain qualified staff and new, innovative recruitment options. Passages will still be available for court & medical, youth, sexual assault services, housing, and domestic violence service advocacy. The Passages business office will remain open and staffed with advocates Monday through Friday from 8am-4:30pm. Survivors in need of shelter services can still call and an advocate will assist them with a safety plan and alternatives to the Passages' emergency shelter.

#### 2- Tractor Accident Leaves One Dead

A tractor accident has claimed the life of a DeSoto area man. The Vernon County Sheriff's office says it happened early Saturday afternoon on Amann Rd, just south of Hecks Point Road in Genoa. 64-year-old Steven Rybold was moving dirt on his property when the tractor he was operating went over an embankment. The embankment was approximately 30 feet high and the tractor overturned and pinned Rybold under the tractor at the bottom of the embankment. Rybold died at the scene of the accident.

## -May Lights of All Seasons Named

Partners of Crossing Rivers Health has announced that Keith Kozelka and Darlene Wolfgram are the Light For All Seasons honorees for May. Their names and photos are featured on the monitor at the Main Entrance of the Medical Center, as well as the Partners website and Facebook page. If you would like someone honored in this special way, forms are available at the Main and North Entrances of Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center, outside of Jerry's Gift Shoppe, or by contacting Iva Mulhern, ijmulhern@mchsi.com or call (608) 326-9062. Please submit names, photos and donation by the 15th of the month prior to the requested month

# 3- Gay Mills Man Injured in Crash

A Gays Mills man was seriously injured when he crashed his pick up truck on Sunday, April 23rd. The Crawford County Sheriff's Office says 25 year old Cole Mickelson was operating a pickup northbound on State Highway 131 and lost control of the truck overturned into a field. Mickelson was ejected from his truck and sustained serious injuries. He was taken by ambulance to Vernon Memorial Hospital, then air-lifted to Gundersen Health in LaCrosse. Mickelson was cited for operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, operating with a suspended driver's license, failure to keep vehicle under control, and not wearing a seatbelt.

# -State Highway 35 Still Closed Due to RailRoad Derailment

Crawford County Emergency Management says State Highway 35 south of the Village of Desoto, remains closed until the Wisconsin Department of Transportation can approve roadway inspections for safe usage. Motorists should continue to use the detour routes until further notice. Crawford County Emergency Management says that it is currently out of the control of the Crawford County Highway Department to reopen the roadway, and is the responsibility of the Wisconsin DOT as BNSF crews have completed their clean-up process from the train derailment that happened last Thursday. Any inquiries at this time should be directed to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

### 8-Traffic Stop in Bridgeport Leads to Drug Arrest

A traffic stop led to a meth arrest early Wednesday morning in Crawford County. A deputy with the Crawford County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop on a car for illegible registration plates on Selch Avenue near US Highway 18 in the Township of Bridgeport. The operator of the vehicle, 40 year old Joshua Osterhaus of Eastman, was observed by the deputy moving excessively in the vehicle and exhibited signs of nervousness. Osterhaus admitted to moving a handgun from the passenger side of the vehicle to underneath the driver's seat during the stop. The Crawford County K9 Unit was brought in and a search turned up methamphetamine, methamphetamine paraphernalia, and a schedule 2 controlled substance. Osterhaus was placed under arrest for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of a schedule 2 controlled substance.

#### -Platteville Man's Death Ruled as Accidental

The Grant County Coroner's Office has ruled the death of Ronald Henry as accidental. Henry went missing near Platteville on December 5th of last year. His body was found on March 5th. The coroner said that Henry died of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold temperatures with methamphetamine use as a contributing factor. Although the Coroner's Office has ruled the death accidental, the Grant County Sheriff's Office will be meeting with the Grant County District Attorney's Office to review the investigation.

## 9-No Active Shooter at Stoddard Elementary School

The Vernon County Sheriff's Office received a report of an active shooter at the Stoddard Elementary School. As officers were responding, it was determined that there was no active shooter at the school and there was NO threat at the school. Officers responded very quickly and as a precaution, they are contacting each school in the area.

## 12- De Soto Man Seriously Injured in Crash

A DeSoto man was seriously injured in a crash on State Highway 35 just south of De Soto Wednesday afternoon. The Crawford County Sheriff's Department says 80 year old Eugene Reinhardt of De Soto, was driving north on 35 and collided into the rear-end of a construction truck operated by 45 year old Judd Frye of Rio, Wisconsin. Frye was preparing a section of the highway for repainting. Reinhardt sustained life-threatening injuries and he was airlifted to Gundersen Health in La Crosse. Frye sustained minor injuries.

# 18- Boscobel Police Investigate Murder Suicide

The Boscobel Police Department is investigating an apparent murder-suicide. Police Chief Jaden McCullick says the department was called to a residence in Boscobel at around 7:00 Thursday morning where two individuals were believed to be deceased. When officers arrived at the residence it was confirmed there were two deceased males, ages 32 and 58, inside the residence. Officers determined the two males were father and son, both from Boscobel. Both males died as a result of gun shot wounds in an apparent murder-suicide incident. McCullick says this was an isolated incident, and there is no threat to the community. Additional

information will be provided when the investigation is complete, and notifications are given to the affected families. The Boscobel Police Department was assisted on scene by members of the Grant County Sheriff's Office and the Grant County Coroner.

#### 20- Names Released in Murder Suicide

The Boscobel Police Department has identified the father and son who died in a murder-suicide in Boscobel earlier this week. 32 year old Christopher Mezera, and his father, 58 year old Russell Mezera, both of Boscobel, died from gunshot related injuries. Officers determined Christopher and Russell were both seated in an enclosed porch area of the home on Wednesday night, May 17th. At some point during the night, Christopher fired two rounds at Russell, striking him once in the chest. Christopher then turned the gun on himself and took his own life. A motive is not known, and alcohol is believed to be a factor.

## 23- Richland Center Man Charged with 6th OWI

A Richland Center man was charged with his 6th OWI after a crash on Saturday near Boscobel. The Grant County Sheriff's Office says they received a report of a crash on County Highway T in Hickory Grove Township. A short time later, the Sheriff's Office received a second call involving the same vehicle being driven backward down Highway T and was using both lanes of traffic. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver of the vehicle, 44 year old Isaac Blickem-Arbegust of Richland Center was heavily intoxicated. Blickem-Arbegust was placed under arrest for OWI 6th offense and a Parole hold. Blickem-Arbegust remains in custody at the Grant County jail without bond.

# **25-Gays Mills Business Receives DATCP Grant**

A Gays Mills business is one of 10 in Wisconsin to receive a DATCP Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin grant in 2023. American Hazelnut Company in Gays Mills will receive the grant to enhance processing, update product labels to improve brand integrity and recognition, and diversify product lines. Since its inception in 2008, 571 applications have been submitted for Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin grants, requesting a total of more than \$19.8 million in funding. Previous grant recipients have generated more than \$13.89 million in new local food sales, created and retained more than 406 jobs, and benefited more than 4,800 producers and 4,972 markets. For more information on DATCP's Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin Grants, visit DATCP's website.

# 30- 6.8 Million Dollar Contract Signed for Highway 27 Project

Governor Evers recently signed a \$6.8 million contract to resurface Highway 27 between South of County C in Fairview and Brookeville Road in Viroqua in Vernon and Crawford counties. Work is scheduled to begin June 5. Mathy Construction is the prime contractor for the project, which is designed to replace deteriorating pavement along the project corridor. Additional improvements include inlet and culvert replacement, and guardrail replacement. During

construction, WIS 27 will remain open for the majority of construction under flagging operations, but will be closed June 7 – June 30, weather dependent, for culvert replacement. Project completion is scheduled for mid-September.

#### June

#### 2- Baraboo Man Arrested in Connection to a Richland Center Murder Case

The Richland County Sheriff's Office made an arrest in the death of a man that was considered to have "suspicious circumstances." The Richland County Sheriff's Department says 61-year-old David Harp of Baraboo was arrested on a count of first degree reckless homicide and is currently in the Richland County Jail on a \$250,000 bond. The man whose death is being investigated was identified as 54-year-old Corby Neef of Pardeeville, whose body was found dead at the Bunker Hill campground on May 25th around 9:30 a.m.

# 8- Lancaster Man Injured in UTC vs Pickup

A Lancaster man was seriously injured when his UTV was struck by a vehicle on Thursday of last week. The Grant County Sheriff's Office says the crash happened on County Road A near Buckwheat Ridge Road. 61 year old Kent Winkers of rural Lancaster had just gotten his mail and turned into the path of a pickup driven by 63 year old Kevin Campbell of Bloomington. The pick up struck the passenger side of the UTV, causing Winkers to be ejected. Winkers was airlifted to UW Health in Madison with life threatening injuries. Campbell was not injured in the crash

# 9- Southern Wisconsin In Drought Conditions

Most of southern Wisconsin is officially in a drought. U.S. Drought Monitor moved most of the southern part of the state into a moderate drought yesterday. Forecasters say 88 percent of Wisconsin is too dry, and 25 percent of the state is officially in a drought. The moderate drought zone goes all the way across Wisconsin, from Milwaukee to the Mississippi River.

**14- Congressman Van Orden Pushes for More Rail Inspectors**Congressman Derrick Van Orden is pushing to add more federal rail inspectors. Van Orden yesterday introduced a plan that would spend three million-dollars to add 15 new inspectors. He says having enough rail inspectors is key to preventing, and getting answers about train derailments. Van Orden said a lack of inspectors is one reason why we still don't have answers about the derailment that happened in DeSoto back in April.

#### 16- Crawford County Health Departments Starts 9 Week Program

Get motivated and stay active! Registration is now available for Crawford County on the Move, a 9-week walking group program taking place in Soldiers Grove, Gays Mills, Seneca, and Prairie du

Chien. Starting the week of July 9th, participants will meet weekly for a short health education piece and a group walk. Daily walking logs and weekly tips will also be provided. Registration to participate is free and so are the T-shirts!!Crawford County on the Move is sponsored by Crossing Rivers Health, Gundersen Prairie du Chien Clinic, Prairie du Chien Lions Club, SportsWorld, Vernon Memorial Healthcare, gomacro and Crawford County Public Health.

#### 19- Welfare Check Ends with One Dead

There are questions to answer about a welfare check that ended with a deadly officer-involved shooting. It happened Friday evening in Vernon County. The sheriff says deputies were sent on a welfare check in Genoa, when they saw the person they were sent to check on drive away from their house. The deputies stopped that person, but that person then sped off, dragging one of the deputies. It's unclear whether the deputy who was being dragged shot and killed the driver, or if it was another deputy. Neither of the deputies were hurt. The state's Department of Criminal Investigation is now handling the case.

21- Two Traffic Stops Lead to Drug Arrests \Two separate traffic stops in Crawford County led to drug arrests last week. In the first incident on Wednesday, June 14th K9 Diego detected drugs during a stop in pdc and a search turned up a plastic baggie containing methamphetamine and a methamphetamine smoking device. 41 year old Tarance Jackson of Mt. Hope was arrested on charges of possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of probation. The next day a traffic stop turned up heroin, methamphetamine, a smoking device and a digital scale. The vehicle was being operated by 41 year old Kimberly Spears of Genoa. Her passenger, 37 year old Steven Parker of Onalaska was arrested and charged with possession of meth, heroin, and marijuana. Spears and Parker will be referred for charges of child endangerment, as there was also a juvenile in the vehicle. The Sheriff's Office is also looking for a stolen Jet-Ski, which was reported stolen from a property on Falling Rock Road in the Township of Eastman. The jet-ski is a red, white, and black 2003 Honda Aquatrax displaying an identification number of IA3872B and was on a black Shorelander trailer displaying an lowa license plate. The jet-ski was stolen sometime between Sunday, June 4th, and Friday, June 10th.

## 26- More Details Released on the Officer Involved Shooting

More details have been released regarding the incident in Genoa that occurred last weekend. A little before 6pm Vernon County Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a residence near Wisconsin Highway 35 and Gianoli Road in Genoa for a welfare check. When deputies arrived, 61 year old William Boardman was departing the home and the deputies made a traffic stop a short distance from the residence and Boardman turned off his vehicle. During the traffic stop, Boardman turned on his vehicle and began to drive away at a high rate of speed with Vernon County Sheriff's Deputy Jonathon Brown standing on the running board of the vehicle. Deputy

Brown gave repeated commands to stop the vehicle, which Boardman ignored. Deputy Brown then discharged his firearm, striking Boardman, who was pronounced deceased on scene. Vernon County Sheriff's deputies were wearing body cameras during this incident and No law enforcement officers were injured. Brown has been placed on administrative assignment. DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over investigative reports to the Vernon County District Attorney when the investigation concludes.

# 30- Richland Center Man Arrested After Swinging an Axe at Officers

A Richland Center man has been arrested after reports were received by Richland County Dispatch that a man was observed swinging an axe while walking in Richland Center on Wednesday. Richland Center Police Chief Billy Jones says Officers responded to the area and located 38 year old Travis Martin near the corner of South Church Street and East South Street. Martin ran from officers while throwing machete knives at the officers. A taser was deployed and Travis Martin tripped and fell. He was taken into custody without further incident. Martin was searched, and a total of 5 machete knives were recovered along with a single blade axe, that were either on his person or thrown at officers during the incident. Officers also learned that Martin struck multiple vehicles with his axe prior to having contact with Law Enforcement.

In addition to the coverage of significant news stories and community issues, WQPC/WPRE continued to broadcast interviews with local and regional elected officials, candidates, including (but not limited to):

Interviews with people from various departments, such as:

Kristian Clauer – Passages program for individuals affected by domestic violence and sexual assault.

Justin Oswald & Cody Mullikin - C4 Car Cruise/Show

Prairie du Chien Street Superintendent Nick Gilberts - City Compost Site Extension & Cleanup Event

Chad Abram - Eagles Club Fundraiser for softball team

Wisconsin Congressman Derrick Van Orden

Mike Ulrich – Prairie du Chein parks and Rec Dept. update

Dawn Adams Crawford County Public Health - Health And Wellness Fair

Wisconsin State Sen Brad Pfaff

Jim Hackett & Mark Myre – Crawford Co. Emergency Management Severe Weather Awareness Week

Patty Bailey - 350th Anniversary of Marquette & Jolliet expedition

Donna Teynor - Crawford Co. Master Gardeners "Lawn Chair Learning" series

PDC City Administrator Chad Abram – PDC Common Council meeting recap

Sasha Dull - Crossing Rivers Health 5k run/walk

Kelli Boylen - Friends Of Yellow River State

Jaaron Riebe - Pdc Fire Department fundraiser

Pam Kul Berg - ADRC Memory Care/Alzheimers event

Jeremy Schellhorn - Monona Fire Department Junior Ranger program

Darcy Jelinek - North Crawford FFA Car Show

Taylor Schaefer – Wisconsin Alice In Dairyland

Dee Baker – La Riviere Riders Benefit Event

Emily Pedley-Fecht - Hoffman Hall Recreation center Events

Mary Sweezey - Community Health Services Foundation Fundraiser

Bobby G Rice - Wisconsin River Trail Organization Fundraiser

Ole Peterson - Special Olympics Disc Golf Fundraiser

PDC Police Chief Kyle Teynor - Cops On A Rooftop Fundraiser

Tom & Boston Jones - Boscobel Sesquicentennial Event

Asjia Achenbach & Erin Nolan - Crawford Co Dairy Royalty

Brianna Mulikin & Misty Johnson - "Hooking For Hope" Cancer Fundraiser Fishing Tournament

Alan Flansburgh - Crawford Co Dairy Breakfast Host

Ryan Nesbit, Lacie Anthony & Adrienne Udelhoven- QPR Suicide Prevention

Brandi Crozier/Mel Wild – Mc Gregor Museum

Dairy Breakfast Committee - Crawford Co Dairy Breakfast

Elizabeth Byers Library Summer Reading Program

Amy Mitchell – Crawford County 4h Youth Coordinator

Troy Morris - Grant Co Rural Safety Day

Andy Pink - Grant Co Dairy Breakfast

Michael Douglas, Tammy Katzung, & Carol Roth - 350th Anniv. of Marquette & Jolliet expedition

Donna Teynor - Crawford Co. Master Gardeners Kids In The Garden Program

Todd Berry – PDC Airport Event

JoeAnn Tesar Delicious Night Of Entertainment

Dan Schickert – PDC Hoppers Legion Baseball Alumni Game

Boscobel Fire Department - 4th Of July Event

Bobbie Jo Goifus & Mark Myre - Bagly Independence Day Celebration

Jon Hamann - Hamann's Helping Hands Fundraiser for Christmas Gifts for Mayo Clinic Patients

Jim Showen - Stump Dodger Bash Benefit For "WHEEL Of Todd"

Roby Fuller - ADRC Nutrition Program

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