

Issues/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:

July

1-ATV Riders Can Drive on Iowa Roads

Starting today, ATV and UTV users will now be able to ride in any of Iowa's 99 counties, with a few restrictions. ATVs will be allowed on the roadway which is a vehicle that can be straddled by a single rider, while a UTV is designed with a cabin for multiple riders. Drivers will need to keep these rules in mind: ATVs and UTVs have a speed limit of 35 mph; All ATVs and UTVs must have operational headlights, tail and brake lights, horn and rear view mirrors. They must be operated by a person who is at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license and carrying valid proof of insurance.

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-DNR Remind Safety on the Water

The DNR reminds boaters to keep safety top of mind before casting off this Fourth of July holiday weekend, one of the busiest times of year for Wisconsin waterways. The public will see more DNR conservation wardens and local law enforcement on high alert for anyone under the influence as part of the annual national Operation Dry Water Campaign July 2-4. Alcohol use is a leading factor in recreational boating fatalities, and nearly 80% of fatal boating incidents involve drowning.

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6- Free Nitrate Testing at Farm Technology Days

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources announced the department is once again providing free well screening for nitrate at Farm Technology Days July 12-14. Nitrate is the most common health-related contaminant found in Wisconsin's groundwater. The DNR will offer free on-the-spot screening. Results will be available in only a few minutes. If you want to have your water screened, bring one cup of well water in any clean container to Booth 485.

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-Power Outages Due to Heavy Rain

The area received several inches of rain last night as storms made their way from South Dakota, through Iowa and into Wisconsin. Flash Flood warnings were in effect for Grant County until early this morning. Monona reported 3.8 inches of rain with Marquette and McGregor reporting 3.4 inches. Just over 2 inches fell at the Prairie du Chien airport. The National Weather Service says that Lancaster and Boscobel each reported about an inch. Several residents were without power last night as storms passed through Central and eastern Iowa. There were also multiple reports of wind damage throughout the state. A tornado was reported east of Winthrop in Buchanan County. It was on the ground for a short time.

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8- Governor Evers Appoints New Iowa County District Attorney

Gov. Tony Evers today announced his appointment of Zachary Leigh to serve as Iowa County District Attorney. Gov. Evers' appointment fills a vacancy created by District Attorney Matthew Allen's election to the Iowa County Circuit Court. Leigh will serve for the remainder of the unexpired term that ends January 2025.

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11-StandOff in Richland County

A standoff early Friday morning resulted in an arrest in Richland County. Richland County Sheriff Clay Porter says they received a 911 call at about 12:30 Friday morning 911 of a man who had gained access to his ex-girlfriend's house on Catherine Street in Orion Township. The caller stated he was acting crazy and shot at a vehicle that had pulled into the driveway. The caller was able to lock him out when he shot at the vehicle but the man, identified as Jonathon Scott, was able to force entry back into the residence. Richland and Grant County Deputies along with Muscoda Police were unable to coax Scott out of the home. The female victim was able to safely exit the residence. The Richland County Special Response Team was activated and after over two hours of attempts to negotiate and request Scott to exit the residence, gas munitions were deployed into the residence. Shortly after, Scott started appearing in windows and then exited the door unarmed and was safely taken into custody.

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12-Wisconsin Land Fills

The Department of Natural Resources is saying people are throwing away so much wasted food it is filling up Wisconsin's landfills. State officials estimate that 20 percent of everything at the dump is basically wasted food. D-N-R Solid Waste Coordinator Casey Lamensky tells W-A-O-

W/T-V that the decisions you make at home have a big impact as officials work on the food waste problem. He says most of the food was still edible as it was tossed out. That leads to an effort to get people to reduce, reuse, and recycle – through activities like composting.

18 -DMV offers information on obtaining an ID to vote in the Fall Primary

Ahead of the Wisconsin Fall Primary on August 9, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) reminds voters how to obtain identification, free of charge, that is valid for voting.

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20-Allamakee County Fair Royalty Crowned

The 2022 Royalty was crowned Tuesday at the Allamakee County Fair. This year's Queen is Rhianna Jones, daughter of Eric and Liz Jones of Lansing. Cheyanne Troendle was crowned Princess. She is the daughter of Darrell and Amy Troendle of Waterville. This year's other candidates included Maycie Curtin, daughter of Trampes and Lisa Curtin of Waukon; Mackenzie Kaeser, daughter of Kristie Welch and Mike Kaeser of Waukon; and Claire Opperman, daughter of Amy Opperman.

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25- Fatal Motorcycle Crash

A Waukon is dead as the result of a crash Friday evening near Waukon. A motorcycle driven by 41-year-old Matthew Joseph Sweeney was traveling northbound on Rossville Road and struck the rear end of a passenger car that was also traveling northbound. Sweeney was thrown from the motorcycle and was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver of the passenger car was uninjured in the accident. The accident remains under investigation by the Allamakee County Sheriff's Office.

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-City of Viroqua Parking Lot Under Construction

The City parking lot located on the northwest corner of Rock Avenue and Court Street will be resurfaced to repair the poor condition of the asphalt surface. Mathy Construction notified the City that the asphalt paving work will begin on or after July 28th. It is anticipated the parking lot will be closed for 2-4 days starting midnight July 27th. The City appreciates your patience during this process and understands the challenges closing this lot for construction creates. The City parking lots at Rock and Jefferson, and Main Street between Hwy 56 and Court will remain open during this time, as will regular street parking outside the construction zone.

August

1- August Light for All Seasons

Partners of Crossing Rivers Health have announced Max Gilberts and Robert A. Waller as the honorees for the August Light for all Seasons. Their names and photos will be displayed on a monitor at the Main Entrance of the Medical Center. Names of the honorees will also be featured on the Partners of Crossing Rivers website and on Facebook.

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-Gov. Evers, DHS Announce Wisconsin Vaccinators Have Administered 10 Million Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine

Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services announce that more than 10 million doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in the state of Wisconsin, including over 2.5 million additional and booster doses. More than 60% of all Wisconsinites have completed their COVID-19 vaccine series and 35% have received an additional or booster dose.

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3-Lawn Ordinance Reminder

Lawns are looking shorter this summer in Lancaster as the city's Public Works Department gives friendly reminders to residents about an ordinance in the city concerning tall grass and noxious weeds. The public works director's report in May and June has included the "tall grass and weeds notices." Public Works Director John Hauth told the Lancaster Common Council in June that he contacted 10 residents in May about tall grass or noxious weeds, while in June he made another 20 contacts. Hauth says he thinks the ordinance is pretty generous and the city tries not to be heavy handed. Hauth says he looks for properties that are not in compliance or when complaints are received. He says the ordinance concerning tall grass says the city will contact residents if the grass is 12-inches or taller. He says usually property owners take care of it right away, and added that none of them said the cost of gasoline is the reason they haven't mowed their lawn.

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4- Richland County Deputy Arrested for Sexual Assault of a Prisoner

Thirty-one-year-old Timothy Buckley has been placed on administrative leave. A charge of second-degree sexual assault is expected to be filed. W-K-B-T/T-V reports the Wisconsin Department of Justice is handling the investigation. Buckley has been a deputy in the county for just over a year. Sheriff Clay Porter asked for the independent investigation to see if there are additional victims in the jail.

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8- Herb Kohl Scholarships Open

the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation announced that applications for the 2023 Herb Kohl Education Foundation Excellence Scholarship can be submitted. A total of 100 students will be chosen to receive \$10,000 scholarships from among all applicants throughout the state. Application materials can be found and submitted at [KohlEducation.org](https://www.kohleducation.org). Completed online applications are due by 5 p.m. on Nov. 8, 2022.

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10- Primary Election Result Announced

Democrat Mandela Barnes won the right to oppose Republican incumbent U-S Senator Ron Johnson in the November general election. Republican Tim Michels edged former Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch by about 30-thousand votes in the primary that determined who will meet Democratic Governor Tony Evers in the fall.

Jayne Swiggum won the Democratic nomination for the 96th Assembly and will now face Incumbent Loren Oldenburg in November. Swiggum carried Vernon County 1547-809 but in Crawford County, Eastman native Mark Fritsche had 823 votes to Swiggum's 784. Oldenburg handily defeated his challenger Holly Ottsen-Liska.

Brad Pfaff won the Democratic nomination for Wisconsin's District 3 congressional seat. In Crawford County Pfaff got 1038 votes and the next closest was Rebecca Cooke with 226. Cooke actually carried Grant County 1,112 votes to Pfaff's 608. In a much-anticipated race, Pfaff will face Republican Derrick Van Orden in November. Van Orden was unopposed for the Republican nomination.

In one other local race, Nancy Dowling defeated Lisa Miller for the Democratic nomination for Crawford County Clerk of Court. There were no candidates for the Republican nomination for that seat.

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15- Fire Fatality in Guttenberg

A body was recovered from a mobile home fire near Guttenberg late Friday night. The Guttenberg Fire Department responded to the fire at 38080 Great River Road at about 11:30pm. The body was found by firefighters after bringing the fire under control. The victim was transported to the Iowa State Laboratory in Ankeny for identification and to investigate the cause of death. No names are being released at this time.

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18- An arrest has been made after the death of an Iowa man last spring.

The LaCrosse Tribune says that on May 9th, the Lansing/New Albin Police Department responded to a medical call of an elderly man unconscious and not breathing. When officers arrived on the scene, it was determined that 83 year old Daniel William Lundy was deceased. A death investigation was initiated and an arrest was made Wednesday. 67 year old Andrew Raymond Karvel was charged with murder in the first degree and is being held in Allamakee

County Jail without bond.

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22-Heavy Fire Damage in Lancaster

Authorities say heavy fire damage was done to the Premier Co-op in Lancaster Saturday morning. Firefighters from Lancaster, Fennimore, and Potosi plus police and E-M-S, were called to the scene just after 4:30 a-m. No injuries were reported. The building was described as “fully involved” as fire crews arrived on the scene. The fire was quickly contained and two adjacent buildings were protected. Investigators are trying to determine what caused the fire that started in a storage building

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24-Drink Water Assessment for the Village of Cobb

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced the village of Cobb is an applicant for funding through the Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP) to improve its public drinking water system. The project includes the replacement of water mains on Clifton and School streets in the village of Cobb.

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30- Gundersen looking for Participants in National Health Research Initiative

Gundersen Health System is partnering with the All of Us Research Program to gather patients in an effort to improve health across the country. All of Us is asking 1 million people in the United States to join what will be the most diverse health database in history. The program is open to people who are sick and in good health, and from all backgrounds and communities. As part of the Precision Medicine Initiative, All of Us is individualized healthcare, which considers factors like where you live, what you do and your family health history. The goal is to help people stay healthy and give healthcare teams the best course of treatment if you do get sick. In addition to releasing medical records, participants who agree to take part must also complete an in-person visit, where some physical measurements and biospecimens will be collected. Those who do will receive a \$25 Kwik Trip gift card.

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September

1 Crossing Rivers Health Gets 5 Star Rating

Crossing Rivers Health in Prairie du Chien has earned the prestigious five-star designation for The Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the highest rating a hospital can achieve. Crossing Rivers Health is one of 44 Critical Access Hospitals

in the country and one of only five Wisconsin Critical Access Hospitals to earn the recognition and receive a five-star rating. CMS's star rating system, which began in July 2016, is updated annually. For 2022, the overall rating is based on 47 of the more than 100 quality measurements in five different categories; mortality, safety, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care. Crossing Rivers Health met or exceeded the national benchmark in all five categories. According to CMS, the purpose of the Overall Hospital Quality Star Rating is to summarize quality measure information reported on the Care Compare website in a way that is accessible and easy to understand for patients and consumers. Each hospital has a star rating that ranges from one to five stars, with five stars signifying the highest quality. Anyone can go to [medicare.gov/care-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare) and search for a specific hospital by name, zip code, or town/state and compare quality and patient perception ratings of up to three hospitals at a time. Nationwide, 431 hospitals received a five-star rating from CMS, 895 received four stars, 895 received three stars, 702 received two stars, and 198 received one star.

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2- Lights for All Season for September

Partners of Crossing Rivers Health have announced the honorees for the September Light For All Seasons. Those being remembered are Donald Keller, Margaret Wachter and Rick Walters. Their names and photos will be displayed on the monitor at the Main Entrance of Crossing Rivers Health Medical Center for the month.

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7- Prairie Du Chien Common Council Approves Parades

The Prairie du Chien Common Council met Tuesday night and approved a couple of parades happening in the community – the Prairie du Chien High School Homecoming Parade on September 21st, and the Oktoberfest Parade happening on October 15th. The city also updated the city's travel policy which hasn't been updated since 2015. Rates for meals were increased and the mileage rate was adjusted to match the current IRS mileage rate. The council approved increasing longevity pay for employees, and increasing the maximum size of combined lots from 20 thousand square feet to 25 thousand square feet at Woodridge Acres.

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9- Vehicle Crash with False Stolen Car Report

A Clayton County Deputy found a vehicle on its side in a steep ravine after taking a report of a vehicle in the ditch. The incident happened on August 28th near the intersection of Klein Brewery Road and Kimberly Avenue. No occupants were found in the vehicle and the deputy was not able to contact the registered owner, who called the deputy later that morning saying that her vehicle was missing and had been stolen. She eventually confessed to falsely reporting it stolen and was present during the crash as a passenger. 56 year old Tracey Kirschbaum was charged with filing a false report. The driver, 39 year old Jesse Regal of Marquette was cited for failure to maintain control and leaving the scene of a personal injury accident.

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13- Crawford County Community Fund Accepting Grant Applications

The Crawford County Community Fund, a component of Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, is now accepting grant applications for its fall 2022 grant cycle. The application deadline is Saturday, October 15. The Crawford County Community Fund seeks to support projects or programs that address current community needs with a focus on economic development. Charitable and non-profit organizations serving the people within Crawford County are eligible to apply. Requests from individuals are not eligible. Grants are awarded in December. Since 2009, the Crawford County Community Fund has given back over \$98,000 to the community in the form of grants. Start the online application process at www.cfsw.org by hovering over the "GRANTSEEKERS" menu at the top of the page and selecting "Crawford County." All applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2022. For more information on the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin or the Crawford County Community Fund, call (608) 758-0883 or visit www.cfsw.org.

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15- Go Fund Me Fundraiser Started for Iowa Girl's Trial Fees

A GoFundMe account set up for an Iowa sex trafficking victim has gone viral and already exceeds 325-thousand dollars as of this morning. Seventeen-year-old Pieper Lewis of Des Moines pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and willful injury for stabbing a man to death. She says 37-year-old Zachary Brooks was one of her captors and had raped her repeatedly. Lewis was sentenced to probation with no jail time, but she was ordered to pay 150-thousand dollars restitution to Brooks' family. The money raised will go to cover that and other legal bills – and will be hers for college, to start a business, or to help other sex crime victims.

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26- Car Chase Through the City of Prairie du Chien

The Prairie du Chien Police Department says they were notified by callers that a vehicle had struck a yield sign located at the Iowa Street round-a-bout. While responding to Iowa Street, additional callers reported another hit and run on Fremont Street with the suspect vehicle description matching the first calls. Officers located the front bumper of the suspect vehicle on Fremont Street and a short time later observed it traveling north on Fremont Street traveling in oncoming lanes of travel. Officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the driver refused to stop. He made several abrupt turns and accelerated his speed. Officers attempted a rolling roadblock at the intersection of Webster Street and Marquette Road and the vehicle struck two Prairie du Chien Police vehicles and continued to South Beaumont Road. The suspect eventually exited the vehicle on the 300 block of South Beaumont and attempted to enter his home. Officers detained him and utilized an electronic control device to gain compliance. The man was identified as 24 year old Dylan Yeomans. Yeomans was charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Intoxicants (3rd Offense), Resisting & Obstructing an Officer, Fleeing from an Officer, Battery to a Police Officer & Recklessly Endangering Safety.

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27- An northeast Iowa woman has won a \$10,000 lottery prize.

Susan Easton of Waukon claimed the 12th prize of \$10,000 in the Iowa Lottery's "\$250,000 Extreme Cash" scratch game. She purchased her winning ticket at Fareway, 777 11th Ave. SW in Waukon, and claimed her prize Friday at the lottery's Mason City regional office. The \$250,000 Extreme Cash game is a \$20 scratch game that features 16 top prizes of \$250,000, 16 prizes of \$10,000

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):

- Brad Pfaff
- Ron Kind

Interviews with people from various departments, such as:

Roby Fuller – ADRC “Fortune Cookies” Dementia Presentation

Mike Ulrich Pdc Parks And Rec Updates

Carolyn Sand – Pdc Historical Society Event - Canoeing With The Voyagers

Kathy Lange – Crawford Co Extension - Food Education

Chad Abram - Pdc Common Council Meeting Recaps

Sally Marshall - Drumming Circle

Tammie Katzung – Prairie Du Chien 150th Birthday

Jan Sturmer - Couleecap Badger Box Distribution

Steph Mezera - Fair Stories

Tyler Plein - Allamakee County Fair

Marysue White - Blakes Prairie Junior Fair

Taylor Schaffer - Alice In Dairyland

Elisabeth Byers – Prairie du Chien Library Events

Danielle Shea - Elkader Sweet Corn Days Event

Todd Yeomans - Prairie Dog Blues Festival

Dennis Kirschbaum - Boating And Hunter Safety Classes

Travis Torkelson Farmersburg Fire Department Event

Taylor Bockenstedt - Clayton County Fair

Carolyn Ihde - Crawford County Extension Animal Safety

Cody Mullikin And Justin Oswald – Crawford County Car Club Car Show

Bob Moses – Prairie Du Chien Chamber - Crazy Days Event

Roby Fuller, Sasha Dull, Mike Ulrich – Community Wellness Fair

Dan Moris – Documentary About Prairie Du Chien
Amanda Griswold - Fair Story/Extension At The Fair
Colten Thompson - Legion All Star Game/Scholarship
Shelly Mergan & Bree Bolt - Prairies And Bluffs Animal Shelter
Tom Sauer – Mc Gregor Fire Department Event
Curtis Pulda - St. Wenceslaus Picnic
Tammie Katzung - Farmers Market
Mike Rider - Villa Louis Carriage Classic Event
Crossing Rivers Hospital - Critical Access Hospital Award
Dave Tindell – Local Author
Lori Bekkum Drifless Area Art Festival
Jeremiah Brockman – Electric Vehicle Association Event
Susan Caya Slusser- Villa Louis Events
Don Knapp & Jeff Seaborg - Don Bushnell Ministries
Mandy Pettit - Buckets Of Hope Fundraiser
Heather Moore - Alzheimers & Dementia Walk Fundraiser
Chad Abram - Eagles Club Fundraiser
Joe Brooks – Mc Gregor Community Center Event
Nancy Becker & Karen Clark - Prairie du Chien Women's Club
Matt Lenz – Prairie Du Chien Performing Arts Center Event
Mary Antoine – Historical Society Cemetery Tour
Ashley Kishman & Duane Boelman - Mc Gregor Artfest & Road Race Event
Casey Cox & Dwight Kusmall Prairie du Chien Police Department K9 Fundraiser

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