

### Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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<i>ISSUE DESCRIPTION</i>	<i>PROGRAM SEGMENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>TIME</i>	<i>DURATION</i>	<i>DESCRIPTION OF SEGMENT</i>
Winter weather predicted	News	1/2/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A wintery mix is forecast to arrive late this afternoon across Northern and Central Wisconsin. A storm system is likely to begin as snow before mixing with freezing rain into the evening. A Winter Weather Advisory goes into effect at 3 this afternoon where the combination could amount to around three inches, creating hazardous travel conditions.</p> <p>The new year keep Oneida County officials busy. Shortly after 1:30 Sunday morning the sheriff's department responded to an alleged assault where a man sustained a serious head injury when struck by</p>

a 2 x 4. And Three Lakes and Stella volunteer firefighters were dispatched to a fire that destroyed a sauna at a home on Wildlife Trail in Stella Sunday morning about 6:30.

The Everest Metro Police reported an armed robbery at the Dollar General store on Grand Avenue in Schofield last night. No one was hurt and the suspect is still at large.

No one was hurt when an ATV went through the ice on Lake Wausau near the McCleary bridge yesterday afternoon. DNR wardens still caution people that conditions still vary widely, especially on waters with current

Police in Tomahawk are asking for help in finding a 17-year old girl. Madison Kundo was last seen Friday morning. Officials do not believe her to be in danger

					<p>saying she ran away from home and may be in Rhinelander with friends. Anyone with information is asked to contact Tomahawk Police.</p> <p>And in sports, the Packers beat Detroit last night 31-24. And it's Wisconsin and Western Michigan this afternoon in the Cotton Bowl.</p>
<p>Ballot's not counted right during election in Nov.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/2/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>More than nine-thousand ballots in Wisconsin were not counted correctly among the three-million tallied on Election Night last November. That's according to the Wisconsin State Journal, which says another 21-hundred votes were randomly thrown out during the recent recount, so the total votes could match the numbers of people signing poll books. The Madison newspaper's review found that human errors by either voters or</p>

election officials caused most of the discrepancies, but one type of voting machine -- the Optech Eagle -- had an error rate of almost one-percent as voters did not use certain types of pencils or pens. Eau Claire County is among the few Wisconsin places still using those machines, and it's planning to replace them. The December recount gave Republican Donald Trump a net of 400 more votes, and election officials say the new tally discounted fears such as Russia hacking state voting systems.

Tobacco sales to minors are on the rise in Wisconsin. According to the 2016 Synar survey, 7.2 percent of tobacco sales in the state were to minors. That's up from 6.8 percent in 2015 and 6.4 percent in 2014. Many officials believe the

					<p>increase is because of the popularity of flavored tobacco products and e-cigarettes. Some teens have also turned to e-cigarettes because they believe they are safer than traditional cigarettes. Also, public health officials said that because three versions of Wisconsin ID's are currently in circulation, it can be hard for clerks to catch all minors trying to buy tobacco.</p>
<p>Illinois man killed in snowmobile accident</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/3/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An Illinois man is the second fatality of the young snowmobile season in Wisconsin. The Iron county Sheriff's department reported the 45-year old missing Friday night. He was found dead at the scene of a crash on Trail 17 in the town of Oma late Saturday morning. The machine left the trail and went into the</p>

trees. Officials said speed may have contributed to the crash.

U-S House Republicans voted to weaken the ethics office that monitors their behavior, which Speaker Paul Ryan of Janesville argued against in a caucus last night. When the full House meets today to adopt its rules, they'll be asked to strip the independence from the Office of Congressional Ethics and give its oversight to the G-O-P controlled House Ethics Committee. It would also end investigations of anonymous complaints against House members. Democrats argue this is the first casualty of the new Congress.

The iconic T-Bird Country bridge may soon welcome everyone to Lakeland High School in Minocqua. The

					<p>bridge panel was removed earlier this year by the DOT from its home across highway 51 south of the city. A citizen's group, led by Bob Metropolis was able to save the piece of history and in August the school board accepted it as a donation. The question was, where to put it. Now, a fundraising campaign is underway at <a href="http://tbirdbridge.com">tbirdbridge.com</a> to raise nearly a quarter million dollars to sink pillars and mount the panel at the entrance to the school. So far about \$15,000 has come in from donors all across the country.</p>
New legislative session begins in state	News	1/3/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's new legislative session began today in Madison, when members of both houses were sworn in to new terms. In the past, lawmakers would use this day to promise being more civil with their colleagues of</p>

				<p>the opposing party -- until a partisan spat of some kind broke out. Nowadays, there are not nearly as many minority party members in what was known in the 1970s as the "Loyal Opposition" from Republicans. The Grand Old Party opens its new session with a 64-35 Assembly majority, its largest in the lower house since 1957 -- and the Senate will have a 20-13 Republican majority, its largest since 1971. The two year legislative floor period officially begins Thursday. The candidate who paid three-point-five million dollars to have Wisconsin's presidential ballots recounted is pushing for voting reforms in the state. The recount will cost the Green Party's Jill Stein much less than expected and it resulted in only a small</p>
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					<p>change in Donald Trump's November victory in the Badger State. But Stein says Wisconsin still needs to make changes in its voting system, like not using what she calls "tamper friendly machines.</p> <p>Hotels, restaurants, bars, clothing stores, and other shops in Green Bay are scrambling to accommodate visiting Packer fans for a home playoff game that seemed improbable just two months ago. Sunday's Wild Card contest against the New York Giants at Lambeau Field will bring an estimated 14-million dollars to the economy of Brown County and Green Bay. As of this morning, three-thousand tickets were still available.</p>
Rhinelanders new tax goes into effect	News	1/4/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Rhinelanders Premier Resort Area Tax or PRAT went into effect with the new year and city officials

expect about \$400,000 to be generated for local road work. The half-percent tax is charged by businesses catering to tourists so the burden of maintaining local roads is spread among those who use them. Several potential projects are already being discussed.

Fire yesterday morning damaged a home north of Rhinelander. About 8:30 several departments were dispatched to the blaze on Poplar Drive, just off Hwy 17. A woman and several dogs were able to escape the fire that apparently started in the living room. The exact cause is not known.

Northern Wisconsin's legislative contingent was sworn into office yesterday in Madison and committee assignments were doled

out. Representative Rob Swearingen of Rhinelander, in his third term in the 34<sup>th</sup> district will chair the Assembly committee on State Affairs and serve on Tourism, Environment and Forestry, small business development, tax exemptions and the state building commission. 35<sup>th</sup> district representative Mary Czaja from Irma will again serve on Joint Finance while Senator Tom Tiffany of Hazelhurst will chair the committee on Sporting Heritage, Mining & Forestry and serve on finance, agriculture, small business and tourism, revenue, financial institutions and rural issues and tax exemptions.

Representative Jeff Mursau of Crivitz will again chair the committee on Environment and Forestry and co-chair the state tribal relations

					<p>committee.</p> <p>Cold arctic air plunged into the state last night, dropping temperatures below zero and wind chills to 25-below or better. And this pattern will be here the rest of the week.</p>
<p>State is back in the deep freeze</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/4/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin Assembly Republicans say they will not try to ram through controversial bills as fast as they can -- not now, anyway. As the new Legislature was sworn in yesterday, G-O-P Speaker Robin Vos said leaders in the lower house would not "rush in to any package of bills" in the early going. Republicans gear up for things like raising state support for public schools and an internal party debate on paying for new highways. Vos also said there might be room for discussion on hot button</p>

issues like allowing concealed weapons on U-W campuses and legalizing medical marijuana. With the G-O-P now controlling both the state and federal governments, state Republicans are also looking at national ideas like repealing Obamacare and letting states be more flexible with the federal funds they receive.

As predicted, Wisconsin is back in the deep freeze. Much of the northern half of the state was well below zero early, while the south was on the plus side. Readings were as cold as 10 below in Superior, Ashland, Hayward and Phillips -- and as warm as ten above in Kenosha and Racine while wind chills were generally in the minus 20s in the north and the minus teens in the south.

					Forecasters say the wind chills could drop to minus 30 at times between now and early Sunday. A lake effect snow advisory is in effect in northern Iron County along Lake Superior until six tonight for with 3-6 inches of snow.
Langlade Co. resignation	News	1/5/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Last month Langlade County Sheriff Bill Greening resigned, citing difficulties with the county board and especially a dispute with the former human resources director, RJ Weitz. The matter was under investigation by the Marathon county sheriff's department until this week, when it was discovered Weitz committed suicide. Interim Sheriff John Schunke stopped the probe and will receive what information was learned in an informal report. No reason was given as to why the

investigation was stopped.

60-year old Roger Krutke of Rhinelander remains jailed on a \$50,000 bond, charged with three felony counts of possessing child pornography. It's also alleged he sexually assaulted a 12-year old girl. Krutke waived his preliminary hearing yesterday in Oneida county court and he'll be arraigned February 6<sup>th</sup>. Similar charges against him are also pending in Wood County.

The governor is moving up the time for his annual State of the State address. While the speech is traditionally scheduled during the evening hours at the Capitol, Governor Scott Walker now plans to deliver the annual address to the Legislature next Tuesday afternoon at 3. The

					<p>decision comes just a week after Walker had initially requested a joint session of the Legislature for 7 p.m. on January 10. The governor's office said the change was made out of respect for President Barack Obama's farewell address to the nation, which is scheduled to take place that evening.</p> <p>High temperatures aren't expected to be above zero today and will struggle to get there through the weekend. Wind chill advisories to 30+ below zero are in effect until noon today.</p>
Mosinee man back in court	News	1/5/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Citing the defendant's "very violent history," a Columbia County Circuit Court judge has set bond at one-million dollars for a man accused of a Portage murder last month. Twenty-four-year-</p>

old Mario Brown Junior made his initial court appearance by teleconference this week. He is charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the December 18th shooting death of Jason Laack. Brown's attorney argued against the high bond, saying his client had turned himself in the day after the fatal shooting at the Cattail Lodge. Brown has a preliminary hearing scheduled for tomorrow morning.

A Mosinee man is back in court next week on several felony charges after allegedly kidnapping a woman, assaulting her and locking her in a wooden box. 54-year old Allen Jamroz is accused of luring the woman to his basement, tased her then assaulted her. The victim

was able to escape. He remains in custody on a \$30,000 cash bond. Thanks to a trifecta of the hectic holidays, cold and wintry weather and the cold and flu season, blood donations are down drastically. The American Red Cross issued an emergency call for blood and platelet donations. It only takes an hour to make a donation and your one donation can save three lives. Officials really encourage people to consider donating but not everyone is eligible. You do need to be 17, unless you have parental consent.

And in sports, the Green Bay Packers activated free agent wide receiver Herb Waters from their practice squad, but he'll now be a cornerback on the teams injury-riddled defense.

<p>State DNR looking to increase revenue</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/6/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The DNR is looking to raise license fees for hunting and fishing or at least link the fees to inflation to boost revenues for wildlife management. The department has a \$4-million gap in their budget for authorized expenditures and revenue. Several ideas have been suggested to close that gap including the fee hike, creating fees for non-motorized watercraft like canoes and kayaks. Tying them to inflation would raise fees an average of \$4.00. State attorneys are working to convince a panel of federal judges that Republican lawmakers should be allowed to redraw legislative boundaries in 2018. The judges ruled in November that district boundaries G-O-P legislators drew up in</p>
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				<p>2011 were unconstitutional but didn't order any immediate changes. Democrats filed a brief last month saying a federal court should redraw the boundaries; the state Justice Department filed a brief the same day saying no new maps should be drawn until after the U-S Supreme Court hears the agency's appeal. Department of Justice attorneys filed a new brief yesterday saying if the maps must be redrawn the Legislature should do it and there's no need to act before early 2018, since that's the year the next round of elections will take place. Bob Semling, coach of the UW-Stevens Point men's basketball program has been suspended. The school yesterday announced the decision</p>
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					<p>without going into specifics after the NCAA informed them of major allegations against the program. Assistant coach Kent Dernbach will take over the remainder of the season. Semling amassed a 262-71 record with four national championships in his 12 years as coach.</p>
Gov. Walker praised by health groups	News	1/6/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's largest health groups praise Governor Scott Walker's call for a special legislative session on fighting opioid and heroin addictions. The state approved a number of bills in the past two sessions dealing with addictions. Walker touted the proposals yesterday in Weston, Green Bay, Chippewa Falls and Madison. In executive orders, the Republican Walker told state departments to apply for seven-point-six-million dollars in federal funds</p>

each year to fight the addictions, improve treatments of drug abusers for prisoners, guard against excess prescriptions at vets' homes and check insurance coverage for opioid treatment.

A state financial leader says we'll see fewer bank consolidations, as Republicans in the White House and Congress seek to cut regulations.

WisBusiness Dot Com says there were 21 bank acquisitions and mergers last year -- up from 12 in 2015, and nine the previous year. Rose Oswald Poels, C-E-O of the Wisconsin Bankers Association says higher bank expenses was a main reason for the consolidations.

The Grandmother Flowage fishery is again open for fishing following completion

					<p>of dam repairs and the restoration of water levels. The Grandmother Flowage is a 758 acre reservoir on the Wisconsin River in central Lincoln County that runs for about 7 miles downstream from the Pride Dam (which forms Lake Mohawksin) to the Grandmother Dam. In early September, the flowage was drawn down 14 feet for the repair work. The DNR reminds anglers that ice conditions can vary from location to location. Even though ice may look thick on the surface, moving water river currents can cause water to freeze unevenly.</p>
<p>Snowmobile accident injures man</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/9/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 16-year old boy was injured in a snowmobile accident late Saturday morning. Newbold rescue was dispatched to the trail off Bear Road and Hwy 47 around 11:30 to the site</p>

about a half mile up. The boy was alert and may have broken his leg. No other information is available. Another accident Saturday, this one in Barron County, claimed the life of a 42-year old Rice Lake man. Todd Kane was reported missing about 9:00. The search turned up his machine in the water by the Stump Lake bridge. He was found a couple hours later.

An accident Saturday night on Hwy 45 near Three Lakes killed the driver. An Oneida County deputy came upon the crash south of town near Stella Lake Road around 7:30 and performed CPR on the man but could not revive him.

A 31-year old Eagle River man was badly burned from an explosion Friday morning. Vilas County authorities reported a large

					<p>booming noise in the furnace area of Phelps Cast with the man burned from head to toe. He was flown to the Madison burn center. A Stevens Point man convicted of arson will face additional prison time after pleading no contest to threatening to kill the judge who sentenced him. In a plea deal, 42-year-old Roy Strait entered a no contest plea to one count of threatening a judge. He'll be sentenced March 10th.</p> <p>And in sports, the Packers woke up and cruised to 38-13 wild card home win against the Giants. Next up, Dallas.</p>
State politicians seeking pay raises	News	1/9/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Judges are not the only ones in Wisconsin's court system asking for pay raises. State Attorney General Brad Schimel says he's asking for four-point-eight</p>

million dollars in the next two year budget to give raises to prosecutors. Chief Supreme Court Justice Pat Roggensack wants an average 16-percent pay raise for circuit and appellate judges, including the justices at a cost of six-point-four million dollars per year. Schimel says he would not use tax dollars to pay more for prosecutors in local district attorneys' offices, saying he would use settlement money from consumer protection lawsuits.

It's been two years since people could venture onto Lake Superior to see the majestic ice caves at the edge of the Wisconsin mainland near Bayfield. Julie Van Stappen of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore says it takes "really cold and calm conditions" to form the ice

					<p>required for the two mile walkway between Meyers Beach and the sea caves. Van Stappen says the weather has been too warm and windy and there has not been much ice -- but forecasters still give the ice a chance to form before the current winter ends and if the sea caves can open, the National Lakeshore will announce it. Eagle River police teamed up with the Community Addiction Recovery and Empowerment program to develop a procedure of treatment and not arrest people for drug offenses. Studies find incarceration has a nearly 90% failure rate for addicts and the department will focus on helping people to recover and prevent an arrest.</p>
Car crash victim identified	News	1/10/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	The Oneida County Sheriff's office identified the driver of a car found off the road

				<p>south of Three Lakes over the weekend. 60-year old Mark Mohr of Rhinelander was killed when his car left Hwy 45 near Stella Lake Road, rolled and came to rest in the trees. The accident was discovered by a deputy Saturday night. An undetected water main break in Rhinelander dumped nearly 11-million gallons of water into Boom Lake last week. The pipe, near the bridge on Phillip Street in the city may have been broken more than two weeks before a city employee noticed the road was beginning to buckle. The break was repaired but the road will have to wait until spring.</p> <p>Gov. Scott Walker delivers his seventh State of the State speech this afternoon and he's not expected to reveal much of his plans for the coming year. Walker</p>
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					<p>typically doesn't unveil many new policies or proposals in the annual address delivered at a joint meeting of the state Senate and Assembly. Those will mostly come next month when he releases the two-year state budget. Instead, Walker is expected to focus on broad themes like his push to get more people in the workforce.</p> <p>Wausau city officials are asking residents to budget their money while they work out a \$40-million tax error. The mistake was last June while filing the property tax report. The city now has to wait to hear from the state to learn the impact of the error.</p>
Schools closed across the state due to heavy winter weather	News	1/10/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Almost 20 of Wisconsin's smaller school districts were closed today after a new winter storm moved into the state during overnight.</p>

Many of the closings are in west central and northeast areas, with Marinette the largest. Various watches and warnings are in effect through six tonight, with 3-9 inches of snow in the forecast for about the northern half of the state, lesser amounts of snow plus freezing rain in southern areas, and winds of up to 55 miles per hour late today in the southeast.

Speaking of schools, a Wisconsin Assembly Republican says he hopes to come up with a long proposed plan to revamp the formula for giving state aid to public schools. But Sturgeon Bay Representative Joel Kitchens says it won't be easy -- because there will be "winners and losers" unless a lot more money is put into public education. G-O-P Assembly Speaker

					<p>Robin Vos told Kitchens, the vice chair of the Assembly's Education Committee, to lead the effort to revise the school funding formula. Kitchens says he'll put together a group of task force members from both parties who will meet with educators around the state, with a goal of having a new funding plan for the state budget that begins in July of 2019.</p> <p>Wisconsinites who sign up now for Obamacare will have coverage all year, no matter what the new Republican Congress does. Health and Human Services Regional Director Kathleen Falk reminds people about the January 31st open enrollment deadline for coverage that begins in March.</p>
Gov. Walker delivers state of the state address	News	1/11/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Governor Scott Walker delivered his State of the State address yesterday

				<p>which contained few surprises. But the Republican governor seemingly caught Democrats and officials with the UW System off guard with the one unexpected item he did include, announcing the upcoming budget will do more than just freeze tuition, Walker said. "We will actually cut tuition for all Wisconsin undergraduates throughout the UW system." Walker also reiterated promises to provide additional funding for K-12 schools. On transportation, he pledged to provide local governments with the largest increase in transportation aids since the 1990s, that can be used to fix roads and bridges and potholes in their communities. Democratic lawmakers are skeptical about many of the</p>
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proposals the Governor outlined.

The city of Rhinelander is again turning to the public to evaluate options to consider for finishing the downtown reconstruction project. The previous Streetscape study set up what's happened so far and now that it's been in place and new features are being discussed, the online survey is intended to collect this information and evaluate if changes need to be made.

Minocqua's 30-foot snowman welcoming travelers to the city is coming back to life. Named, "Snowmy Kromer", the huge snowman will be built across from the Chamber office on Hwy 51 the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The giant snowman draws its name

					<p>from a just as large Stormy Kromer hat it wears.</p> <p>And in sports, the Green Bay Packers start practicing today for their NFC divisional playoff contest at Dallas on Sunday afternoon.</p>
<p>Central Wis. Hit hard with recent snow storm</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/11/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Central Wisconsin was hit the hardest by a snowstorm that dumped eleven inches of new snow in the northern half of the state. Places like Marshfield expected 4-6 inches plus freezing rain yesterday -- but the region got all snow instead, as ten inches fell west of Marshfield at Bakerville while Stevens Point had eleven inches and Iola ten. Wausau and Rhinelander set new snow records for the date, while Lac du Flambeau had the most snow in the state, eleven-</p>

point-two inches. Parts of northwest Wisconsin got seven inches while the southwest had as little as two inches plus freezing rain and Milwaukee had all rain Tuesday afternoon as it warmed to near 50 degrees. Another round of snow today dumped up to four inches across the north and the mix with some freezing rain caused numerous accidents as plow crews worked to keep up.

Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin joined six other U-S Senate Democrats pushing for more financial disclosures from Donald Trump's cabinet nominees. In a letter to the president elect, Baldwin and the other Democrats say they want to know what compensation and preferential treatment they'll get from outside

				<p>groups for taking the cabinet posts. They also want to sure the officials withdraw from cases tied to their former employers. The request comes as Senate panels hold confirmation hearings on Trump's nominees.</p> <p>Parents in Mattoon who wanted to create their own school district after learning their elementary school was slated to be closed by the Antigo district had the plan rejected by the board yesterday.</p>
<p>Cassian firefighters dispatched to roll over.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/12/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Cassian firefighters and rescue were dispatched to a one vehicle rollover early this morning. Just before 3:00 the accident was reported on Hwy 51 and Rocky Run Road. No word on the cause or injuries. Congressman Sean Duffy introduced legislation returning management of gray wolves to the states.</p>

Duffy said court rulings put the federal government in charge and left farmers and ranchers with no protection for their animals. In Wisconsin, Hazelhurst Republican senator Tom Tiffany supports the effort and urged Governor Walker to take the necessary steps to prepare to reinstate the fall wolf hunt. Both lawmakers said it's time to remove the grey wolf from the endangered species list.

The Eagle River man badly burned after an explosion is alert and improving. 31-year old Kenneth Martinez was outfitted and working properly when the explosion occurred at the Berntsen Foundry in Phelps. He was flown to a Madison burn center. The cause is still unknown.

Wisconsin is one of 10 recipients for a \$2-million new skills for youth grant.

					<p>The funds, from JPMorgan Chase and the Council of Chief State School Officers, will allow for continued support of the state's 16 technical colleges to connect student interests with workforce needs. Last month, Wausau's economic development and finance committees approved Micon Cinemas to move into the now vacant Sears store in the Wausau Center Mall. A public meeting on the recommendation was originally set for yesterday but was cancelled by the weather. It's now tomorrow morning in the council chambers at city hall.</p>
Sen. Johnson starts process of repealing Obamacare	News	1/12/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>U-S Senate Republicans started the process of repealing Obamacare. Wisconsin's Ron Johnson joined his party's majority when the Senate voted 51-48 just after midnight in</p>

				<p>favor of a budget resolution instructing committees to start drafting bills to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. Johnson joined fellow Republicans in striking down a flurry of Democratic amendments, including one from Wisconsin's Tammy Baldwin that would have continued letting young adults stay on their parents' health insurance until they're 26. She voted against the budget resolution, which the House is expected to take up tomorrow. The federal official running the food stamp program says it's illegal to make recipients pass drug tests to get the benefits, as Governor Scott Walker wants to require in Wisconsin. Kevin Concannon, an undersecretary in the U-S-D-A, says Walker's office</p>
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made the request to his department -- and it consulted with agency attorneys who found that the law "absolutely" does not allow the drug tests. Walker asked the incoming Trump administration to to make the change but it cannot change the law without the approval of Congress.

Three of every four Wisconsinites will travel somewhere this year and 55-percent will take two or three vacations mostly between now and September. The figures come from the Triple "A's" Consumer Pulse survey -- which also shows that one of every five Wisconsin travelers will leave the U-S in 2017, mostly to Mexico, the Caribbean, and Europe. Also high on the list, national parks and river cruises. The travel is up

					even though gas prices are too.
Statewide School Board?	News	1/13/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A candidate for Wisconsin state superintendent wants to create a statewide school board. John Humphries yesterday called for the creation of an Education Accountability Board, or a statewide school board. The superintendent position runs the Department of Public Education without oversight of a board. Humphries is challenging incumbent state superintendent Tony Evers and former Beloit superintendent Lowell Holtz. The move would require passage of a state constitutional amendment, which means it would need to pass two consecutive legislative sessions then a statewide vote.</p> <p>In July of 2015 an argument at a Wausau bar prompted</p>

a shooting and one of the men will spend time in prison. 38-year old Morgan Sykes of Wausau was sentenced in Marathon County court to nine years for the incident at It's Our Clubhouse Bar. No one was injured.

People interested in a career in criminal justice can take in an open house this month at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. The event on the 24<sup>th</sup> will detail the instruction and training necessary to work in corrections, primarily as county jailers. This Wisconsin Department of Justice program will cover all elements necessary to work in corrections.

Since 1987, Eagle River firefighters and volunteers cut and shape large chunks of ice and the result is a structure that draws people

					<p>from across the Midwest. The giant Ice Castle downtown is under construction, after a two year hiatus because of poor winter conditions. More than 2000 blocks of ice are used on the structure and workers expect to have it complete and lit up by Sunday.</p>
<p>Coldest morning of the winter so far</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/13/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The coldest morning of the winter hit today as the mercury plummeted to 26 below at Siren, minus 22 in Hayward. Rhinelander hit a windchill of 38 below for the second time this season. After a cold dry weekend temperatures will moderate to above normal late next week.</p> <p>House Speaker Paul Ryan of Janesville says majority House Republicans vow to replace Obamacare at the same time the current program falls by the wayside -- and they're in</p>

"complete sync" with President Elect Donald Trump who wants a change as soon as possible. In the meantime, the House is voting today on a budget package that calls on congressional panels to start writing bills to dismantle the Obama health law. The Senate passed the same measure yesterday, rejecting Democratic amendments. A Republican state lawmaker wants to end Wisconsin's 18-year-old moratorium on new iron mines. Hazelhurst Senator Tom Tiffany will introduce a bill in the new session to eliminate the moratorium. He said he does not know of new mining projects on the horizon -- but a major condition to end the 1998 moratorium has been satisfied, as the old Flambeau mine near

					<p>Ladysmith did not leave water pollution for more than one decade after it closed in 1997. Another condition required that a mine operate for ten years without pollution -- and while the Ladysmith mine ran for four years, Tiffany says it achieved the major goal of avoiding pollution for a long time after a mine shuts down.</p>
<p>DNR warning people about ice on lakes</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/16/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Despite the frigid weather, the DNR warns people ice can never be too safe. A Rhinelander man discovered that late Friday afternoon when the back of his pickup dropped through into Pelican Lake. No one was hurt and the truck was removed Saturday morning. Rallies in support of the Affordable Care Act took place yesterday across the country. Wausau joined the more than 500 cities</p>

opposing the repeal of so-called Obamacare. Organizers say some of the most basic and necessary parts of the plan would disappear while some lawmakers contend there are better and more affordable ways for people to have health insurance. With state lawmakers back at work, Northwoods representatives are scheduling listening sessions for the public next week. State Senator Tom Tiffany has meetings scheduled for Pembine, White Lake, Antigo, Minocqua, Eagle River, Tomahawk, Merrill and Rhinelander. State Representatives Rob Swearingen, Jeff Mursau and Mary Felzkowski will join him in their respective districts. Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker paid the final debts from his ill-fated presidential

					<p>campaign in 2015. The Republican still had \$140,000 in unpaid obligations at the end of this past November. Walker was one of 17 Republican presidential candidates and the first to drop out of the race in September of 2015. At that time, he owed \$1.2 million in campaign-related expenses.</p> <p>And in sports, the Green Bay Packers are one game away from the Super Bowl with a 34-31 last second win over Dallas last night. That's your news, available anytime online at this station's website. This is MM.</p>
<p>Winter storm hits the center of the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/16/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>That large ice storm affecting much of the nation's midsection slid into southern Wisconsin this morning. The National</p>

Weather Service says the Madison and Milwaukee areas will pick up up as much as one-quarter inch of ice along with one inch of snow and sleet. Winter weather advisories run from through six tonight in far southern Wisconsin, but they're to continue as late as noon tomorrow in west central areas. North central Wisconsin could get up to three inches of snow on top of the ice. The only place without official advisories is the far northwest, which could get a wintry mix of precipitation tonight.

Wisconsin doctors and seniors plan to continue the protests against the repeal of Obamacare. The state chapter of the Physicians for a National Health Program and the Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups are among those sponsoring a rally in

					<p>Madison, right after the state's official Martin Luther King Day program at the State Capitol.</p> <p>The federal government is telling Wisconsin to stop planning for new highway projects and finish the ones they've stalled. Michael Davies, who heads the Federal Highway Administration's Wisconsin office says there are so many projects being developed that not all will get done in a reasonable period with the likely "funding scenarios."</p> <p>Governor Scott Walker's office continues to fight any tax or fee hikes -- and spokesman Tom Evenson says the federal stance might be different once Republican Donald Trump becomes the nation's new president on Friday.</p>
<p>Hiway crews out treating slippery roads</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/17/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Highway crews have been out since yesterday</p>

afternoon treating roads across Central Wisconsin in the wake of an ice storm that moved north out of the nation's midsection. Most schools are closed across that area and updated closings can be found on this station's website.

A 44-year old Rice Lake man acted on his threat to blow up an apartment building and died in the explosion. Police say Joseph Zunker started a fire and detonated a device that leveled the building late Sunday morning. Authorities were able to evacuate 14 residents safely but one officer was injured in the blast. The Marathon/Oneida County bomb squad was among those responding.

An autopsy is set for today to determine what killed a 38-year old employee of Veritas Steel in Wausau

				<p>Sunday afternoon. Emergency crews were called to the plant on Sherman Street to reports of a fallen girder. The incident remains under investigation.</p> <p>A 17-year-old student at Waupaca High School faces a possible charge of making a terrorist threat, after being arrested during classes yesterday morning. Police say somebody called Crime Stoppers to report someone threatened to "shoot up" a school -- and police say comments were posted online. All schools went into lockdown until police identified the suspect and held him for questioning. They'll refer the case to prosecutors for possible charges.</p> <p>And in sports, as many as 10 players could miss at least one practice this week as the Packers prepare for the NFC Championship game</p>
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					in Atlanta.
Schools across the region closed today	News	1/17/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Most schools south of Tomahawk were closed today due to the ice storm the brought a mix or freezing rain, sleet and snow since last night. While some Madison and Milwaukee schools remained open, a number of larger districts opted to shut down including Green Bay, Appleton, Eau Claire, Oshkosh, Sheboygan, Fond du Lac and Wausau.</p> <p>Many eyebrows were raised in 2009 when the Fond du Lac County Board approved a sales tax to keep Mercury Marine from leaving. Now, county officials say it the right move, after the company opened a new facility in Fond du Lac yesterday. The 24-million dollar plant will make a new type of paint making it easier for watercraft to survive in</p>

rough environments -- and Mercury Marine says it's part of a 730-million dollar investment the company has made at its Fond du Lac headquarters since 2008. The county sales tax paid for the company's debt service on a 50-million dollar county loan.

Mercury's employment has almost doubled in the past seven years as state and local assistance -- plus union concessions -- resulted in the company moving facilities from Oklahoma to Fond du Lac instead of the other way around, as was originally proposed.

Trained and certified volunteers, through the AARP Tax Aide Program, will provide free 2016 Federal and State Income Tax and WI Homestead Credit preparation and electronic filing. This service is

					available at no cost to people with low to moderate income, with a special emphasis for those 60 and over. The Oneida County Senior Center has more information.
Followup to Oneida Co. mail theft	News	1/18/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Following up a complaint about a stolen led the Oneida County Sheriff's Department to mail theft. Last Thursday deputies were notified of a vehicle taken from an address in the town of Pelican. It was found Saturday and 21-year old Alexander Durand of Rhinelander arrested. He's charged with several felonies including driving a vehicle without the owner's consent, theft of moveable property and bail jumping. During the investigation it was discovered Durand had been stealing mail from all over Oneida county and other jurisdictions. A large

				<p>amount of mail was recovered and the department is contacting those people to return it. Traffic on Hwy 51 was rerouted for several hours yesterday afternoon following an accident that killed a 77-year old Colby man. The Vilas County Sheriff's department reported the crash just after 3:30 at the corner of County H, west of Boulder Junction. Authorities say the van went through the intersection and was struck by a semi. The 68-year old woman driving the van was injured and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. A second is being treated at Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. The truck driver was not hurt. Names of the victims have not yet been released. A 48-year old Green Bay man died after losing</p>
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					control of his snowmobile last night. Jeffrey Royle was killed when his machine left Lower Kaubashine Road at the intersection of Camp Nine road and Cedar Falls Drive in Minocqua and went into the woods shortly after 7:00. He was pronounced dead at the scene.
Dense fog warnings for the area this morning	News	1/19/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Advisories for dense fog are in effect this morning across the broadcast area where visibility is down to a quarter mile or less. The National Weather Service stresses the moisture is also freezing on roadways so motorists should be aware of rapidly changing conditions while driving.</p> <p>US Marshals are looking for two children, taken by their non-custodial mother in a remote area of the Black Hills in South Dakota. Federal authorities say</p>

Cathy Brown of Antigo took 9-year old Dalton and 11-year old Avery Brown last month. She's now wanted by the state for interfering with a custody order, a felony. Officials say they're concerned about the children's welfare in the winter weather.

Vilas County authorities identified the 77-year old Colby man, killed in a crash Tuesday afternoon. Richard Brandl was a passenger in a van that apparently ran through the intersection of Hwy 51 and county H near Boulder Junction and was struck by a passing semi. Brandl's wife, 68-year old Beverly was driving and is hospitalized in Marshfield.

Two people were hurt in an accident just north of Lac du Flambeau yesterday afternoon. The crash reported just before 5 on

					<p>Hwy 47. No other information is available.</p> <p>The governors of Wisconsin and Georgia have a friendly bet going on the upcoming NFC Championship game. Scott Walker offered beer and chocolate to Nathan Deal's Coca-Cola, chili dogs and peach pies. The game Sunday in Atlanta will decide if it's the Packers or Falcons heading to the Super Bowl.</p>
<p>State hiway spending remains in limbo</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/19/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The state government is taking in more money than expected, while spending less. The non partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau found tax collections will be 455-million dollars higher than projected through the next budget period in mid 2019 -- and the state expects to have a surplus of 427-million dollars when the current budget expires on</p>

				<p>June 30th. That's 322-million more than Governor Scott Walker's administration projected last November and it's due mainly to lower Medicaid health costs. The Republican Walker says the numbers prove his fiscal policies are working -- and he'll keep pushing for more tax relief, "rewards" for work and more state funds for education at all levels. But highway funding remains in limbo. State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos now says a gas tax increase to pay for new and improved highways is unlikely to happen. The Republican Vos says he's not giving up hope of passing a tax or fee hike if necessary -- and he remains confident lawmakers can work with the Governor who refuses to endorse those hikes without corresponding cuts</p>
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					<p>elsewhere. The federal government has said long delays are unacceptable for current projects. Also, former D-O-T Secretary Mark Gottlieb left soon after he told lawmakers the number of highways in poor shape would double in the coming years without more money for roads. Vos says recent polls show most people believe there's a problem, and in his words, "We just have to have the courage to actually solve it."</p>
<p>Donald Trump sworn in as president today.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/20/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>History is made today with the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 45<sup>th</sup> President. The elegant celebrations begin with church services, luncheons, the oath of office, parades and the inaugurals balls around Washington. Traditions throughout the day date back to 1897. Meanwhile, marches in</p>

support of minorities and the need for equality will take place tomorrow across the nation and in Washington, DC. Activists say people need to hold elected officials, even the president, accountable for their actions or lack of them.

State Assembly Speaker Robin Vos proposes 300-million dollars in higher taxes and fees for highway construction, while cutting taxes elsewhere using the new budget surplus. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau this week projected higher tax revenues and spending cuts totaling 713-million dollars through mid 2019. Vos says part of that windfall could keep major projects on track while helping Republican Governor Scott Walker keep his promise not to raise overall state taxes --

					<p>and Walker's office notes it looks forward to hearing more details.</p> <p>An effort is underway to try to convince Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke to run for the U-S Senate against Democratic Senator Tammy Baldwin. Clarke did not give an idea if he would consider it.</p> <p>The 54<sup>th</sup> annual Amsoil World Championship Snowmobile Derby opens today in Eagle River with near ideal conditions both on the track and grounds. Snowmobile trails leading to the track and around the city are in very good condition as thousands are expected to take in the event that wraps up with the championship run Sunday afternoon.</p>
<p>Road conditions became worse as the day moved along</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/20/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Road conditions deteriorated rapidly this morning as light freezing</p>

rain began falling across all of Northern Wisconsin. Dozens of accidents have been reported including a roll over on Hwy K east of Rhinelander and two jackknifed semi's blocking traffic south of Hazelhurst on Hwy 51. Similar situations are expected overnight and through the weekend as temperatures will be at the freezing mark before warming to near 40.

The nation's 45<sup>th</sup> president took the oath of office this morning and Donald Trump wasted no time in Tweeting the movement continues, the work begins. Hundreds of thousands converged on the capitol for the

ceremony that ends the night with a series of inaugural balls.

State superintendent candidate John Humphries says he would give "A" to "F" grades to Wisconsin public schools as part of their annual report cards -- something schools have opposed in the past.

Humphries said the current grading system gives inflated scores, gives passing grades to schools that don't deserve it and gives parents inaccurate signs of how their kids are doing. But incumbent Superintendent Tony Evers says Wisconsin schools perform better than most and the state's report cards are rated among the best in the nation. Humphries and Lowell Holtz are challenging the second term Evers in a February 21st primary election

					<p>And in sports, Green Bay coach Mike McCarthy hasn't ruled out any of his wide receivers for this weekend's NFC championship game in Atlanta. He said a game during the season is one thing. This one is different.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders Menards files claim</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/23/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Rhinelanders Menards store filed an excessive tax assessment claim against the city, looking for a \$51,000 refund. The company claims there's a major discrepancy of nearly \$3-million in the way the property was assessed. Nearly 200,000 retirees in the Wisconsin Retirement System will receive annuity increases between 1.3 and 1.9 percent starting in May. The Department of Employee Trust Funds released the figures</p>

showing investments in the "Core Fund" rose by 8.5 percent last year and "Variable Fund" investments rose by 10.6 percent. About 40,000 retirees who invested in those riskier variable funds will see increases up to 8 percent.

It's that time of year -- tax time and the state Revenue Department will start accepting returns today online. It's become the most popular option for filing state income tax returns. Revenue Secretary Rick Chandler says 85 percent of last year's three-million individual returns were filed electronically. He says the agency's

website walks people through the various filing elements, does the math and helps taxpayers with questions and checking the status of their refunds. Due to a legal holiday in the nation's capital, the tax filing deadline this year will be April 18th.

Tomahawk's Nick Van Strydonk took the checkered flag at Eagle River yesterday, capturing his second World Championship on a Polaris. Cardell Potter of Camp Douglas was second and Gunnar Sterne of Chicago, third.

And the Green Bay Packers ended their storied Super Bowl run in Atlanta with a 44-21 loss to the Falcons.

Warm conditions lead to worries about local ice on lake conditions	News	1/23/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Warm weekend temperatures have led to concerns about ice conditions. The DNR noted the ice on Green Bay has been broken up with large cracks that have re-frozen -- making entry onto the Bay difficult in places. The department has received multiple reports of people who were fishing getting stranded as cracks are opening and there have also been reports of vehicles and A-T-Vs going through the ice. Dane County deputies also warned anglers of the potential for thin ice. Deputies say the lakes haven't made enough ice and conditions are too dangerous to risk. Foggy conditions added to the concern, as deputies say fog makes it difficult to find and rescue anyone who</p>
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might fall through thin ice into the water. Across the North, some lakes where 14" was normal ice thickness are now down to 8". The issue isn't expected to go away soon as high temperatures are forecast to remain above normal for the first half of the week. Snowmobile trails are also feeling the effects with conditions deteriorating rapidly.

A Senate bill proposes tougher penalties on criminals caught with guns or those who illegally buy guns for someone else. The measure would make it a felony to buy a gun for someone who can't legally have one. The bill would also make it a felony for someone to have a gun if they have had three misdemeanor convictions within a three-year span. Sponsors of the bill want to

					keep guns out of the hands of people who act recklessly.
Ashland schools on lockdown yesterday	News	1/24/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Schools in Ashland were on lockdown shortly after 3:00 yesterday afternoon following a threat, delaying some buses home. The district was notified by Ashland police and advised to follow their safety protocol procedures. Officials said at no time was there any danger on school grounds and investigators cleared the lockdown a short time later.</p> <p>A group of current and former inmates at the Lincoln Hills School in Irma filed a federal lawsuit alleging as much as 20 percent of the population is held in solitary confinement and guards needlessly pepper spray prisoners. The American Civil Liberties Union and the Juvenile Law Center filed the lawsuit</p>

yesterday in Madison on behalf of four current and former inmates at Wisconsin's only youth prison. The suit alleges the inmates' treatment violates their constitutional rights and asks a judge to prohibit prison officials from using solitary confinement and pepper spray except in rare cases. Wisconsin Department of Corrections spokesman Tristan Cook didn't immediately respond to inquiries last night. Federal authorities are still investigating allegations of prisoner abuse, child neglect and sexual assault at the facility.

For the last two years it was never built and this year it only lasted a week. Eagle River's famous ice castle was torn down yesterday, falling victim to the rain and mild temperatures. City firefighters who build the

					downtown structure said it was now a safety hazard. Lit up at night the castle typically draws thousands of tourists and locals alike for pictures through the winter.
Plans for new ballpark in Rhinelander get stopped	News	1/24/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Antigo Police have been notified by the Pennington County Sheriff's Department in South Dakota that Cathy Brown and her children were located. Brown is held pending extradition to Wisconsin on charges of interfering with a custody order involving 11-year old Avery and 9-year old Dalton who are in good health and in protective care. Their father is on his way to pick up the kids. Plans to locate another ball diamond at Pioneer Park in Rhinelander were turned back by the city, but another group is interested in using it. The Parks,

Building and Grounds committee is recommending a new dog park where there's already a walking area for the animals. There's already major funding for the project and possible naming rights for Drs. Foster and Smith. The city council is expected to act on the proposal, more than a decade in the works, at its February meeting.

Wisconsin Democrats are among those praising Republican President Donald Trump for pulling the plug on the Trans Pacific Partnership. Trump issued an executive order yesterday ending America's efforts to approve a trade deal with Pacific Rim nations sought by the Obama White House. Senate Democrat Tammy Baldwin says ending the T-P-P and renegotiating NAFTA

are "good first steps" -- but she says Trump must also crack down on reforms like requiring the government to use U-S vendors and stop outsourcing jobs. Madison House Democrat Mark Pocan says he'll seek to ensure that U-S trade deals benefit "families, not big corporations."

Governor Scott Walker plans to release his state budget plan early next month. He's requested a joint session of the legislature the afternoon of February 8th, where he will outline his proposal for the state's next two-year spending plan. Walker has been previewing aspects of his budget, which is expected to include a tuition cut for University of Wisconsin students and a series of welfare reforms. It will also show how the governor plans to deal with

Gov. Walker to release state budget plan early next month

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a \$1 billion shortfall in the state's transportation fund – a issue that's likely to be a strong point of contention during budget talks with lawmakers.

**A new, managed family care program will be available for northcentral Wisconsin soon. Fond du Lac based Lakeland Care provides care for eligible elders and adults with disabilities and won a bid to provide services to Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas and Wood counties beginning in July. Family Care works with people to help them regain their independence.**

**Wausau's City Council last night approved Micon Cinemas moving into the old Sears store in the Wausau Center Mall,**

					<p><b>downtown. The measure wasn't without opposition as the vote was 8-3. The main concern is a much smaller tax distribution. The theater will house 10 screens including an IMAX style and offer a lounge and bar area. The project is expected to be complete by May of next year.</b></p> <p>A winter weather advisory is in effect today for much of central Wisconsin for around 3-inches of snow. A winter storm warning reaching further south doubles that total.</p>
<p>Democrats and labor unions speak out</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/25/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Democrats and labor unions have spoken out against a state bill to stop local governments from having mandatory labor agreements in their building contracts for public projects. An Assembly panel conducted a hearing</p>

yesterday on the measure from Brookfield Republican Rob Hutton, who says the mandatory labor agreements discourage lots of contractors from seeking government work -- and he calls it a "free market issue." But opponents called it part of the Republicans' six year campaign to put the clamps on labor unions, and it's all about paying people less. A Senate panel is meeting on a similar bill today.

President Donald Trump says he will simplify a long process to grant federal permits for new and expanded crude oil pipelines. And that could affect plans by Enbridge Energy to build a new line sending up to 370-thousand barrels per day of Canadian oil to the company's facility in Superior. Yesterday Trump

					<p>signed orders that could speed up approvals of the Keystone X-L and Dakota Access lines -- and that triggered new protests in Washington and several other cities. The proposed Enbridge line would increase total oil movements at Superior to three-million barrels per day -- three times more than the X-L pipeline could deliver and five times more than the Dakota Access line. Potato growers plan to give five-million dollars to the U-W Madison over the next decade to conduct research for the industry. Members of the Wisconsin Potato and Vegetable Growers Association will pay for the new research with higher assessments on their product sales.</p>
<p>Marshfield health systems looking to build a new hospital in Minocqua</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/26/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Marshfield Clinic Health System is looking to build a 72,000 square foot hospital</p>

				<p>in Minocqua. Attached to its existing clinic and surgery center, the facility will continue to offer a full complement of services. It's also within walking distance of the Howard Young Medical Center where officials say it's a duplication of services. That's now up to the Town of Minocqua and Oneida County board to decide. The application review process begins next week. A 24-year old Rhinelander woman is free on bond, charged with embezzling money from the Park City Credit Union branch in Minocqua, where she was a teller. Tabitha Kovac is accused of taking more than \$12,000 over the last several months. She's back in court tomorrow facing a felony charge of theft in a business setting. Nearly a year to the day,</p>
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					<p>the DNR began discussions to allow hunters to leave their deer stands and ground blinds overnight on agency-managed lands. Yesterday the Natural Resources Board approved the measure on state owned land north of Hwy 64 with certain conditions from September first to the end of January.</p> <p>Governor Scott Walker had planned to visit several small communities in the state today, including Crandon, to announce his plans to dramatically help rural schools in the state. That trip has been postponed with no reason given. Walker is not saying yet exactly what he will be proposing. But he says the help will target unique needs of rural schools, such as high transportation costs with increased state aid.</p>
	News	1/26/17	1230p,530p	1:30	The body of a 60-year-old

Body of man identified

man has been recovered from a northwest Wisconsin lake where officials say he drove through the ice. Washburn County sheriff's deputies say David Magnus of Sarona was found yesterday in about 24 feet of water on Long Lake near Birchwood -- and his pickup truck was found nearby in about 40 feet of water. According to deputies, witnesses heard a loud vehicle spinning on the ice Tuesday night -- and when they checked it out, they saw tracks leading to a hole. After the recent warming trend, sheriff's officials say to approach ice with caution. Much of the southern half of Wisconsin did not get as much snow as expected yesterday, but scattered areas got dumped on. Ten-point-two inches fell near Plymouth in Sheboygan

County and part of La Crosse got almost nine-and-one-half inches. Madison picked up 5-6 inches, the Green Bay area had around three. The North was lucky to get trace amounts.

A controversial new snowmobile trail gets a second approval from the state Natural Resources Board. The vote includes the one-point-four mile trail in a master plan for Blue Mound State Park west of Madison. The board initially approved the trail one year ago, marking the first time in 20 years that snowmobiling could be allowed in the normally quiet park. But opponents have long said the trail would create too much noise and fumes -- and they filed suit, saying the Board violated the Open Meeting law by discussing the

					project at a private dinner last January.
Downtown Rhineland business looking for money	News	1/27/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>During the course of the downtown Rhineland Streetscape redevelopment project, the basement of the historic State Theater was flooded and now owners have filed suit against the city. An area of concrete was removed adjacent to the building according to court filings, exposing the basement and allowing rainwater to enter. The Rouman family seeks \$50,000 in damages and costs for mold abatement and restoration.</p> <p>The recent mild weather claimed another ice fisherman, this one on Lake Geneva in the Town of Linn. Michael Zielinski went in early Tuesday morning. He was found later that afternoon as police used a</p>

drone in the search. Across the North ice conditions again vary widely from the above normal temperatures and the rain and officials urge caution, especially if driving on frozen waters.

Rhinelanders' Chamber of Commerce awards dinner was held last night, recognizing businesses and individuals for their work over the last year. And for the first time, a male and female volunteer of the year were recognized. Ben Meyer and Jan Leshke share the honor. CT's Deli downtown is the Retail Business of the Year, Ripco Credit Union and WJFW Television share the Business, professional and Industrial Business award. Rouman Cinema is the Tourism and Convention business winner and the

					<p>YMCA of the Northwoods the Non-Profit organization of the year.</p> <p>Officials at the Crandon Raceway continue upgrading the championship facility. Nearly \$800,000 worth of work is expected to be complete by the races this spring. Included is new seating and press box plus concession areas.</p>
Madison's mayor will go to court if necessary	News	1/27/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Madison's mayor will go to court if necessary, to fight any loss of federal funds for providing sanctuary protections to illegal immigrants. Paul Soglin says the city will continue honoring federal requests to detain immigration violators -- but he says Madison Police will not be used as a "tool to enforce federal immigration laws."</p> <p>Yesterday, President Donald Trump signed an executive</p>

order to withhold federal justice and Homeland Security funds for places that prohibit contact with federal officials about a person's immigration status. Hundreds of thousands of abortion opponents, many from Wisconsin are taking part in today's March for Life in Washington. With Republicans now in control of both the White House and Congress, pro lifers are increasingly optimistic about nullifying the 1973 U-S Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion.

A reserve judge from Sheboygan has been named to the state Ethics Commission. Democrats nominated Timothy Van Akkeren to be one of their three members on the six member panel, and Governor Scott Walker made the appointment yesterday. He replaces

					<p>retired Oneida County Circuit Judge Robert Kinney, who resigned last month while saying that the panel was set up to fail because it's not effective or transparent enough.</p> <p>Wisconsin's public school enrollment application period begins next month. The program is a tuition-free opportunity for parents to apply for their children to attend a school in a district other than where they live. Beginning February 6<sup>th</sup> parents can use the department of public instruction's website to apply and will find out by June 9<sup>th</sup> whether or not they've been approved.</p>
Pickup goes through the ice at Boom Lake	News	1/30/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>No one was hurt when a pickup went through the ice on Boom Lake in Rhinelander yesterday. The Oneida County Sheriff's department was notified about 3:00 that the vehicle</p>

was partially submerged. It was removed a short time later. Officials again renew their warnings about unsafe ice. In a close call on Mirror Lake in Sauk County, three adults and one child fell through the ice yesterday. A man and woman went through when they attempted to come to the assistance of a man and his daughter. All four were able to get out of the water and move toward shore before rescue personnel arrived.

Another victim of poor conditions was the annual Ice Drags in Merrill over the weekend, cancelled because of inadequate ice. The main event is February 11<sup>th</sup> on Lake Alexander at the Council Grounds State Park. Police in Wausau are searching for a man who walked away from North

					<p>Central Health Care last week and is considered endangered for mental health reasons. 28-year old Michael Bujanowski is a white male, 5'10" 170lbs with black hair and brown eyes. You're asked to contact police if you've seen him.</p> <p>An audit showing the cost of several major transportation projects were under-estimated has Wisconsin lawmakers asking the Department of Transportation to rework the numbers. The audit shows the projects could cost up to three-billion dollars more than previous estimates. The state was already facing a billion-dollar shortfall in its transportation fund.</p>
State school academic scores	News	1/30/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Only Wisconsin and Wyoming use the A-C-T college entrance exam to show schools meet federal

				<p>performance requirements. But the U-S Education Department says the A-C-T only meets part of the federal standards for assessing reading, math and language arts -- and both states will have to give substantially more information to show that they're complying with the federal accountability law. Wisconsin could face federal funding limits if it does not deal with the matter -- and the state's education agency says it's reviewing what it must do. The state has 30 days to set a timeline for submitting its information to the federal government and the A-C-T says it will help meet that deadline. Wisconsin decided to use the A-C-T a couple years ago to measure high school performance and all eleventh graders take it.</p>
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The first clinic in the country to open under the Ascension name is in Wausau and a ribbon cutting ceremony marks the occasion tomorrow. The new Ascension Medical Group clinic on Wausau's west side is the starting point to transition Ministry Health Care Hospitals to the new Ascension name. The 48,000 square foot facility will feature primary and specialty care, lab and imaging services and more. The YMCA of the Northwoods pool work continues moving forward with new mechanics and energy efficient lighting already installed. The final phase of the work comes in April with replacement of the aging air handling system. The pool is open now but will close beginning April 10<sup>th</sup> for at least two weeks.

Car bus crash in Newbold	News	1/31/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>No one was seriously hurt after a car crashed head on into a school bus yesterday in Newbold. The vehicles collided on a snowy corner of Bridge Road just after 4:00. There were six students on board. The driver of the car was treated for a neck injury.</p> <p>While few details have been released, President Donald Trump will be in Wisconsin Thursday to talk about the economy, specifically about manufacturing. The White House confirmed the visit yesterday. Trump is making the stop amid continued backlash from his executive order banning refugees and travelers from seven Muslim-majority countries. A move that's supported by Governor Scott Walker who said it's a safety issue. Meanwhile, state attorney</p>
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general Brad Schimel said he would consider legal action if he felt Trump overreached his constitutional authority or the outcome would have a “negative impact” on Wisconsin. The president also says he’s made up his mind about who he’ll appoint to the US Supreme Court and will announce it tonight.

In a decision announced yesterday, the Boy Scouts of America will now allow transgender children who identify as boys to enroll in their programs. The organization’s decision bases its boys only enrollment on the application filled out by the parents instead of the gender as listed on a birth certificate, as was the policy. A spokeswoman for the Scouts said the decision

					<p>was made based on states and communities changing how gender is defined. The issue peaked last year when a transgender child in New Jersey was asked to leave his scout troop.</p>
<p>Muslim students asked not to leave UW Madison</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/31/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>U-W Madison is urging its nearly 90 students and staffers from predominantly Muslim countries not to leave the U-S for any reason right now. The state's largest campus joined other U-S colleges yesterday in asking President Donald Trump to reconsider his temporary ban on entry visas.</p> <p>State lawmakers are poised to take on the issue of transportation in the budget, a major sticking point in Governor Scott Walker's new budget. Some of the debate will center on the rail industry and in particular how it applies to hauling timber</p>

products from the North. The Northwoods Rail Transit Commission met in Rhinelander last week and is looking for ways to use more railroads to haul goods, which saves highways.

A former inmate at the state's Copper Lake juvenile institution for girls near Irma has filed a federal lawsuit, claiming it did not have enough staffers to deal with her suicide attempt.

Eighteen-year-old Sydni Briggs of Janesville and her mother say the girl's civil rights were violated two years ago at the girls' school in Lincoln County -- and as a result, they say Sydni suffered severe brain damage and will need care the rest of her life. The lawsuit claims a "prolonged rash of suicide attempts" at Copper Lake, which along with the boys' school at

					Lincoln Hills are being investigated by the federal government for numerous alleged abuses and civil rights violations. The state says it's reviewing the lawsuit but has not commented further.
Interview	Phone	1/11/17	836am	3 minutes	Talked to Judy Jurries from the St. Germain Chamber about an upcoming event called the Arctic Warrior Race
Interview	Phone	1/25/17	835a	3 minutes	Talked to Tammy Modic from the NATH Organization about an upcoming fundraiser for the Fredrick Place in Rhinelander.

### Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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New hospital in Minocqua proposal	News	2/1/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Representatives of the Marshfield Clinic presented their plans for a new hospital to the Minocqua Planning Commission yesterday, a meeting that wasn't so much about a new facility as it was about the future of healthcare.

The 72,000 square foot facility would be within walking distance of the Howard Young Medical Center, which opposes the plan citing their longevity in community and a duplication of services. An interesting twist to the discussion is the fact most of the doctors at Howard Young are Marshfield employees. Plus, Howard Young and the Ministry Health Care system were both sold to Ascension Health last year. Dr. Barbara Boyer, one of those practicing at Howard Young, in addressing the committee, said Ascension is only interested in the nation, not Minocqua. She said more time is spent on clerical work than patient care.

Minocqua Police report cases of the so-called, "can

you hear me" scam. It's an automated call asking if you can hear them and if answered with yes, the response is recorded and used to make it sound like you agreed to their service, prompting access to charge cards or other financial accounts. Police advise simply hanging up.

The Green Bay Packers Tailgate Tour is making a stop in Rhinelander in April. Benefitting the Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing, the popular tour will offer games, food and a question and answer session. Current players Aaron Ripkowski, Brett Hundley and Jake Ryan join former stars Ahman Green, Ryan Longwell and Robert Ferguson along with team President and CEO Mark Murphy. For ticket information contact NATH

					or the Rhinelander Chamber.
Harley Davidson shoots down Trump story	News	2/1/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Harley Davidson denies a C-N-N report that President Donald Trump canceled a visit to Milwaukee for tomorrow because the company was not "comfortable" hosting him amid protests. White House spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham confirms the cancellation, and C-N-N cites an unnamed administration official with the apparent reason. Harley said yesterday it does not have, or did have, a scheduled visit from Trump this week. Harley says it's proud to have hosted former presidents and they look forward to hosting Trump in the future. His immigrant travel ban has spurred protests around the country -- and the state Republican Party blames

Democrats engaging in what the G-O-P calls "desperate tactics" that won't "work for them."

State Representatives Rob Swearingen, Mary Felzkowski and Jeff Mursau are hosting a Fab Lab tour in the 34<sup>th</sup> Assembly District tomorrow for rural and urban lawmakers and Wisconsin school superintendents. The group will be discussing issues pertaining to rural and urban education while touring Fab Labs in the Three Lakes, Northland Pines and Florence school districts. Fab Labs are centers where students learn about and participate in the fabrication of different materials and items. From design to creation with a 3D printer, Fab Labs are quickly becoming a popular

					<p>addition to school curriculums because of what students learn about engineering and material processing.</p> <p>Northcentral Technical College in Wausau has been named a 2017 Best Online College in America by BestColleges.com for the third year in a row. NTC ranked fourth in the nation for accredited schools offering online associate degrees in the 2017 analysis.</p>
Increases in state school aid	News	2/2/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Big increases in school aid are part of Governor Scott Walker's budget package before lawmakers in Madison. Walker was in Crandon yesterday announcing what he'd like to see for the state's rural school districts, like a \$10.4 million dollar increase in</p>

transportation aid. Sparsity aid for schools with less than 1000 students is increased \$20 million and \$13 million is added for increasing broadband coverage. Walker also wants ways to recruit and retain teachers and plans more announcements for state schools next week.

In other news, Governor Walker said part of his visit to the White House last week involved discussion about expanding his collective bargaining legislation nationally. Walker visited Washington last Friday, where he met with President Donald Trump in the oval office and then with Vice President Mike Pence. During the visit with Pence, Walker said the discussion included how they might take "bits and pieces" of Act 10 and civil service reforms and apply

					<p>them at the national level. The 2011 law reduced the collective bargaining power of many public sector employee unions, sparking massive protests in Wisconsin and a wave of recall elections against lawmakers, as well as one targeting the governor.</p> <p>For more than a dozen years the family seeking to build a bible camp on Squash Lake have been turned back by the courts. Now, two judges on the 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling of Oneida County's denying the permits for the compound on Jaros family land west of Rhinelander. Another appeal is forthcoming.</p>
Telephone scammers are a big problem across the state	News	2/2/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Harley Davidson's top executives meet with President Donald Trump

today in Washington. That's after the White House canceled a presidential trip to Milwaukee, in which Trump was planning to discuss U-S manufacturing. C-N-N said a Harley Davidson plant was going to host Trump, but the company didn't want protesters tagging along. Harley denied the assertion, and now says it looks forward to discussing with Trump the future of American manufacturing. Two G-O-P state lawmakers propose a series of bills to boost penalties for violent criminals, especially teen carjackers around Milwaukee. Among other things, suburban Milwaukee Representative Joe Sanfelippo and Senator Leah Vukmir want to increase the numbers of criminals labeled as "serious juvenile offenders" who go

to Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake in Lincoln County, which are being investigated by the federal government for alleged inmate abuses. Sanfelippo says punishing youth carjackers is a separate issue from abuses at Lincoln Hills -- and getting habitual offenders off the streets would make neighborhoods and residents safer.

Telephone scams are the biggest problem for Wisconsin consumers. State officials say telemarketing calls topped the list of people's complaints to the consumer protection bureau last year -- and many callers tried to steal money with things like false threats about unpaid taxes or requests to give personal data to potential identity thieves. The Number two problem, landlord/tenant

					disputes. Other's on the state's Top Ten list of consumer complaints -- and identity thefts, Home improvement, inaccurate gas pumps, car repairs and sales, faulty computer equipment and warranty disputes.
A couple of snowmobile crashes	News	2/3/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	A couple snowmobile crashes early this morning within minutes of each other. Just before 2:00, Vilas County dispatched St. Germain and Plum Lake rescue units to an accident on Hwy 70 and Henry Drive, west of St. Germain. One person was hurt. About 10 minutes later Oneida County units from Three Lakes attended to an unconscious woman after a crash by the trail near Chicken In The Woods Road and Midway Road by Big Stone Lake. The machine was in the woods and the woman's helmet found

near the crash, having been knocked off by the impact. She was medivaced by Spirit Air to Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff. No other information is available.

A 21-year old Rhinelander man faces several felonies. Alex Durand was arrested last month, allegedly driving a car without the owner's consent. When he was stopped, police found mail in the vehicle and a search warrant uncovered more at his home. In Oneida County Court yesterday he was formally charged with theft of the vehicle, mail theft, bail jumping and credit card fraud. The court denied a motion to modify the \$15,000 bond and he remains in jail. Arraignment is set for February 20<sup>th</sup>. Nearly 300 teams representing 28 states are

					<p>registered for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Labatt Blue/USA Pond Hockey National Championships in Eagle River next weekend. Preparation for the 24 rinks is already underway on Dollar Lake by volunteers. Registration opened in August for the event and the first division sold out in just three minutes, setting a record.</p>
<p>State politicians on gun buying for some people</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/3/17</p>	<p>1230,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>La Crosse Democrat Ron Kind joined House Republicans in striking down a rule stopping at least some Social Security disability recipients from buying guns. Kind joined four Wisconsin Republicans yesterday in dropping Barack Obama's rule to force the Social Security Administration to send the names of mentally ill recipients to the F-B-I's background check system for gun purchases.</p>

				<p>Wisconsin House Democrats Gwen Moore and Mark Pocan voted against the G-O-P bill and they sided with the rule's supporters who say it keeps guns away from those with schizophrenia and severe anxiety attacks. Critics say the Obama rule takes away Second Amendment gun rights for those without dangerous mental health conditions, like those with eating disorders.</p> <p>Majority Republicans are hiring two high powered legal firms to try and preserve state Assembly and Senate districts a court said were highly gerrymandered in the G-O-P's favor. The Assembly Organization Committee and a similar Senate panel voted yesterday to hire the international firm of Kirkland and Ellis and the Madison firm of Bell/Giftos/Saint John</p>
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					<p>to try and overturn a recent ruling that the 2011 G-O-P district maps were unconstitutional -- and that new maps need to be drawn for the 2018 elections. All Democrats voted no, and they objected that the meetings were closed to the public. Republicans have already billed taxpayers two-million dollars for legal assistance on redistricting -- and they do not know how much their new help will cost. Democrats won a lawsuit last year challenging the G-O-P redistricting and they're ready for the appeal.</p>
Stolen Car chase	News	2/6/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A stolen car complaint led to a high speed chase and an Oneida County man hospitalized in serious condition. Rhinelander Police were notified by a woman of the complaint shortly before 10 Saturday morning. About an hour</p>

later the vehicle was spotted in Stevens Point where, when stopped, the 30-year old man cut his throat in front of the officers. He had been texting the woman about suicide. At one point he was traveling nearly 100 miles per hour through Portage County. No other information is available.

Last week in Crandon, Governor Scott Walker said he had more to say about education funding. Now, he's proposing a big boost in money for K-12 education. This comes two years after the Republican cut school funding. This time he is calling for a 649-million dollar increase, an additional 200 dollars of spending per pupil in each of the next two years. Governor Walker will release details of his

spending plan Wednesday.

A survey shows millennials are moving to mid-sized cities like Madison, which have strong technology centers and affordable costs of living. Employment recruiter Career Builder ranks Wisconsin's capital city number-one for having the largest increase of workers between the ages of 22 and 34. The city has been reversing a Midwestern trend, because young people are actually moving out of the region. El Paso, Texas, was second on the list, followed by Colorado Springs, Colorado.

And the New England Patriots are Super Bowl Champs, beating the Atlanta Falcons in overtime 34-28.

Snowmobile deaths reported	News	2/6/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Two snowmobile deaths
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over the weekend

have been reported in Wisconsin during the weekend, for a total of nine this winter. In west central Wisconsin, Monroe County sheriff's deputies say 29-year-old Michael Melde of Sparta died Saturday when his machine lost control on a curve, and struck fencing and a bridge overpass in Wilton near Highway 71. The other snowmobile death occurred early yesterday in Oconto County. Officials say an unidentified man died after his snowmobile veered out of control on a curve and apparently struck at least one tree. The D-N-R continues to investigate both deaths -- and the total statewide snowmobile deaths for the season are four higher than on this day last winter. A 23-year old Mosinee man was injured in a snowmobile crash Friday

night in the town of Harrison, off Hwy B. He failed a field sobriety test and was ticketed.

Tomahawk firefighters and Lincoln County deputies responded to a fire early yesterday morning in the Town of Bradley. About 1am a passerby reported flames coming from the chimney of a home on County Road "S". When officials arrived the occupants had already evacuated. The blaze was contained to the chimney and no one was hurt.

A bright fireball is seen and heard across the Midwest overnight and it appeared to be a meteor. The American Meteor Society says it received hundreds of reports of a green fireball flashing in the sky as of 1:30 this morning. The National Weather Service office in Sullivan posted video of the

					event online.
Traffic stop leads to drug bust	News	2/7/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A traffic stop near Mosinee led to three arrests and nearly \$60,000 worth of heroin. The Marathon County Sheriff's office reported deputies found the drug in the car along with a loaded handgun and arrested 18 year old Cassidy Milonczyk of Stevens Point, 34 year old Daryl Harris of Romeoville, IL and 39-year old Craig Gates of Wausau. All three are in jail awaiting various felony drug charges.</p> <p>If President Donald Trump's first pick for U.S. Labor Secretary falls through, a Wisconsin Congressman says there's speculation Governor Scott Walker could be in line for the position. The confirmation process for current nominee Andrew Puzder has stalled, with hearings being pushed</p>

off several times amid questions about him divesting his financial interests in the private sector. If Puzder is not confirmed, U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan says there are rumors that Walker could be next in line. Something the Governor denies.

A statewide recall has been issued for beef jerky produced by Johnson's Sausage Shoppe in RIO. The WI Dept of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection says the product was not properly inspected and packages feature the Wisconsin logo and number 293 on the labels. All affected products were sold in quarter pound packages.

Lakeland High School will showcase its graphic arts dual platform school, the zSpace Lab, pre-engineering coursework as

					well as other career and technical education (CTE) offerings during State Superintendent Tony Evers' visit this afternoon to celebrate Career and Technical Education Month. The theme for CTE month is "Celebrate Today, Own Tomorrow!"
Committee doesn't act on any recommendations	News	2/7/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Committees reviewing the results of a survey didn't act on any recommendations yesterday. The online questions centered on traffic in downtown Rhinelander as the Streetscape Project winds down. As of now there's parallel parking on the West side of Brown Street and diagonal on the East. The survey sought feedback on any modifications when the project resumes in spring. More than half the respondents didn't want one way traffic and nearly 90% favored parking the

way it is. Other options were discussed during meetings of the Public Works and Water/Wastewater committees with members still split on what direction to take, if any.

The head of the Wisconsin Senate's public safety committee wants to know when the F-B-I will finish its two year investigation into alleged juvenile inmate abuses at Lincoln Hills near Irma. Racine Republican Van Wanggaard says he won't know what reforms to propose, until the F-B-I tells him "what to fix." But U-S Attorney John (voo dray) of Madison says they'll keep working until they reach a conclusion . Wanggaard says he wrote the F-B-I last week, asking how much longer its probe at the state's Lincoln Hills boys' school and Copper Lake

					<p>girls' school will go -- and he accuses the F-B-I of "stonewalling," saying the agency's credibility is "diminished" in the process. Voo dray says the bureau will send Wanggaard a response, but he won't tell him how long the probe might continue. And winter weather advisories for a mix of snow and freezing drizzle is in effect until 6 tonite.</p>
<p>Dogs removed from Oneida Co. shelter</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/8/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Several Oneida County offices were involved in removing 39 dogs from, It Matters To One Animal Rescue in Sugar Camp. The Sheriff's Department in a news release stated past employees, volunteers and people adopting or considered adopting an animal shared information about possible neglect. An inspection Monday found dogs in need of medical attention, food and water.</p>

They were all taken to the humane society. There was no mention of charges pending, if any. Attempts to reach the owners and the sheriff's office investigators have gone unanswered yet as of this morning. On their Facebook page, It Matters to One responded, the situation is "extremely unsettling" being accused of neglect, having rescued hundreds of dogs over the past four years from high kill shelters and undesirable circumstances and finding them homes.

The Antigo School District is still working on consolidation plans in the wake of declining enrollment. Last year parents filed suit and petitioned to start a district of their own where buildings would be closed. Now the board's suggesting moving

					<p>8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high school, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades to the middle school and the remaining youngsters to East, West and North elementary schools. In a letter to parents the board believes it's the best solution, will still provide services and avoid another referendum. They also stressed that green space for outdoor classes and play, length of bus rides, scheduling of specials (physical education, art and music) and staffing were considered. Four public hearings are planned this month, beginning next week.</p>
Shelter dogs being reviewed	News	2/8/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The investigation surrounding 39 dogs being removed from the It Matters To One animal rescue shelter in Sugar Camp continues. The animals were removed</p>

Monday following complaints and an initial investigation by several departments in Oneida County government. Sheriff's department Captain of Investigations Terri Hook told us there are still many unanswered questions and the swift reaction on social media to the incident is not based on fact. She said they're being very careful to determine if indeed some of the alleged abuses were caused at the facility or not.

A mental exam will determine whether a 44-year-old man can help prepare his defense for the shooting death of a Rusk County sheriff's deputy.

				<p>Circuit Judge Steven Anderson approved the defense request for a competency exam yesterday, when Doug Nitek of Conrath appeared in court on 31 criminal charges -- and a hearing April 18th could determine whether Nitek is competent to stand trial. He's accused of shooting Deputy Dan Glaze last October while the officer was in his squad car at Nitek's property, four days after he reportedly told a D-N-R warden he was tired of contacts with law enforcement and he would shoot the next officer who comes on his land.</p> <p>Rhineland High School's record setting mock trial team is in Wausau this weekend in regional competition. The team last year captured its 30<sup>th</sup></p>
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					<p>consecutive title. Four rounds of competition are scheduled at the Marathon County Courthouse Saturday with teams from Lakeland, Wausau West, Merrill, Phillips, Thorp and DC Everest also competing.</p>
<p>Gov. Walker proposes money for state classrooms</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/9/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Governor Scott Walker proposed significant new dollars for education that will go directly to classrooms. He said in the past the budget allowed schools substantial savings but it isn't about the past, it's propelling us into the future. In his budget address yesterday Walker wants an increase of \$649 million. Rural schools would get \$20 million more in sparsity aid and more than \$22 million would be used for technology and</p>

infrastructure. Republican State Representative Rob Swearingen of Rhinelander, chair of the Rural Schools Taskforce, said he's pleased a number of provisions from that work, like increased transportation aid and broadband investment are included in the budget.

Democrat Katrina Shankland of Stevens Point said schools like Antigo are a prime example of what public schools are trying to do with what they have, this week announcing another consolidation plan. The UW system and technical schools will also benefit under the proposals. The budget now heads to lawmakers in Madison for debate and approval.

Three people are arrested and face numerous drug and firearms charges. Wausau Police acting on a search warrant on the 700

					<p>block of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue uncovered a marijuana and sillo/cyban mushroom growing operation. In custody are 40-year old Giannetta Pederson, a Copper Lake/Lincoln Hills youth counselor, her boyfriend, 38-year old Shane Dalbec and her son, 17-year old Casey Pederson. The home is just blocks away from Wausau West high school. The trio faces at least 28 felonies. According to court documents, officers also seized 19 firearms – four of which were reported stolen.</p>
Gov. Walker tours the state	News	2/9/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker is on another quick tour of Wisconsin todayto promoting the two year, 76-billion dollar state budget he proposed yesterday. Major boosts to education lead the figures as does a reorganization of the DNR.</p>

It would reduce the number of divisions within the agency and move some responsibilities to other departments and private firms, similar to what D-N-R Secretary Cathy Stepp recently proposed. It would not split the agency into separate divisions for environmental and sporting matters. Private outfits would do some of the legwork for reviewing environmental permit requests, but officials say the agency will still have the final say. Walker's budget also calls for a feasibility study on having the agriculture department act on permits for larger dairy farms instead of the D-N-R -- which was criticized in a state audit last year for not having enough oversight of those farms.

Two people died in a head on traffic crash in Shawano

					<p>County. It happened yesterday afternoon on Highway 47 near Bonduel. The State Patrol says a car driver was passing a semitruck on the two lane road, when the car entered a no passing zone and hit an oncoming auto and then the semi. The driver of the passing auto, an 84-year-old Brookfield man, died at the scene along with the other driver, a 57-year-old Shawano man. An 81-year-old passenger in the first car was taken to a Green Bay hospital with life threatening injuries and the semi driver escaped injury. The victims' names have not been released.</p>
<p>Oneida Co. investigators continue to look into dog kennel owners</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/10/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>As Oneida County investigators with the Sheriff's department continue looking into the treatment of dogs at It Matters to One animal rescue in Sugar Camp, the</p>

outpouring of support goes on. Thirty nine dogs were taken to the Humane Society Monday and donations of food, blankets and money have been coming in steadily. Doctors Foster and Smith retail store, in addition to being a dropoff point for donations has supplied vaccinations, toys and treats as well. The Sheriff's department, on their Facebook page stated no more information about their investigation can be released in the best interest of their work and the business.

A former Marathon County Jail corrections officer faces criminal charges. 38-year old Jennifer Kowalski of Wausau is accused of having sexual contact with an inmate. She's charged with second degree sexual assault by corrections staff and misconduct in office,

both felonies. She worked at the jail from 2006 to 2015. Tomahawk police helped rescue a dog that had fallen through thin ice on the Jersey Flowage. Dispatched to the 1600 block of Bridge Street officers found a 10-month old Bernese Mountain dog in the water, and it had been there nearly 20 minutes. The owner could not reach the animal. Officers and a family friend were able to stretch several pieces of wood to reach the dog, which was treated and released from the Animal Clinic of Tomahawk. Flights from Rhinelander will benefit from new automated security lanes this summer. Officials say security screening will be 40% faster.

Gov. Walker says a good chunk of his budget will pass

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Governor Scott Walker says a "good chunk" of his proposed state budget will pass, but Senate G-O-P leader Scott Fitzgerald cites some big differences. Fitzgerald said public school aid will probably go up, but not by the 649-million dollars the Republican Walker seeks -- and the Senate leader says lawmakers could also split with Walker on a self insurance program for health coverage, school choice, 600-million dollars in tax cuts and more. Walker said he would reject tax or fee hikes of any type for new roads -- and not just transportation fees as he mentioned before. In Wausau yesterday, Walker defended his budget plan to let the D-N-R raise admission and camping fees at state parks, after the state took away tax support for the parks two years ago.

Walker continues his tour of Wisconsin today. Wisconsin's annual spearing season for sturgeon begins tomorrow on Lake Winnebago and adjacent lakes up the Fox River. The season runs for 16 days unless quotas are reached in one of several categories. State D-N-R biologist Ryan Koenigs says a short season will mean that conditions are good -- unlike a year ago, when spearing ran the entire period and the total harvest was only one third of the 21-hundred fish taken in 2015. Only 703 of the large fish were taken last year -- and about 13-thousand people have licenses to try and increase that harvest and set a new record to beat the 84 inch, 212 pound sturgeon was taken seven years ago.

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Gov. Walker gets called out by state politician

representative who was a single parent says Governor Scott Walker owes an apology to all single and unmarried parents in Wisconsin. Walker said in his state budget address last week, people who wait until they're 21 to get married and have kids are more likely to be successful. State Representative Amanda Stuck said those comments reminded her of what it felt like to be a single parent at 19. She says she was treated her like a failure but worked hard and finished school. Walker was referencing research on the "Success Sequence," saying people should go to school, get a job, get married and then have kids.

Wisconsin is one of 15 states requiring a work permit for residents under the age of 18. New legislation would

lower than age to 16. Republican Representative Amy Loudenbeck of Clinton says her bill is the first of a series of initiatives she plans to work on to improve access to employment and other daily living supports for unaccompanied and homeless youth. Under current law, a minor must obtain a work permit prior to employment.

Loudenbeck said, "Providing these young people with an opportunity for legal, gainful employment so they can complete their education and become self-supporting adults will reduce their risk for negative outcomes."

Rhinelanders' mock trial team broke its own record, besting six other schools over the weekend, taking their 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive

					<p>regional championship. The event was held at the Marathon County Courthouse in Wausau. State competition begins March 11<sup>th</sup> in Madison.</p>
<p>Antigo man cited for operatin a snowmobile while drinking</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/13/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin education leaders have mixed feelings about Governor Scott Walker's budget measure to bring back lifetime state licenses for public school teachers. State Superintendent Tony Evers says teachers would still need some type of continuing education. The five year license renewals adopted in 1983 requires teachers to prove their growth. The Republican Walker would cut ten state education jobs that deal with teacher licensing -- and he's also trying to address a teacher shortage by having the U-W work</p>

with schools to help teacher aides and others get licensed.

A 31-year old Antigo man was cited for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated Saturday night in the Town of Russell.

About 5:30 a caller reported a sled traveling over 90 MPH on county road X then parked at an establishment in Gleason where he was ticketed and released to a responsible party.

The driver of a tanker truck sustained minor injuries when his rig rolled over. The Lincoln county Sheriff's office reported the accident on Hwy C in the town of Schley just after midnight Saturday morning. The Draeger Company semi had the fuel pumped from the tanker into another truck before it could be uprighted, closing the road

overnight.  
Ripon College and Milwaukee's music community are mourning the death of seven time Grammy winner Al Jarreau. The 76-year-old Milwaukee native died Sunday in Los Angeles, where he was being treated for exhaustion and announced last Thursday he would cancel his tour schedule. Jarreau received the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music's lifetime achievement award last fall.

Rhinelanders' City Council last night said no to a dog park. Supporters of the proposal said Pioneer Park already has a widely used dog path and upgrading it, with help from Foster and Smith and other donors, would be a benefit to the community. Opponents maintain locating it now,

Rhinelanders city council said no to a dog park

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while the city works on a master use plan for its parks, would essentially be sidestepping the work. On a 5-3 vote the council rejected the request. Several members said they're not against the park, just the location and timing of the proposal.

The victim of a fatal snowmobile crash Friday night has been identified. The Price County sheriff's office said 31-year old Tyler Trotterchaude of Park Falls died in the collision of two machines on Pike Lake in Fifield. The other operator is hospitalized in Marshfield.

Two people died yesterday afternoon after a crash in Shawano County. The sheriff's department reports a car collided with a logging truck just before 4:00 on Hwy G and Leopoldis

					<p>Road. The 77-year old man and 76-year old woman, both from Marion, were pronounced dead at the scene. Their names have not yet been released.</p> <p>State lawmakers have grappled with the question of when to begin the school year. Now, the Wausau School Board voted to let the schools decide. Currently Wisconsin schools can't begin until after September first. In their discussion members agreed there will be some times starting earlier would be useful and want that flexibility and they want Madison to know that.</p>
<p>Howard Young in Woodruff to get renovation this summer</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/14/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff will get a multi-million dollar renovation this summer. Officials with Ascension Healthcare said the new construction will meet the</p>

				<p>evolving needs of patients and the area communities. The plan includes extensive renovation of existing space and new work for hospital and ambulatory care services. Meanwhile the Minocqua Plan Commission meets today on a proposal for the Marshfield Clinic to build a new 72,000 square foot hospital addition within walking distance of Howard Young. The two providers have been at odds over the proposal that must get commission approval before going to the town board and finally Oneida County. The commission tabled a review of the plans last month asking for more information.</p> <p>With sunshine returning some of the snowmobile trails across the North are beginning to show signs of wear, but for the most part are in very good to</p>
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					<p>excellent condition. Some swampy areas are in rough shape and area clubs remind riders a mild forecast is expected into the weekend and to be aware that conditions can change rapidly.</p> <p>Part of Wisconsin's largest inland lake has unsafe ice at an especially bad time, during the spearing season for sturgeon on Lake Winnebago. Fond du Lac County sheriff's deputies had rescue teams ready this past weekend in case any of the thousands of spearers were to drive through the ice -- and a couple had their vehicles partially submerged. Conditions will not get better today with highs in the 40s expected for much of the southern part of the state.</p>
Open meeting laws to be challenged	News	2/15/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	The Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear arguments in

a case that could give school boards and other governmental bodies a way around the open meetings law. The case up for argument today focuses on whether meetings of a committee created by employees of the Appleton Area School District should have been open to the public. The committee reviewed books for a ninth grade class. More broadly, the court will examine whether committees created like the one in Appleton are exempt from the law. Lower courts have sided with the district, which said the discussions were not subject to the open meetings law. Republican Attorney General Brad Schimel, the Wisconsin Newspapers Association and the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association all argue the meetings should

have been open.

The city of Rhineland has been without a city administrator since August, when Kristina Aschenbrenner was dismissed. That's changed when the city council approved hiring retired attorney Keith Kost on an interim basis for the duration of Aschenbrenner's contract that runs through the end of the year. The finance committee made the recommendation to fill the position last month when Kost addressed the group saying all he wants is to do the best for the city. A recruiting service is helping the city search for a new administrator. Committee members are now looking whether or not to make the position part-time.

A high rate of absenteeism

					for students in Mercer with flu-like symptoms prompted officials to close the rest of the week. The 232 students return to classes on Monday.
Low voting turnout expected for state primary	News	2/15/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Less than one of every ten Wisconsin adults are expected to vote in next Tuesday's primaries, in which the race for public school superintendent is the only statewide contest. The Elections Commission is not predicting a turnout for this one -- but three similar primaries since 2001 only attracted about six-percent of eligible voters. State Superintendent Tony Evers is challenged by consultant John Humphries and former Beloit Superintendent Lowell Holtz -- and the top two vote getters will advance to April's general election. A series of controlled drug buys from the Forest County

				<p>Drug Task Force and Crandon Police led to the arrest of six people, one a 17-year old juvenile female. They were arrested at a home on North Prospect Avenue in Crandon and include 22-year old Christopher Leach, 19 year old Caleb Leach, 26-year old Larry Swanson, 21-year old Sklyer Hennes and 26-year old Charli Brownell. Investigators found a large amount of marijuana, hash oil, prescription pills, drug paraphernalia, several firearms and cash. The group faces a number of felonies including possession and delivery of various drugs and maintaining a drug trafficking house. The juvenile was referred to the DA's office on adult charges. Forest County officials say more arrests may be coming.</p>
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					<p>A German shepherd from southern Wisconsin was the big winner at the Westminster Dog Show in New York. Rumor, a five-year-old female from Kenlyn Kennels in Edgerton, won the "Best in Show" award last night in the 141st annual event at Madison Square Garden.</p>
<p>Meeting held in Antigo about consolidation of city schools</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/16/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The first of four public meetings on consolidation plans in the Antigo School District was last night. In a letter to parents earlier this month plans were laid out to close three elementary schools and shift grades at the junior high and high school levels, potentially saving the district about \$800,000. School administrators stressed the declining enrollments cannot support all the schools and still provide quality education. They maintain the changes will</p>

allow for smaller classes and provide more special education and reading support for the elementary grades. There's another meeting tonight and two next week to get more public input.

It's been a more severe flu season in Wisconsin this winter than a year ago. The state Health Services agency says 837 people have been hospitalized with flu related conditions from September first through February fourth. That's much greater than the 163 hospitalizations reported at this time in 2016. Outbreaks shut down the Rhinelander school district a couple weeks ago and symptoms have the Mercer district closed until Monday. The Lac du Flambeau tribe settled litigation, paying \$27 million in a case involving business firms and lawyers in

					<p>a 2008 bond issue where the tribe was refinancing debt and investing. Tribal members will learn more in a meeting next month.</p> <p>An Onalaska man is fined nearly \$5000 and has his fishing license revoked for 12 years. 74 year old Stanley Paulk/snis was caught with more than 2,500 fish, 100 times the possession limit. The DNR has cited him seven other times since 1989 for similar activity.</p>
Gov. Walker shoots down claim	News	2/16/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker appears to have snuffed out Democratic claims he's interested in becoming President Donald Trump's new nominee for labor secretary. Fast food magnate Andrew Puzder withdrew from his bid yesterday, after Senate Republicans said they did not have the votes to confirm him amid reports</p>

that he opposed raising the minimum wage and his firm did not fully investigate sexual harassment allegations.

Republican U.S. Rep. Sean Duffy won't challenge Democratic Sen. Tammy Baldwin in 2018, clearing the way for other Republicans who had been waiting for his decision to get in the race.

Duffy announced today he decided against challenging Baldwin, who will be up for re-election for the first time next year. Duffy is in his fourth term representing northern Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District.

Three new members will be inducted this spring into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame. Christine Thomas, dean of the U-W Stevens Point college of natural resources, will be honored

					<p>along with the late Hugh Iltis and Milly Zantow. A ceremony is planned for Earth Day, April 22nd, in Stevens Point -- and they'll join 88 other inductees in the 31-year-old Hall of Fame that includes world renown conservationist Aldo Leopold. Thomas served on both state and national panels including the chair of the state Natural Resources Board. Iltis was a former U-W Madison botanist known for discovering rare plant species -- and Zantow was an activist from North Freedom who helped encourage communities and plastics makers to recycle waste products and find markets for them.</p>
<p>Body found in parking lot of a bar in Weston</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/17/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Everest Metro Police are investigating the circumstances around the discovery of a man's body found in the parking lot of</p>

the Wiggly Field Bar in Weston. It was discovered around midnight and police have interviewed people inside the bar. Reports of a gunshot wound have not been confirmed.

A Prentice woman will serve two years probation and pay of \$3000 fine for stealing mail. The

Department of Justice reported 47-year old Belinda Chizek stole cash from mail she was delivering on her two rural routes in Phillips. She was caught in a sting operation and confessed to the felony, after taking more than \$500. Chizek is also to pay restitution to her victims.

As a whole, the sale of cigarettes to minors in Wisconsin is 7%, but it's over 11% in Oneida County. And the Health Department is putting businesses on notice that you sell to

					<p>underage kids and you'll be fined. The department is reinforcing a state law banning the sale of tobacco products to those under 18 and places that do face fines over \$250, to both the store owner and the person who sold it. Health officials provide free training to combat the problem.</p> <p>Several area events for the weekend have been cancelled due to the mild weather and lack of snow. Temperatures this weekend are expected to be nearly double the average high and combined with the cool nights has maple sap flowing already, nearly a month early. Long range forecasts hold the mild conditions and add rain.</p>
Owner of local animal rescue shelter is heading to court	News	2/17/17	1230p,530p	1:30	The owner of, "It Matters To One" animal rescue is headed for court. 42-year old Stephanie Schneider

was arrested yesterday, charged with failing to provide food or water, mistreating animals and obstructing officers. The shelter was emptied of 39 dogs February 6<sup>th</sup> after allegations of possible neglect. All the animals were taken to the Oneida County Humane Society. Schneider makes her first court appearance Monday, the 27<sup>th</sup>.

Congressman Sean Duffy's decision not to run for the U-S Senate in 2018 could leave a wide open field of Republicans. One possible candidate, state Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald, recently warned against a crowded G-O-P primary -- saying it would leave little money for the nominee to go up against Democratic incumbent Tammy Baldwin in a repeat of 2012, when Tommy

Thompson lost to a well funded Baldwin. Several Republican names have popped up -- but as of now, no one is making a commitment except to consider the possibilities. Democrats say the national G-O-P is scrambling to avoid a primary -- and if it rallies behind Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke, they say a "circus" would emerge. Clarke has said little about running for Senate, while reports indicate that four groups outside Wisconsin are raising money to draft him. A liberal group asked the Elections Commission to see if any laws were broken when two challengers for state school Superintendent talked about consolidating their efforts. One Wisconsin Now says it wants to know if John Humphries and Lowell Holtz illegally exchanged

					votes for things of value.
Winter weather warms up	News	2/20/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Winter activities may grind to halt after today's weather, with significant amounts of rain and continued mild temperatures in the forecast. The average overnight low for this date is 8-degrees and we began at 35. Many snowmobile trails are down to bare ground and area clubs are stressing caution if you're riding. Lakes as well are becoming dangerous as officials say today's combination of weather can rapidly deplete what's now safe ice.</p> <p>Northbound traffic on Hwy 51 near Brokaw will find a lower speed limit and lane closures beginning today as construction resumes. The Dept of Transportation is replacing the bridge decks on both the north and southbound bridges on 51</p>

				<p>over County WW. The \$6-million project should be completed by fall.</p> <p>Two teenagers were arrested following a robbery in Marshfield early yesterday morning. A 19 and 15 year old are in custody after police were called around 1:30 about the incident near the intersection of Cleveland and Doege streets. The investigation is ongoing and no other information is available.</p> <p>A hotly contested three-way primary race for State Superintendent of Public Instruction is the only statewide election on the spring primary ballot tomorrow but there are hundreds of municipal races to be decided. Turnout is not expected to be very high.</p> <p>The DNR will conduct a public hearing Wednesday</p>
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					<p>on plans to open more state forest land to logging. The meeting, at the Woodruff Town Hall will review a variance to the master plan for lands that include the Northern Highland-American Legion State Forest.</p>
<p>Some ice anglers are taking off ice sheds early</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/20/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>There are still several weeks before ice anglers must remove their shelters from the water but many already have as the ice conditions deteriorate with the mild weather. Lincoln county deputies noted most of them were taken out this past weekend and ice anglers are either walking or using ATV's to fish. The Winnebago County Sheriff's Office had to rescue two people when their pickup broke through the ice Saturday morning. No injuries were reported. The Battle on Bago fishing tournament was canceled,</p>

but Sturgeon spearing is still going on. The weekend also prompted more than 50 calls into the sheriff's office with controlled burns and they remind people that if there's not complete snow cover a permit is needed. They also urge residents who burn in well-traveled areas to notify the department before lighting it.

U-S Senator Ron Johnson says investigations of issues involving Russia should be handled by intelligence panels in Congress, not new committees or commissions. The Wisconsin Republican downplays the urgency of taking a closer look at Russian efforts to interfere in the 2016 election, its communications with the Donald Trump presidential campaign and leaks on those questions. Johnson is

					<p>chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Committee. He blamed Democrats for obstruction to Republican efforts and blamed former President Barack Obama's administration for leaving behind a "big mess." Democrats want to know why the Governor's office is giving cash settlements or back pay to former prison guards at Lincoln Hills, disciplined for mistreatment of inmates at the youth prison.</p>
Drug bust in tomahawk	News	2/21/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Tomahawk Police concluded a drug investigation that led to the arrest of five people. Chief Al Elvins announced yesterday a search warrant last Friday at a home on the 100 block of Prospect Avenue uncovered the sale, possession, and distribution of controlled substances. Charged with</p>

				<p>several felonies are 36-year old Michael Dimmick, 19-year old Chandelle Wilke, 19-year old Drew Wampole, 22-year old Jesse Renn and 19-year old Kara Bushor. The arrests were done with the cooperation of the North Central Drug Enforcement Group. The man found dead early Friday morning in the parking lot of a Weston bar has been identified as 27-year old Nicholas Houdek of Bryant, near Antigo. Everest Metro Police said he died of a single gunshot wound, found in the parking lot of Wiggly Field shortly after midnight. Fire yesterday morning destroyed an Eagle River home. Several departments were dispatched to residence on Hwy 17, just north of 45. No one was home at the time and the structure was fully</p>
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					<p>involved when firefighters arrived. No one was hurt and the cause remains unknown.</p> <p>News start and finish lines are expected to be announced today for the American Bierkebiner cross country ski race this weekend in Hayward. The warm weather has forced organizers to remove Lake Hayward from the route, which means the famous race will not have its usual start and finish downtown. The race is North America's largest cross country ski event as 13-thousand skiers from 46-states and 22 nations took part last year.</p>
Primary election day in the state	News	2/21/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>It's primary election day in Wisconsin, but not even one of every ten voters are expected to cast ballots. The only statewide race for is for public school superintendent, in which eight year incumbent Tony</p>

Evers faces challengers John Humphries and Lowell Holtz plus write in Rick Melcher with the top two vote getters advancing to April. Humphries and Holtz made the race interesting last week when they announced differing plans to join forces, saying each offered the other a job with at least some authority in the state Department of Public Instruction. Also on the ballots are various local offices -- including primaries for circuit judges in Trempealeau, Polk, and Manitowoc counties. There are also five school referendums, and the largest would borrow 12-million dollars for a new field house and fitness center at Waterford High School in Racine County. Two Democratic state lawmakers have proposed new regulations on

					<p>powdered alcohol. But unlike two years ago, they're not proposing an outright ban on what's known as "Palcohol." Milwaukee Senator Tim Carpenter and Janesville Representative Deb Klostre introduced bills Monday to regulate powdered alcohol the same way the state controls liquid alcohol. At least 25 states have banned "Palcohol," which the federal government approved in 2015 as a freeze dried product designed to mixed with liquids. Product spokeswoman Lynne Barbour says her company can go along with regulating it like booze or beer -- but she rejects the notion that powdered alcohol is more dangerous.</p>
Tony Evers wins primary	News	2/22/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	A lop-sided win for state school superintendent Tony Evers. The two term

incumbent handily beat back opponents and will face former Beloit superintendent Lowell Holtz in the April election. In yesterday's primary, Evers took nearly 69% of the vote with Holtz at 24%. The third candidate, John Humpries garnered only 7%.

Marshfield Police arrested a teen following a drug bust on the 700 block of Juno Avenue, near the high school. 17-year old Tyler Droste could be charged with delivery of LSD, possession of ecstasy and maintaining a drug house near a school.

Heavy rains overnight flooded an area along Hwy 80 in Pittsville putting nearly a dozen homes underwater. The Yellow River rose quickly with little warning and officials said it's extremely rare to have it happen at this time of year.

Typically the river would crest in April giving homeowners time to prepare.

Department of Corrections Secretary Jon Litscher says changes have been implemented at the state's troubled youth prison at Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake near Irma. The facilities have been the subject of an ongoing FBI investigation into allegations of inmate abuse. He said new policies include better training and body cameras for guards, better psychological services for youth inmates, along with efforts to decrease – though not eliminate – things like solitary confinement and pepper spray. Litscher told the Assembly Corrections Committee the facilities are safe and secure with and

					environment focusing on program development for young people and education. He said the new leadership has changed things for the better.
Central Wis. Man busted in Arizona prostitution sting	News	2/22/17	1230p,530p	1:30	A central Wisconsin man faces misdemeanor charges of prostitution and solicitation, for allegedly trying to arrange sex online in Arizona. Sixty-eight-year-old Ken Schultz was ticketed and released January 30th. Police in Lake Havasu City, Arizona found an ad on Craigslist in which was a man was soliciting sex for money -- and police say a detective answered the ad while posing as a 34-year-old woman. Officials say Schultz offered 100-dollars for one hour of sex -- and when she said she could not make a

meeting date, she ignored the man's messages and he allegedly offered more money. Police arrested Schultz when the two were finally set to meet at the end of January and he was released with medical issues.

Improvements to the Wisconsin veterans' nursing home at King are part of a two year, 803-million dollar capital budget proposed Tuesday by Governor Scott Walker. The Waupaca County veterans' facility would get about 12-million dollars to improve its drinking water, electrical system, and food equipment -- after a new veterans affairs secretary was brought in and told to look into reported care problems, mishandling of liquid oxygen and diversions of federal funds at King. The capital budget also

					<p>includes a new crime lab to replace the current lab in Milwaukee -- as well as a replacement for the state's main office building in Milwaukee. Walker's total capital budget is about 47-million dollars less than the current two year total of 849-million. Walker proposes borrowing of one-billion-dollars for building and highway projects, the lowest amount in two decades.</p>
<p>Fire damage in Sugar Camp yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/23/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>In the mid-70s the Antigo School District boasted nearly 4200 students. Today it's nearly half that number. That fact prompted officials to consolidate schools in the district and the final public meeting last night brought the typical questions from parents concerning long bus rides and keeping rural schools open. The district proposes closing those buildings and</p>

bringing kids into three city elementary's, putting 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> graders in the middle school and 8-12<sup>th</sup> grades at the high school.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services finds the flu bug hitting Wisconsiites hard, spiking to nearly 1,000 confirmed cases and hundreds of hospitalizations. There are 936 confirmed cases as of right now, compared to 176 at this time last year. To help protect yourself from the flu, the department recommends washing your hands, coughing into your upper sleeve, using your own cups and utensils and avoiding people who are sick.

Fire damaged a garage in Sugar Camp yesterday afternoon. The call came in just after 2:00 to volunteers from Sugar Camp and

					<p>Three Lakes to the structure on Hide Away Drive off County D. The garage was not attached to the home and quickly extinguished. The cause of the fire was not immediately known.</p> <p>The Dept of Social Services provides about a million dollars a month to nearly 13,000 residents of Marathon County for food stamp assistance. Now, police in Wausau are investigating reports of someone selling their benefits on Facebook for cash, which constitutes fraud. The posting was made on the Wausau online garage sale site.</p>
<p>Winter weather coming back to the area</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/23/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Former White House candidate Bernie Sanders and Green Bay Packers' C-E-O Mark Murphy are among those praising Ed Garvey, the former progressive activist who</p>

				<p>died Wednesday. Sanders, a U-S senator from Vermont, was among those speaking at the annual Fighting Bob Fests which Garvey helped organize in the Madison area. Sanders said he first met Garvey when he came to Vermont to try and save "good paying union railroad jobs." Murphy cited Garvey's 14 years as the first director of the N-F-L players' union, saying he brought "professionalism and a structure" to the group -- and Murphy said Garvey fought the league on everything. The 76-year-old Burlington native also ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for governor and U-S Senate, and he fought Parkinson's disease when he died at a nursing home in Verona.</p> <p>Some of the warmest temperatures since the 1930s are gone and</p>
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					<p>depending on where you are you may want to gas up the snowblower. Snow, freezing rain, and thunderstorms are all predicted for various parts of Wisconsin the next two days with lesser chances of precipitation Saturday and Sunday. For much of the broadcast area a winter storm watch is in effect from late tonight through late Friday night, with more snow to the west. Totals from 6-to-12 inches are possible with the heaviest accumulations to the southwest.</p> <p>The warm weather and poor ice conditions resulted in fewer sturgeon harvested during the spring spearing season on Lake Winnebago and waters along the Fox River. Yesterday a 6-foot 103 pounder was taken.</p>
Schools across parts of the state closed today due to	News	2/24/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Schools across Central and

winter storm

NorthCentral Wisconsin are closed today in advance of a late winter storm expected to dump 7-11 inches over most of the area. 3-6" is likely west of Park Falls. As of early this morning the snow totals were low but the system will ramp up as the day goes on, getting quite heavy at times. Then build up again into the evening into Saturday morning. Roads are snow covered and slippery this morning as well. You can check the latest up to date weather and school information on this station's website.

Last year more than 360 ambulance runs were recorded by services in Sugar Camp and Three Lakes. Now, Oneida County is looking to consolidate them to better serve the area. Emergency

management director Ken Kortenhof says having a central location with a crew staffed around the clock would avoid having them come from home to get an ambulance and make a run. He points out the west side of the county has paramedics providing life saving services and the east side should do the same. Initial plans call for a garage off Hwy A between the two towns and he'd like to get approval for the change this summer.

National newscasts have featured lawmakers besieged at local town hall meetings lately but that wasn't the case in Wausau last night. The Citizen's Action Organizing committee sponsored a listening session to get people's opinions on governmental affairs but

					<p>Senator Ron Johnson and Congressman Sean Duffy, who were both invited, did not show up.</p>
<p>Big snow storms are expected across the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/24/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Thousands of Wisconsin school students have three day weekends, thanks to a snowstorm that may still bring up to 12 inches in the western third of the state by tomorrow morning. The state's midsection was the first to be hit during the night, with almost six inches near Eau Claire and three inches at Green Bay -- while Sheboygan had two inches of "thundersnow". As of six a-m, about 90 of the state's 424 public school districts closed their doors today -- and some made the decision Thursday night. Wausau, Marshfield, Wisconsin Rapids, and Chippewa Falls are among the largest districts to close - - plus Midstate, Northcentral, and</p>

Chippewa Valley technical colleges. Four to eight inches of snow are predicted for the Hayward area -- and organizers of the American Birkbeiner must decide whether that's enough to hold North America's largest cross country ski race tomorrow. Some other Friday skiing events were moved earlier to Saturday. Winter Storm Warnings remain in effect into early Saturday and much of the listening area will pick up between 7-to-11 inches of fresh snow. The C-E-O of the Wisconsin based Kohl's Department Store chain says it plans to reduce inventories and square footage in about 200 locations this year. Kevin Mansell said it's important to keep brick and mortar stores open as a way to grow its online sales -- and with earnings down,

					he says he'd rather reduce store sizes than to close a lot of stores like Macy's is now doing. His comments came after Kohl's reported a nearly three percent drop in sales in the last quarter.
Kenosha man is the latest snowmobile fatality in the state	News	2/27/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	A 62-year old Kenosha man is the latest snowmobile fatality in the state. Jeffrey Schultz was operating a machine Saturday night near the Rustic Manor in St. Germain when it struck a utility pole. He was pronounced dead at the scene, his passenger, a 43-year old St. Germain man was hurt and taken to Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff and treated for non life-threatening injuries. Previous online records are gone and today's hearing in Oneida County Court for Stephanie Schneider has been cancelled. Earlier this month 39 dogs were taken

from her business, It Matters To One animal rescue in Sugar Camp and Schneider was accused of abuse and neglect, although not yet charged. The DA's office is still reviewing the case.

Troopers with the Wisconsin State Patrol, sent to North Dakota to help disperse protesters of the oil pipeline are not wearing name tags or numbers on their uniforms. Officials say it's a means to protect the officers but civil rights advocates say it's an implicit threat that police will engage in practices for which they don't want to be held accountable.

For only the second time in its 44-year history, the American Birkebeiner cross country ski race over the weekend was cancelled. Race organizers made the decision after days of unseasonal weather and

					rain and while a predicted snowstorm promised relief, it never materialized in the Cable and Hayward areas, tracking further south. The event typically draws tens of thousands of participants from around the world.
Lincoln Co. Jail inmates let out after fire alarm goes off	News	2/27/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Inmates in the Lincoln County jail were evacuated early yesterday morning after a fire alarm was set off. Corrections officers, deputies and Merrill Police cleared the jail just after midnight. The investigation found a sprinkler head intentionally damaged causing water to flow into the cell block and no fire was found. Inmates were returned after about an hour.</p> <p>A deadly weekend on snowmobile trails as three deaths were reported. As reported earlier, 62-year old Jeffrey Schultz of Kenosha died in a St. Germain crash</p>

Saturday night, a passenger was injured. Iron County officials say a 51-year old woman was killed after losing control of her machine on a curve, leaving the trail and, landing in the trees

Saturday afternoon south of Hurley. Alcohol and speed were said to be factors in that crash. And in Rock County, 47-year old Willie Guzman of Beloit died when his sled went into Lake Koshkonong early Saturday. Seventeen people died in crashes this season, compared to nine for all of last year.

Governor Scott Walker says the nation should adopt Wisconsin's program for giving health insurance to the poor. Walker and other governors met with President Donald Trump and his health secretary in Washington during the

					<p>weekend, and the replacing of Obamacare was said to be among the major topics discussed. President Trump is expected to outline plans to overhaul The Affordable Care Act during his address to congress tomorrow. A lackluster end to the 16-day sturgeon spearing season yesterday, going the last four days without a fish on Lake Winnebago or upriver lakes.</p>
<p>Shooting in Lincoln Co. leaves 1 person dead</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/28/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A shooting in Lincoln County last night has one person dead. Little more is known this morning other than the Wisconsin Department of Justice, division of criminal justice is investigating the matter of a deputy using deadly force. Shortly after 9:00 authorities were called to an area off Hwy FF between Berlin and Hilly Roads in the Town of</p>

Corning. The deputy involved was not hurt.

President Donald Trump addresses both houses of Congress for the first time in a prime time speech.

Administration officials say it will give him the chance to refocus on the economic issues that helped get him elected. Advisors also say he'll declare early progress on his campaign promises including the withdrawal from the Pacific Rim trade pact and to look ahead to dealing with health care and infrastructure spending.

A Wausau woman is free on bond, charged with stealing over \$6000 from a gas station. 53-year old Diana Holm pleaded not guilty in Marathon county court yesterday, charged with the theft from Remington Oil between January and August of last

					<p>year. The complaint alleges she took the money to pay bills she couldn't afford. She's back in court the end of next month.</p> <p>A candidate for state Superintendent appears to have broken a campaign law. A campaign-focused email explaining Lowell Holtz's support among Republicans was sent from his Whitnall Public School email address in May. Holtz retired last year as Whitnall superintendent and is looking to unseat State Superintendent Tony Evers on April 4th.</p>
Lincoln Co. Sherriff's office has no new info on a shooting death	News	2/28/17	1230p,530p	1:30	The Lincoln County Sheriff's office has no new information following a deadly force shooting by one of their deputies last night in the Town of Corning, west of Merrill. The Department of Justice is

				<p>investigating the event that occurred around 9:00. The deputy was not injured. Officials say they'll release more information as it becomes available. The two candidates for state school superintendent disagree on whether schools should have to follow Act Ten to receive more state aid. Republican Governor Scott Walker's budget package includes an extra 200 dollars per student in each of the next two years. But schools would have to follow the terms of his 2011 union law that makes employees pay more toward their health insurance and retirement. During a candidate forum yesterday, incumbent Superintendent Tony Evers called it an "overreach by the state," while his challenger Lowell Holtz says it would be wrong to have</p>
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				<p>independent districts that don't follow the law. The law makes teachers pay 12-percent toward their health insurance -- but Evers noted Monona Grove went to a lower cost plan and later reduced the amounts teachers had to pay. The Wausau Warming Shelter served 160 people last year and more than 95 have already used the facility this season. To maintain those services, Security Health Plan, through its employee driven corporate giving campaign, invested \$1000 to help. The shelter operates from November through April and is always in need of volunteers to assist with intake, cooking and serving meals.</p>
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<p>Lincoln Co. law officer shoots and kills man</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/1/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>40-year old Shawn Igers of Wausau was shot and killed by a Lincoln County Sheriff's deputy Monday night and investigators are looking to find out why. The unidentified deputy, with six years experience responded to a report of a car in the ditch on Hwy FF in the town of Corning, west of Merrill. According to a release from the department, Igers, who was the driver, began shooting at the deputy who returned fire, killing him. The Wisconsin Department of Justice investigation continues in the matter and will turn over their reports to the DA's office for review upon completion. Marshfield Clinic's plans to build a 72,000 square foot</p>

hospital adjacent to their Minocqua facility made it out of committee yesterday. The Planning Commission approved the \$30-million project, which now goes to the town board. The approval didn't come without opposition, especially from representatives of the Howard Young Medical Center, which would be within walking distance of the new construction, who maintain services would be hurt rather than helped with the expansion. In the end, commission members said the project would bring economic growth to the community. The full board takes up the request next Tuesday.

Some badly needed upgrades at the Rhinelander-Oneida county airport will now be finished with the help of a half-

					<p>million dollar grant. Work on the maintenance building will include a new roof, overhead doors and windows and be finished this fall. Airport manager Joe Brauer said it's been nearly 30-years since the building, mainly used for their snow removal equipment, has had any significant changes.</p>
<p>Winter in the forecast</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/1/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsinites got another reminder it's still winter. The National Weather Service has issued advisories until six p-m for the central and northeast parts of the state, where 3-5 inches of snow are in the forecast. Two-to-four inches are possible in east central Wisconsin, north of Madison and Milwaukee -- the south could get 1-4 inches - and gusty winds of up to 30 miles per hour could cause drifting in much of the state. The north could</p>

				<p>get another 1-3 inches, after Washburn in Bayfield County got six inches of snow yesterday while Ashland had five -- and hail of up to one inch fell in parts of southern Wisconsin. Flood warnings remain in effect on the Wolf River at Shiocton, where it's about four inches above its banks -- and the Mississippi River near Prairie du Chien expects minor flooding beginning Thursday. A measure repealing the mandatory start date of September first for Wisconsin schools was introduced and is gaining support with 24 assembly and 11 senate co-sponsors. The bill, if passed would go into effect for the 2018-19 school year. Superintendents are behind it, citing the next start date being a Friday makes no sense. For years the tourism</p>
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				<p>industry has maintained business is lost when families have to return home from vacation and their teenaged workforce has to go back to school early. Many area chambers of commerce also support the bill, which is now before the assembly committee on education.</p>
<p>Winter weather causes many accidents around the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/2/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Disregard for snow covered roads spawned numerous accidents yesterday. Nearly every county across central and northern parts of the state reported an injury accident because of the weather. One of the largest was a multiple vehicle crash, including a semi on Hwy 51 in Wausau that blocked southbound traffic about two hours. Road funding is expected to be a key sticking point in work on the state budget this spring, due to a shortfall that could top one billion</p>

				<p>dollars. Assembly Republicans argue the state should explore new revenues, such as a gas tax increase...while the governor strongly opposes raising taxes or fees. A new procedure to validate carcass tags for deer and other species would take effect following the spring turkey season. The Wisconsin Natural Resources Board yesterday approved the change following feedback from the first year of using paper tags. Now hunters will simply slice off the bottom to validate rather than write on it, especially in cold, wet weather. License sales for hunting, fishing, trapping and other seasons begin next Wednesday through the state's Go Wild system. The recommendation is expected to pass the legislature and be signed</p>
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					<p>by the Governor. For the second time in less than a week, students at DC Everest Middle School were denied access to the building because of a gas leak. Shortly before 7 yesterday morning a natural gas odor was reported in the kitchen, the same thing happened last Thursday. Wisconsin Public Service discovered it coming from the venting system of a faulty boiler. The equipment has since been fixed.</p>
Another shooting involving law enforcement	News	3/2/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The Division of Criminal Justice is on the scene of another shooting involving law enforcement. A deputy with the Marathon County Sheriff's department was involved early this morning near the intersection of Morning Glory Lane and Swan Avenue in Rib Mountain. Few details are available.</p>

The state is also investigating a Lincoln County deputy who shot and killed a 40-year old Wausau man west of Merrill Monday night.

The White House has not confirmed Vice President Mike Pence's trip to Janesville tomorrow. Governor Scott Walker told reporters in Madison yesterday he would not be able to attend the Pence event, because he's in Washington today and won't be back in time.

Janesville is the hometown of House Speaker Paul Ryan and President Donald Trump held a rally there last March when he was a Republican candidate for the White House. Neither Trump nor Pence has said anything about the trip. Anglers on Lake Michigan can take more lake trout home, as part of an effort

					<p>to create more balance between the numbers of predator and prey fish. The state Natural Resources Board approved an emergency rule yesterday increasing the daily bag limit of Lake Michigan trout to five and to fit the increase in the current combination limit of five trout and salmon per day. Anglers took 46-percent fewer trout on Lake Michigan in 2016 than the previous year -- and for the last 19 years, officials say the harvest has been at or below levels necessary for a recovery of the species.</p>
<p>Man dies in Rib Mtn. hostage situation</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/3/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Marathon County deputies, responding to a report of an assault with a deadly weapon, shot and killed the suspect early yesterday morning in Rib Mountain in the area of Morning Glory Lane and Swan Avenue. 33-year old John Hall died</p>

				<p>at the scene following more than two hours of negotiations in what authorities believed was an armed hostage situation. The Department of Justice is investigating the incident, as is standard procedure. This is the second fatal police shooting this week as a Lincoln County deputy killed an armed suspect Monday, west of Merrill. Wisconsin lawmakers in committee approved a bipartisan bill making guards at the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake facilities mandatory child abuse reporters. The measure is the first to address conditions at the state's troubled youth prison since problems at the facility came to light more than a year ago. It now goes to the full senate. The FBI is investigating allegations of widespread inmate abuse</p>
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					<p>at the prison. Word of problems at the facility near Irma broke in December 2015 after state agents raided the prison. Partisan politics stifled legislation to deal with it.</p> <p>Vice President Mike Pence is in Wisconsin today. The White House released details of Pence's visit as he'll take part in listening sessions with business leaders and employees, at the Janesville Blain's Farm &amp; Fleet Distribution Center. Pence will be joined by Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Tom Price and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan of Janesville. The vice president is scheduled to deliver remarks shortly before noon.</p>
Opioid bills taken up with state lawmakers	News	3/3/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Wisconsin lawmakers took

				<p>up a package of bills to combat opioid addiction in a flurry of activity yesterday, two months after Gov. Scott Walker declared opioids a crisis and called a special legislative session to pass the proposals. Republican Rep. John Nygren crafted 11 bills based on recommendations from the governor's opioid task force which includes proposals that would grant legal immunity to people who overdose, allow school workers to administer overdose antidotes to students and require the University of Wisconsin System to open a school where high school addicts can continue their</p>
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education during recovery.

Wisconsin and ten other states agreed to drop their lawsuit against letting transgender school students use the bathrooms of their choice. State Attorney General Brad Schimel called it another example of Obama "overreach" when he challenged the former president's executive order which threatened schools with a loss of federal funds if they make transgender students use bathrooms and locker rooms of their birth genders. After the White House changed party control, President Donald Trump issued an executive order snuffing out the Obama directive, saying it was a matter for states to deal with.

For the first time, no seat will cost less than 100-dollars for

					<p>a Green Bay Packers' regular season home game. The Packers announced a seven-dollar price hike for all seating categories at Lambeau Field this fall. The Pack shares ticket revenues with its opponents and team president Mark Murphy says they try to stay close to the league average so visiting teams don't get shorted.</p>
<p>Fatal accident in Florence Co. on Friday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/6/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Florence county officials still haven't identified the victim of a fatal traffic accident Friday afternoon. The crash around 4:00 of a semi truck and a car at the intersection of Hwys 101 and C in the Town of Fence killed the truck driver, a 54-year old Wausaukee man, after the rig rolled over. The other driver, a 60-year old man from Quinnesec, MI, was seriously injured. A crash closed the roads for more than five hours.</p>

While investigations into two law enforcement shootings continue in Lincoln and Marathon counties, Lincoln County Sheriff Jeff Jaeger identified the deputy in a fatal incident last Monday as seven year veteran Sam Steckbauer. The officer reportedly returned fire after being shot at by 40-year old Shawn Igers of Wausau, who was killed. Last Thursday, 33-year John Hall died after Marathon County authorities responded to a report of an armed hostage situation in Rib Mountain. The Wisconsin Department of Justice is handling both cases.

State Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says lawmakers should consider shifting more tax dollars to roads as they revise the state budget. The transportation fund faces a

					<p>nearly one-billion-dollar shortfall and Governor Scott Walker has refused to raise the gas tax or vehicle fees to help fill the hole. His budget calls for 500-million dollars in borrowing and delaying about that much in projects. Assembly Republicans have said every revenue mechanism should be on the table, including increasing taxwa and fees. Fitzgerald said the Legislature can inject more tax dollars from the state's general fund into transportation.</p>
<p>Man arrested in disappearance of two foster girls</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/6/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>One man has been arrested in the disappearance of two Wisconsin foster girls who've been found safe. Officers found 14-year-old Candus Flodin and 13-year-old Makayla Hanson Wall of Saint Croix Falls about eight Saturday night at a residence in Price -- and a</p>

man at the home was arrested. No other details were immediately released, but officials say the two girls were not harmed.

Minnesota's Bureau of Criminal Apprehension got involved in the case after learning the girls may have headed to see somebody in the Twin Cities.

An investigation continues into a two vehicle crash that killed a 53-year-old man from Portage.

Columbia County sheriff's deputies say an S-U-V driver crossed the centerline on Highway 33 west of Portage yesterday afternoon and struck a car driven by the man who died -- his name was not immediately released. The surviving driver, also a 53-year-old Portage man, was taken to a hospital to be treated for his injuries. Deputies say someone called 9-1-1 a few

					<p>minutes before the crash to report somebody driving erratically in the area.</p> <p>After recently winning their 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive regional title, Rhinelander's Mock Trial team heads to the state competition this weekend. A dozen schools will take part including Shorewood, Brookfield Academy, Stratford, LaCrosse Central, Appleton Xavier, River Valley, Lodi, Middleton, Bay Port, Superior and Franklin. RHS has taken the state title numerous times, placing second last year. The team has a national championship as well. The event is Saturday and Sunday in the state supreme court hearing room in Madison.</p>
Wind advisories are posted for the state until 6pm	News	3/7/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Wind advisories are posted for the entire state of Wisconsin until 6:00 tonight. Already gusts well over 45</p>

				<p>mph have been recorded and as of early this morning more than 17000 are without power. As of 4:00 Rhinelander recorded winds over 48 mph, the highest in the state. Tomahawk has over 4500 in the dark, Minocqua more than 2200 and over 1200 in Lac du Flambeau. The winds are expected to persist well into tomorrow as temperatures drop back into the low to mid 20s for highs. The weather has obviously reeked havoc on late winter outdoor activities and Oneida county is the first to officially close its snowmobile trails as of 8:00 this morning. A dispute with a neighbor led to shots being fired late yesterday afternoon. The Portage County Sheriff's department has 80-year old Henry Kaminski in jail after a</p>
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brief standoff at his home in Junction City. No one was hurt.

A request to lower the bond for the Antigo woman charged with interfering in a child custody case was denied yesterday. 36-year old Cathy Jo Brown took her two children and fled to South Dakota without the father's knowledge, where she was found about six weeks later. She remains in the Langlade County jail on a \$20,000 cash bond and is back in court next week.

Voters in several Wisconsin school districts approved \$1.35 billion in borrowing for construction projects last year. An analysis by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance found nearly 82% of referenda put to voters passed.

More high winds around the	News	3/8/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Advisories for high winds
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state today

continue for all of Wisconsin again today with gusts over 40-mph. Mosinee and Rhinelander recorded the highest bursts yesterday of 61-mph. Dozens of trees were dropped over power lines, and one flattened three squad cars in Antigo. It was routine to see and hear garbage cans rolling down city streets. The roof was torn off some storage units on Rhinelander's west side. Crews from Wisconsin Public Service worked through the night restoring power to thousands of customers. And already this morning, that number is approaching 20,000. Marshfield Clinic's plans to add on to their Minocqua facility are one approval away. The Minocqua Town Board last night okayed the plans to build the 72,000 square foot hospital addition. The project now

				<p>moves to the Oneida County Planning and Zoning Committee who have the final say.</p> <p>Those winds fueled a fire that destroyed a barn in the Town of Stockton, near Plover last night. Officials say it began in the basement and quickly spread with firefighters saying it moved so fast their concern turned to saving the surrounding buildings. No animals were in the barn and no injuries were reported.</p> <p>Eau Claire school leaders are making it clear: They will not turn away students in this country illegally. The school board unanimously approved a resolution supporting immigrant students with a resolution updating the district's Equal Opportunity Policy to allow any student, regardless of immigration status, access</p>
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					to free education in the district. Eau Claire schools will not only educate students, but won't share information with police or federal law enforcement agencies.
Second day of high winds across the area	News	6/8/17	1230p,530p	1:30	For the second day crews from WPS are battling Mother Nature as she drops trees across power lines among other things, cutting power to nearly 20,000 customers again today. Plover recorded a peak gust of 74 mph last night and the strong winds blew again well over 40-mph are ushering in much colder weather with lows in the single digits or below zero through the weekend. Langlade County has a new sheriff. Mark Westen, a 22-year veteran of the department was named yesterday by Governor Scott Walker. He replaces Bill Greening who resigned

in January.

The avian flu has returned to Wisconsin. The U-S-D-A says 84-thousand turkeys could have been exposed at a farm in Barron County owned by Jennie "O" Turkey Store and the birds have been quarantined so they can be monitored. Testing began more than one month ago after the turkeys showed signs of depression and the U-S-D-A said it confirmed the bird flu this past weekend.

Small gas outlets in Wisconsin could be allowed to advertise their prices by the half gallon instead of the gallon. The Assembly passed the measure on a voice vote yesterday, sending it to the Senate. Republican Mary Felzkowski of Irma authored the bill, saying it would help small stations with older fuel pumps which don't show

				<p>prices above two-dollars and 99-cents per gallon. She says those stations are often family owned taverns that sell fuel as a convenience for people who use the snowmobile and A-T-V trails in northern Wisconsin -- and they're often the only pumps for miles.</p>
<p>Crandon police investigating death of 6 year old girl</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/9/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Crandon Police and the district attorney's office are investigating the death of a six year old girl Tuesday morning. Amber Perry was found in the apartment she lived in by her mother. An autopsy has already been completed and those results have not yet been released. Forest County DA Chuck Simono expects charges to be filed in the case as the investigation continues.</p> <p>There were still nearly 3300 people without power across north central and</p>

northeastern Wisconsin today. Wisconsin Public Service crews have been working around the clock several days to restore service and repair lines felled by trees in the wake of winds that topped 60-miles per hour. The land o' lakes and McNaughton areas remain the largest problem.

Rhineland's Fire and Police commission will conduct final interviews a week from today in an effort to find a new police chief. Out of 30 candidates, three remain, including interim chief Ron Luenberg, Oneida County Sheriff's Department Captain Lloyd Gauthier and Kiel chief Dave Funkhouser. Chief Mike Steffes resigned last year to take a job with the department of justice. The city of Rhineland will begin testing its warning

					<p>sirens next month, coinciding with the state's tornado and severe weather awareness week. The drill is scheduled for April 20<sup>th</sup> and will be tested every Wednesday morning at nine through October. Rhinelander's premier resort area tax went into effect this year with widespread support to benefit area roads. LaCrosse doesn't think it's a good idea with the chamber, business association, mainstreet and visitors bureau all saying it would drive their tourists away.</p>
<p>The wind has cut back drastically over the last couple of days</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/9/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsinites can finally step outside without being blown away. More than two days of windstorms ended late last night, and the air was actually calm at four a-m across the North. But you still might want to wear that winter jacket, as overnight temperatures</p>

were generally in teens and 20s statewide -- and the National Weather Service says it won't get much warmer until at least Monday, with wind chills into the weekend down to 20-below. Meanwhile, utilities are still restoring power to tens of thousands of customers who lost it because of the weather. Wisconsin Public Service crews were down into the hundreds without service after a high point of more than 20-thousand. Wisconsin voters are one step away from getting the chance to decide if their state treasurer's office should be eliminated. The Assembly is scheduled to take its second and final vote today on a constitutional amendment to dump the treasurer's post. The Senate gave its final approval Tuesday 18-

					<p>15. And if the Assembly concurs, voters would have the last say as early as next April. The treasurer and secretary of state both have little to do as lawmakers whittled away at both offices in recent years, transferring most duties to other agencies. If the treasurer is eventually eliminated, Wisconsin would have four offices required by the constitution -- governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general as well as the secretary of state. Governor Scott Walker says the plan offered by House Republicans to repeal and replace Obamacare still needs a lot of work.</p>
<p>News media to be briefed on death of 6 year old girl</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/10/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Law enforcement officials in Forest County will brief the news media this afternoon regarding the</p>

death of six year old Amber Perry. Her body was discovered in an apartment in Crandon Tuesday morning. Investigators expect criminal charges in the case but admit it may take some time.

A three-year drug investigation by local, state and federal officials resulted in 19 arrests and so far, 14 convictions. A five million dollar methamphetamine network based out of the Twin Cities spread the drug across, Wausau, Merrill, Medford, Abbotsford, Owen, Athens, Eau Claire and Osseo, communities where many of those charged were from. The operation ran from June of 2013 to May of last year. The sentences imposed total 158 years in federal prison and the remaining five will be sentenced 60

days.  
 Rhinelander firefighters were joined by Crescent and Newbold volunteers at a structure fire in the city yesterday afternoon. The blaze was reported at 1205 Elizabeth Street on the west side shortly before 4:00. The flames were quickly contained and the scene was cleared within two hours. No one was reported injured and there's no word on what started it. Residents of the Annabelle Apartments on Bridge Street in Wausau already received letters informing them they have to move. The low-rent building may be torn down as Kwik Trip has made an offer to buy it. The Planning Commission must first approve the plans then the city council will get the matter at the end of the month.

Wisconsin lags behind other	News	3/10/17	1230p,530p	1:30	Wisconsin continues to lag
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states in job creation

behind two thirds of the states in its pace of job creation. The U-S Bureau of Labor Statistics says Wisconsin had a year to year private sector job growth of one-percent as of last September, with 25-thousand-600 jobs created during that 12 month period. The percentage was the 34th best among the 50 states -- close to where it's been since the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages was highlighted during the state's intense debate involving job creation several years ago. That was when Governor Scott Walker failed to keep a promise of creating 250-thousand private sector jobs during his first term -- and the voters forgave him. Wisconsin cheesemakers have won all three top

awards at the U-S Championship Cheese Contest in Green Bay. A black pepper Italian style cheese from Sartori of Antigo was judged the nation's best, as master cheesemaker Mike Matucheski had the top score of 99-point-zero-two. Fifty judges from 18 states sampled a record 23-hundred cheese, butter, and yogurt entries in the national contest held this week in the Lambeau Field Atrium in Green Bay. The Wisconsin German shepherd who won the Westminster Dog Show is a huge attraction at a sports show in Milwaukee. Rumor shared a booth with Green Bay Packers' legend Dave Robinson on Thursday at the Journal Sentinel Sports Show at State Fair Park. And when somebody asked if the long line was for the

					dog or the Glory Years' linebacker Robinson, the crowd shouted "the dog."
Area firefighters busy over the weekend	News	3/13/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Area firefighters were busy over the weekend. Several departments responded to a call early Saturday morning to a home on Grossman Avenue in the town of Pelican. The two occupants were able to escape the converted mobile home, which was already fully involved when crews arrived. No injuries were reported and the cause is unknown.</p> <p>Saturday night in Marathon County, Athens fire crews were dispatched to Townline Road in the Town of Rietbrock. The home is a total loss from the fire that reportedly began on the first floor. The residents were able to evacuate and no injuries were reported. Investigation into the cause</p>

continues.

And there's still no word on the identity of the person killed in a house fire early Friday in Price County. Officials say the home on Voight Road in the Town of Fifield was gutted and the body was discovered later. Witnesses said an elderly woman lived in the home.

Investigators with the Crandon Police Department and Forest County say it could be a year before questions get answered in the death of a six year old girl last week. Officials say preliminary findings point to negligent or reckless behavior in the death of the youngster, who was found in the bedroom of the apartment she lived in last Tuesday.

There's hazardous travel this

					<p>morning across much of central and southern Wisconsin. Snow's piled up to eight inches in some locations and gusty winds are dropping visibility on the roadways. Lesser amounts are expected to the North.</p>
<p>Snowstorm that rolled through the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/13/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Southeast Wisconsin picked up the brunt of the latest snowstorm that moved through the state today. Anywhere from four to nine inches fell in the Madison and Milwaukee regions with heavier lake effect coverage along the Michigan shoreline. Far northern Wisconsin also picked up lake enhanced snows with more than nine inches at the Twin Ports and even more over the Bayfield peninsula. Almost one-thousand members of Wisconsin's tourist industry are in Milwaukee today for the 30th annual Governor's</p>

Conference on Tourism. Governor Scott Walker and state Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett will unveil Wisconsin's new tourism ad campaign for the coming year. During the past five years, Wisconsin tourist revenues have jumped by four-point-five billion dollars -- and the industry has created 18-thousand new jobs in the years after the Great Recession ended in earnest. The tourism conference ends tomorrow.

House Speaker Paul Ryan of Janesville says health insurance costs will eventually drop if Congress passes the G-O-P alternative to Obamacare. Ryan said if Congress does nothing, premiums would go "far, far, far higher than they would otherwise. And the Wisconsin Republican says health costs will go

					<p>down once a two year transition period is completed. Ryan said it would take time for states to start regulating health insurance again and to set up "risk pools" to cover those with preexisting conditions. In the meantime, Ryan says there needs to be a "stable transition" from Obamacare so "people don't have the rug pulled out and "the guy waiting tables getting 12 dollars an hour can get health insurance."</p>
<p>Rhineland man in jail after weekend shooting incident</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/14/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Rhineland man's in jail after a weekend shooting incident. 46-year old Steven Fletcher is accused of discharging a weapon several times at an apartment complex in the Town of Pelican Saturday night. Investigators with the Oneida County Sheriff's Department said he was trying to shoot someone.</p>

No one was hurt. Fletcher is facing charges of first degree attempted homicide, disorderly conduct, burglary and intoxicated use of a firearm. He's back in court Monday.

Another methamphetamine bust in Central Wisconsin. Three people were arrested after investigators found half a pound of meth, and numerous drug related items at a home in Weston. Facing charges are 34-year old Casey Graham of Schofield, 36-year old Rebecca Torgerson of Weston and 32 year old Mee Vang of Minneapolis.

Earlier last month Oneida County authorities confiscated 39 dogs from It Matters To One animal rescue in Sugar Camp and charged its owner with

neglect. Nothing's come of that case of yet and in an ironic twist, someone complained about the overcrowding at the Humane Society facility, where all the dogs were taken. A state investigator ruled the shelter non-compliant with regulations and staff has already found temporary homes for a number of the animals, some of which are still battling health problems.

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection will conduct a public presentation in Rhinelander tomorrow. The seminar will cover a wide range of topics including scams targeting seniors, identity theft, resources and how to file complaints. It takes place at the Oneida County Senior Center at 11.

The state's biggest winter storm is heading east

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Wisconsin's biggest winter storm is headed to east coast where it's causing major problems. Not only have thousands of flights already been cancelled along the coast, but hundreds more from across the country headed that way. Up to 16-inches of snow fell in the northwest Milwaukee suburbs as of this morning while much of the North picked up an inch or less. Blizzard warnings for more than two feet of snow are already up for parts of the Northeast. Because of the varying ice conditions lately, many anglers have already taken their seasonal ice shacks off. By law they have to be removed by this weekend. The DNR also reminds people fines can be levied if there's trash or other debris left on the ice. Wausau native Marissa

Mayer is one step closer to leaving Yahoo. In a regulatory filing, the company said Thomas McInerney would become the C-E-O of what's left of Yahoo after Verizon acquires Yahoo's digital services. The filing said Mayer would get a 23-million dollar severance package if she does not stay on with Verizon in some capacity -- and she'll stay at Yahoo until Verizon finalizes its nearly four and one half billion dollar purchase. That's now expected at the end of June, after the two sides agreed to a reduced price following the disclosure that hackers attacked more than one-billion Yahoo email accounts.

The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Alder will begin its spring ice-breaking operations on Lake Superior Thursday to

					prepare for the start of the commercial shipping season on the Great Lakes.
Area dog shelter owner wants her dogs back	News	3/15/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	The owner of It Matters To One Animal Rescue wants her dogs back. Stephanie Schneider of Sugar Camp had 39 of the animals removed from her business early last month and was arrested for allegedly mistreating them. Her attorney states Schneider is the lawful owner and requested a hearing to determine the dogs are not needed as evidence and were not involved in a crime. She's never been formally charged. The dogs were taken to the humane society, which also came under fire for being overcrowded when someone complained to the state. The district attorney's office has yet to comment on the petition. Debate over the

Republican's new health care plan continues. The Congressional Budget office found 14-million people would lose coverage next year and rise to 24-million over the next decade, two points Democrats are pushing. Wausau Republican congressman Sean Duffy says the new plan will drive down costs and offer more options.

In response to complaints, the WI Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection reached a consent judgement with DIRECTV. The agreement for more than \$292,000 settles billing violations and inadequate cancellation disclosures. DIRECTV customers eligible for the credit will likely see it on an upcoming bill with the average amount being \$4.25.

					<p>The Rhinelander Women's Club donated \$4500 to the Rhinelander Area Food Pantry. In addition to the financial support, the club volunteers monthly, assists with the backpack program, helps direct the community garden and members donate children's books, given out at the food pantry through the food for the mind program.</p>
<p>State lawmakers hearing about high capacity water wells</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/15/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin lawmakers are getting an earful today on a controversial bill to relax state rules for high capacity water wells. The measure from Senate G-O-P leader Scott Fitzgerald would end D-N-R oversight for the repairs, replacements and ownership transfers of wells that pump more than 100-thousand gallons per day -- and it would also study waters in the Central Sands region, to see if steps are needed to preserve levels</p>

of streams and lakes. The Senate passed the bill in the last session, but the Assembly killed it. Farm groups say the measure provides a more certain regulatory climate -- while conservation groups oppose it saying it put waterways in danger. Meanwhile, D-N-R Secretary Cathy Stepp defends her agency's efforts to enforce water pollution rules and says they're addressing longtime problems after a critical audit came out last June. The Joint Audit Committee heard testimony yesterday about a drop in the D-N-R's enforcement of sewage violations since 2005, continuing into the Walker administration. Stepp put much of the blame on a hiring freeze and deep personnel cuts -- while environmentalists and

					<p>Democrats said the agency should have been more aggressive in asking lawmakers to approve more workers. An update's due in 90-days.</p> <p>If you haven't voted for at least four years, you can expect to hear from the state Elections Commission. The panel will send postcards to an estimated 800-thousand Wisconsinites -- including those on the voter rolls who may have died or moved. Recipients will be told to update their information, or be removed from the state's voter list.</p>
<p>Testimony continues on Wausau Man charged in death of Wausau woman in 2010</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/16/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Testimony continues this morning in the case of 37-year old Kristopher Torgerson, charged with the 2010 murder of 22-year old Stephanie Low in Wausau. Four years later he led authorities to her body, buried in Forest County. Low's mother testified</p>

yesterday and investigators with Wausau Police are expected on the stand today.

Six year old Amber Perry of Crandon was remembered yesterday with a balloon release in her honor. The youngster was found unresponsive in the apartment she lived in last week. Forest county officials are treating the death as a criminal matter and waiting on autopsy and toxicology reports before proceeding with the case.

Democratic co-sponsors have withdrawn, but an Assembly committee is considering legislation doing away with the work permit now needed by 16- and 17-year-old workers. The bill is aimed at homeless and unaccompanied minors who would have a

hard time getting a parent or guardian to sign the permit. Republican Representative Amy Loudenbeck believes the bill she is co-sponsoring would help those youth be more independent and self-supporting. Democrats say they would be on board if it only applied to homeless and unaccompanied youth.

And in sports, college fans are in Milwaukee for four first round games in the NCAA men's basketball tournament.

You can add the name Decker to an impressive list of Wisconsin stock car drivers... 19-year old Natalie Decker of Eagle River makes her ARCA series debut in May as a member of the Venturini Motor Sports Team. She'll run three consecutive weekends at

					Toledo, Elko Speedway and Pocono.
Federal judge rules on Gov. Walker case	News	3/16/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A federal judge ruled prosecutors acted properly during the investigation of Governor Scott Walker's campaign. The conservative group The MacIver Institute sued Milwaukee County District Attorney John Chisholm and others, saying they violated federal law by seizing records, but not notifying the owners. U-S District Judge William Conley also ruled prosecutors and investigators are immune from litigation. The institute intends to appeal. The state Elections Commission dismissed a complaint filed against a candidate for state superintendent of public instruction. The complaint brought by liberal</p>

advocacy group One Wisconsin Now followed reports Lowell Holtz proposed a deal to primary opponent John Humphries, in which one of them would drop out of the race in exchange for a six-figure job at the DPI if the remaining candidate won. Holtz and current state Superintendent Tony Evers face each other in an election next month.

The Department of Employee Trust Funds announced a two-percent pension payment increase will start in May. About 200-thousand retired public employees in the Wisconsin Retirement System will benefit, with some getting a four-percent increase. Be prepared to pay more, the Federal Reserve raised its key interest rate by a quarter of a percentage

					<p>point. That means credit cards will get more expensive because companies typically mirror the fed. So chances are the interest rate you pay could go up. If you can, pay off your balances fast, or transfer your balance to a zero-interest card to give you a little more time. Car loan companies tend to do the same thing as credit card companies.</p>
<p>Forest Co. law enforcement round up animals from an area location</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/20/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Forest County Sheriff's department and members of the American society for the prevention of cruelty to animals, or ASPCA spent the weekend rounding up more than 40 animals from a property near Crandon. 30 wolf-dog hybrids and 14 horses are among the animals, many in need of medical care. The owner of the property was arrested and faces multiple charges.</p>

Investigators also found dead animals and yesterday placed live traps because a number of the dogs were running loose. The ASPCA is keeping the animals at a secure, emergency shelter and were helped by the Dane County Humane Society and Wisconsin Horse Council.

Senator Tammy Baldwin toured the North this weekend looking to expand access to broadband service. The Wisconsin Democrat was in Eagle River to gather information about the needs where service is not available or spotty at best. She said Senate will be looking at President Trump's infrastructure plans and wants to make sure broadband access is included.

Testimony continues today

					<p>as the trial of Kristopher Torgerson moves into its second week in marathon county court. He's charged with first degree intentional homicide, hiding a corpse and armed robbery in the death of Stephanie Low of Wausau in 2010. Expected on the stand today is Torgersen's then girlfriend, Andrea Wadinski, who allegedly helped him move the body and bury it near Wabeno. The Wisconsin Badgers move into the NCAA Sweet 16 with a win over Villanova Saturday and will take on Florida at Madison Square Garden in NY Friday night.</p>
<p>A vote on an Obamacare replacement is on the way</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/20/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The U-S House plans to vote Thursday on its replacement for Obamacare. But before then, Speaker Paul Ryan of Janesville vows to increase federal help to insure lower income people in their 50s and 60s who are too young</p>

to get Medicare. That's after the Congressional Budget Office found a 64-year-old who makes 26-thousand-500 dollars per year would see out of pocket costs jump from 17-hundred dollars per year in the current product to 14-thousand-600 in the G-O-P replacement bill. Ryan also said his fellow Republicans were looking to add more health care tax credits for the poor -- and new work requirements for able bodied Medicare recipients 65 and older.

The two finalists for Wisconsin public school superintendent had their most intense debate yet about the state's use of the Common Core educational standards. Challenger Lowell Holtz vowed to throw out the national standards - - even though Republicans talked about dumping

					<p>Common Core the past few years and haven't done it. Superintendent Tony Evers, who's running for his third term, said a state official has "no authority" to drop Common Core -- and notes all but about two dozen of the state's 424 school districts have adopted it. Wisconsinites are reminded in most open areas permits are now required for burning brush or similar materials. You can check out the DNR website for information to obtain them or your county's sits for the names of fire wardens who issue permits. In Lincoln County last week alone near 50 people reported burning.</p>
Shooting in town of Pelican details are released	News	3/21/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Last week the Oneida County Sheriff's department released details of a shooting incident in the town of Pelican and the</p>

				<p>arrest of 46-year old Steven Fletcher. He was in court yesterday on two felony charges including first degree intentional homicide. The complaint alleges an inebriated Fletcher broke into an apartment and shot at another man, who got the weapon away. No one was hurt. At yesterday's hearing his \$30,000 bond was continued and he's back in court Friday. The prosecution continues to present its case in the Marathon County trial of Kristopher Torgerson, accused of killing and hiding the body of Stephanie Low. The incident took place in 2010. His ex-girlfriend, Andrea Wadinski was on the stand most of the day, admitting she was a party to crime, lying to investigators for years out of fear of</p>
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Torgerson. Another witness and accomplice also testified. The trial is expected to go another week.

Merrill police are investigating the attack of a man outside a downtown bar Saturday night. 32-year old Matt Meisner is in a medically induced coma after being hit in the face then striking his head on the concrete when he fell. He was with friends at DAT Bar when he was discovered outside around one AM. He's already gone through one brain surgery and could be in the hospital at least two months.

Rhineland's wastewater treatment plant has been recognized by the state. The DNR cited the lab at the facility for excellence in monitoring the quality of treated water discharged into the environment.

<p>Some state seniors might have to work for Medicare</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/21/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin and other states would get the option of forcing able bodied seniors to work for their Medicare as early as this fall. That's part of a package of amendments from Janesville House Speaker Paul Ryan and his fellow Republicans last night -- something Ryan hailed as a cooperative effort with the White House to improve the replacement to Obamacare. Conservatives pushed for several changes G-O-P leaders added to the package in advance of a House vote set for Thursday. And the House G-O-P decided to let the Senate figure out how to help older workers pay for their health costs -- which could be as much as five times higher than for younger people instead of the current limit</p>
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				<p>of three times higher.</p> <p>Drunk drivers who kill other motorists in traffic crashes would have to spend at least five years in prison, in a bill set for a public hearing Thursday. It's part of a new effort by some lawmakers to crack down on O-W-I.</p> <p>The D-N-R found seven-point-three-percent of the deer it tested last year had chronic wasting disease. That's down from the nine-point-four percent death rate from 2015 that alarmed some state lawmakers. The D-N-R's website shows 441 of the six-thousand-39 deer taken by hunters and analyzed by lab technicians had C-W-D. That's about twice as many samples as the previous year. The D-N-R has been working on revisions to its long term plan to keep chronic wasting disease in check -- and that work</p>
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					could be finished by the end of this year
Plans for a new hospital in Minocqua	News	3/22/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Plans for Marshfield Clinic's hospital addition in Minocqua go before the county next month. The Oneida County Planning and Development Committee set April 6<sup>th</sup> for a public hearing on the multi-million dollar, 72,000 square foot addition to their existing clinic. The project has been contested by officials at the Howard Young Medical Center, which would be a short walk from the proposed facility.</p> <p>Wausau's Planning Commission yesterday voted against zoning changes that would allow Kwik Trip to build a new \$6-million convenience store at the corner of Bridge Street and Stevens Drive. Much of the land is vacant but plans entail tearing</p>

down the Annabelle Apartments, a low rent housing facility. Despite the committee recommendation, the full city council has the final say and that could come in a couple weeks.

The Kristopher Torgerson homicide trial continues in Wausau with doubt being cast on how Stephanie Low was killed in 2010.

Testimony from a forensic pathologist seemed to differ quite a bit from the information provided by the 37-year old Torgerson and the testimony of others. He led authorities to the body four years later, buried near Wabeno. The official cause of death was listed as caused by, "unspecified means". The trial is expected to run into next week.

More than 14,000 extra turkey permits for Zone 2,

					<p>which covers most of Northeast Wisconsin were up for grabs yesterday. And despite the new, convenient online access to purchase extra tags, many hunters still prefer the face-to-face approach at DNR Service Centers.</p>
<p>Some state insurers say higher deductibles and less coverage could be happening</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/22/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Some Wisconsin health insurers say higher deductibles and less coverage will result from the lower premiums touted by Republicans in their Obamacare replacement bill. Marty Anderson of Marshfield's Security Health Plan says the age makeup for its plans will change "dramatically" as fewer people above 50 would pay for coverage. The House is scheduled to start debating the G-O-P's health bill tomorrow. Private schools that get state funded vouchers</p>

				<p>would get an extra 217-dollars per student during each year of the next two year state budget. That's according to the non partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau, which dug out the numbers at the request of Democrats who oppose vouchers. Senate Democrat Janet Bewley of Ashland County says the state would give more aid per pupil at what she called "unaccountable private schools" than to a public school youngster. But school choice groups say public schools still have higher state revenue limits than voucher schools. A former state lawmaker in Minnesota will join a community foundation serving ten counties in northwest Wisconsin and northeast Minnesota. Roger Reinert is taking a newly created post as vice</p>
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					<p>president of the Duluth/Superior Area Community Foundation. It accepts private donations and bequests for a host of community service programs. Foundation president Holly Sampson says her organization has become a lot busier -- and she can no longer do everything the foundation wants to get done. Reinert spent eight years as a Democrat in the Minnesota House and Senate -- and Sampson says he brings management and public relations skills, plus strong financial knowledge.</p>
<p>A DC Everest officer shot yesterday in a spree of shootings</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/23/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An officer with the Everest Metro Police is among four people killed in a series of shootings yesterday afternoon. Reports began coming in around 12:30 from three locations, Marathon Savings Bank in Rothschild, Tlusty, Kennedy</p>

and Dirks law office in Schofield and the Aspen Street apartments in Weston. After a standoff at the apartment complex with the suspect, he was taken into custody just after five. The names of the victims have not yet been released.

The trial of Kristopher Torgerson moves to the defense phase this morning. The 37-year old Wausau man is charged with first degree intentional homicide in the death of Stephanie Low seven years ago. He's also accused of moving and burying her body near Wabeno, where he led authorities four years later. Prosecutors rested their case yesterday after calling nearly 40 witnesses.

As the U.S. House of Representatives prepares for today's vote on the

repeal and replacement of the Affordable Care Act, the question remains as to whether there's enough Republican votes to get the legislation through. Some GOP members of Congress, including some in Wisconsin, don't think the bill goes far enough to dismantle Obamacare and see last minute changes to the replacement bill as being rushed to make a deadline that might not be reasonable.

Supporters of a bill to raise the retirement age for new public workers say the change would ensure the Wisconsin Retirement System's solvency. Opponents say the changes would make public jobs less attractive to applicants. The new measure would apply only

					to new hires.
Shooting suspect in custody	News	3/23/17	1230p,530p	1:30	The shooting suspect is in custody after taking the lives of four people near Wausau yesterday. Among the victims, an Everest Metro Police officer. A string of incidents which reportedly began with a domestic situation stretched to three different locations, beginning with a Rothschild bank, Schofield law office and an apartment complex in Weston where officials entered into a standoff with the man and several shots were fired. Several streets in Weston have been blocked off for "the foreseeable future," according to officials. Citizens who are not able to get to their homes are being given assistance by the Red Cross at the Weston Municipal

Center. D.C. Everest Schools were put on lockdown and students were escorted from Weston Elementary and the Idea Charter School, which were the closest to the apartment building.

The Wisconsin Democracy Campaign Reports about 200 businesses, trade groups, unions and tribes donated about one-point-three-million dollars to political parties last year. At 827-thousand dollars, Republicans received about two-thirds of the money. Democrats got 479-thousand. The biggest donor was a group which recruits and trains Democratic candidates called Wisconsin Progress. Other donors near the top of the list were the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Wisconsin Homeowners

				<p>Alliance and Miller-Coors. The Rhinelander/Onedia County Airport could be hurt be one of the cutbacks proposed by President Donald Trump. Nearly 200 smaller communities benefit from the Essential Air Service Program, designed to support a minimum level of air service before deregulation. The Rhinelander facility funds two round trips a day via SkyWest Airlines to Minneapolis with that money.</p>	
<p>More on the shootings in Marathon Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/24/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>What began as a domestic dispute turned into a shooting rampage, leaving four people dead and the 45-year old suspect wounded. The events unfolded early Wednesday afternoon at Marathon Savings bank where 67-year old Dianne Look and 62-year old Karen Barclay were killed. Authorities say</p>

				<p>the suspect's wife was the intended victim but was unharmed. A short time later, 43-year old Sara Quirt Sann, an attorney at a nearby law firm was shot. And finally, Everest Metro Police Detective Jason Weiland died while responding to the Aspen Street Apartments, where the man held off police for a short time. The 40-year old was a 15-year veteran with the department. The suspect is hospitalized with several gunshot wounds. The Women's Community support group in a statement said the events are a horrible reminder that domestic violence is extremely dangerous and praised law enforcement. They, along with dozens of other law enforcement officials, lawmakers, businesses and people hearing of the tragedy</p>
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have expressed condolences to families, friends and coworkers of the victims.

Closing arguments are expected this morning in the homicide trial of Kristopher Torgerson, charged in the death of then 22-year old Stephanie Low in seven years ago. The defense rested after calling only five witnesses yesterday. Prosecutors had over 40. The trial was adjourned just before noon yesterday when Torgerson refused to testify.

And in sports, play in the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament opened yesterday with Gonzaga, Xavier, Kansas and Oregon all making the Elite eight. Wisconsin meets Florida tonight.

<p>Suspect in marathon Co. shooting rampage being treated for non fatal wounds</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/24/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The 45-year-old suspect in the Marathon County shooting rampage which left four people dead this week is being treated for non-fatal wounds and remains in the hospital. The name of the Weston man has not been officially released. The four shooting victims have been identified as Everest Metro Police Detective Jason Weiland, Marathon Savings Bank employees Dianne Look and Karen Barclay, and attorney Sara Quirt Sann. Investigators say the shooter was motivated by a domestic incident and his intended victim was not injured. Wisconsin doctors say an aging population means an increasing demand for medical care -- at the same time the number of doctors is dropping. An estimated 10-thousand baby boomers</p>
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become eligible for Medicare every day. At the same time, the nation's doctors are aging, making recruitment tactics for young professionals even more important. La Crosse-based Gunderson Health System says the number of medical students isn't growing right now and the country may be short more than 88-thousand doctors in less than a decade. Several families brought photos of drunk-driving victims to an Assembly hearing room yesterday, asking Wisconsin lawmakers to pass stiffer penalties for the crime. Three bills are being considered by the Assembly Criminal Justice Committee. The families spoke of lives cut short and moments they would always remember. One father told lawmakers, "it's criminal to allow it to go

					on." Although some opponents question the expense of the legislation, supporters say it's aimed at stopping people from driving drunk -- not necessarily putting more people in Wisconsin prisons.
Fire destroys Rhinelander property	News	3/27/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Fire destroyed a Rhinelander home early yesterday afternoon. The city was supported by Pelican and Pine Lake volunteers to a home off Boyce Drive, where smoke was already through the roof when they arrived about noon. No one was home at the time and the cause is still unknown. After six hours of jury deliberation, 37-year old Kristopher Torgerson was found guilty late Friday in the death of Stephanie Low. The Wausau man sat quietly as he was convicted of first degree intentional homicide and hiding a

				<p>corpse. After killing Low, then 22 in October of 2010 in Wausau, he buried the body near Wabeno. Four years later he led authorities to that site and was charged with the crime. The trial ran two weeks and a sentencing date has not been set yet. Shortly after a candlelight vigil for the four victims of last week's shootings near Wausau, police have one person in custody this morning after another incident in the parking lot of the Target store in Weston. Calling it, "an isolated incident between juveniles", officers responded to reports of gun shots. Authorities reported a group of teens planned to meet at the parking lot for a fight when a few rounds from a weapon were fired, injuring one person. Customers were</p>
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					<p>evacuated from nearby stores and the area secured with the help of neighboring law enforcement and investigators later confirmed it was a pellet gun, not an active firearm. The vigil was held less than a block away from the store at Kennedy Park.</p>
<p>Law enforcement agencies from around the state take part in funeral of Wausau area police officer</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/27/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Law enforcement agencies from across the state will take part in honoring fallen Everest Metro Police Detective Jason Weiland Wednesday at his funeral. He was one of four people killed last Wednesday in a string of shootings that began at the Marathon Savings Bank where Dianne Look and Karen Barclay were killed. Then, at a nearby law firm, Sara Quinn Sann was shot before the assailant went to the Aspen Street Apartments in Weston and killed Weiland.</p>

The incident began as a domestic dispute. The suspect was identified as 45 year old Nengmy Vang who was in the midst of a contested divorce. Sann was his wife's attorney.

The state Department of Justice is arguing a court decision that struck down Wisconsin's legislative district maps should be overturned. A federal court ruled last fall that the maps drawn in 2010 amounted to an unconstitutional gerrymander, because they were drawn in a way designed to minimize Democratic votes. The court has ordered lawmakers to draw new maps by this November, which would be used in legislative elections the following year. If the Supreme Court agrees to review the case, the DOJ

				<p>believes it would hear arguments during the October 2017 term.</p> <p>Scammers continue to call area residents. The most common continue to be the IRS and grandma scams. Over the weekend several people contacted the Lincoln County Sheriff's office to report their agency was being used to get money. The department is not soliciting funds and if you're the target of a call, hang up and report it.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders will begin the Streetscape project next month</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/28/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Next month downtown Rhinelanders will begin showing signs of work on the Streetscape Project. Several streets in the district will be closed for short periods for repaving and repairs for some damage that occurred over the</p>

winter. The main link into downtown, the Davenport Steet bridge, will be closed for about a month beginning April 17<sup>th</sup>. The \$10-million project wraps up this summer with landscaping and city officials expect completion by the Fourth of July. There's a public information meeting tonight at City Hall.

Memorials are now set for three of the four victims of last weeks shooting spree in Marathon County. Police Detective Jason Weiland will have visitations this afternoon and tomorrow at DC Everest. Dianne Look's services will be tomorrow at Brainerd Funeral Home and Sara Quirt Sanns visitation will be Saturdy at St. Andrew's Church in Wausau

The YMCA of the

Northwoods is looking for new leadership. CEO Laurie Schlitt is leaving at the end of April to become the executive director for the Y in Muckwonago. Originally taking the job as an interim position in 2011, she guided the organization to membership growth, grew annual events and partnerships with business and helped rebrand the Y in a number of other key areas.

Manitowish Waters received a \$2-million donation for their bike trail system. Liz and Dick Uihlein, longtime providers of funds to communities and non-profits, set up the endowment trust fund for the town to use for maintenance and repairs of the 17 mile system that connects to Boulder Junction, Sayner and St.

					<p>Germain, providing more than 47 miles of paved riding.</p>
<p>Conceal Carry law</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/28/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Northwoods lawmaker has signed onto a bill allowing concealed carry without a license. Irma Representative Mary Felzkowski joins 39 co-authors today releasing the Right To Carry Act, which simplifies Wisconsin law and expands the rights of law-abiding citizens to carry a concealed weapon without a license. The bill also creates a basic license allowing parents to pick-up and drop-off their children from school without having to leave their firearm at home. The bill maintains all local controls and private property rights by allowing the posting of schools, government buildings, and private property. A dozen states passed similar laws and an additional 20 are</p>

now considering legislation. A Wisconsin panel endorsed a bill to end the requirement that 16-and-17-year-olds get state permits and parental approval to get jobs. The Legislature's Joint Finance Committee voted yesterday to advance the measure. Assembly Republican Amy Loudenbeck of Clinton says it would help teens with absent parents support themselves -- while Milwaukee Senate Democrat Lena Taylor says it Wisconsin voters decide a week from today whether to keep state would remove a major protection for young people. school Superintendent Tony Evers on the job another four years. The two term incumbent raised more than twice as much campaign money than his

					<p>challenger Lowell Holtz since early February. The Evers camp says it has raised 218-thousand dollars from February seventh through March 20th while Holtz -- a former school superintendent at Beloit and Whitnall -- raised 87-thousand. The superintendent's post is officially non partisan, but Evers has received financial support from local Democrats, while Holtz has received similar support from Republicans.</p>
<p>Home invasion being looked into</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/29/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Investigators with the Oneida County Sheriff's department are looking into an armed home invasion in the Town of Pelican. Monday morning around 6:30 a 911 call reported an white male described as tall and muscular, wearing all black clothing entered the residence and armed himself. Authorities say it</p>

				<p>appears the home was specifically targeted. More violence yesterday morning at a home near Edgar in Marathon County. The Sheriff's department reported an armed robbery just before 7:00 and are searching for four suspects who are considered armed and dangerous. No one was hurt in the incident. The reporting party said they had their faces covered and had a baseball bat and a handgun and attempted to take cash and household items. They were described as a white male, about six foot tall with a thin build, two Asian men both about 5-4 and possibly an Asian woman. Any information can be directed to the Marathon County Sheriff's office. Thousands of people are expected to pay their</p>
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					<p>respects to Detective Jason Weiland today at his funeral. The Everest Metro police officer died a week ago today responding to the scene of an active shooter in Weston. Law enforcement from across the state are volunteering to help with traffic duty so local officers can attend. Also killed that day were 67-year old Dianne Look, 62-year old Karen Barclay and 43-year old Sara Quirt Saan. Weiland's funeral service is at noon.</p> <p>State lawmakers of both parties are questioning Governor Scott Walker's plan to have the government run its own health insurance plan for public workers.</p>
<p>Mercer Chamber of Commerce brings in new staffers</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/29/17</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A leading Democrat says it would be "completely irresponsible" to let Wisconsinites carry concealed guns without</p>

safety training or background checks. State Senate Minority Leader Jennifer Shilling slammed a new G-O-P proposal to let people carry hidden firearms without the permits and training required when Wisconsin became the second to last state to approve concealed weapons in 2011 after years of rejections. Senate Republican Dave Craig of Big Bend and Assembly Republican Mary Felzkowski of Irma say people can already carry guns in the open without state controls -- and the same should apply to hidden weapons. A vice president of Major League Baseball is planning to run against Milwaukee County Sheriff David Clarke in 2018. His campaign says Earnell Lucas is getting organized -- but neither he nor Clarke have

commented on the possible bid. Lucas is a former Milwaukee police captain who headed Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig's security detail and he stayed on after the former Brewers' owner retired, now serving as a vice president for security and facility management. Clarke runs as a Democrat, even though he's been tied nationally to Republicans from President Donald Trump on down. It's not certain whether Clarke plans to run for reelection next year, and some are trying to get him to run for the U-S Senate seat now held by Democrat Tammy Baldwin.

Mercer's Chamber of Commerce welcomed new staffers this week. Chelcie Pinsonneault, a New Hampshire native,

					is the new executive director and began her duties Monday. And beginning next week, Mercer resident Linda Anderson is the new office manager.
Police officer buried yesterday	News	3/30/17	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Police Detective Jason Weiland was buried yesterday. Family, friends and fellow officers by the thousands jammed DC Everest High School in Schofield for the funeral. The 40-year old Weiland was shot and killed last Wednesday responding to the scene where three other women were killed. Everest Metro Police Chief Wally Sparks asked that people "keep all of the victims and their families in your prayers." He said they've received support from departments all over the U.S. and Canada. A benefit account sponsored

by River Valley Bank has been set up to help the families of the victims. Donations can be brought to any River Valley Bank Branch, who will match the first \$25,000 given by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

49-year old Mark Mayo was in Vilas County Court yesterday, pleading guilty to several charges from an incident last August. The Eagle River man was intoxicated when he fired a weapon at law enforcement officials, causing a standoff. In a plea deal the court found him guilty of intentionally shooting at officers, a felony and a misdemeanor charge of using a weapon while intoxicated. He's back in court May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Crandon woman accused of delivering pills to an inmate in the Forest

					<p>County Jail is now behind bars herself. 52-year old Patricia Kirker faces five felony charges and held on a \$5000 cash bond. Investigators say she supplied the narcotics for the inmate to sell. She's back in court Wednesday.</p> <p>And in sports, the Brewers dropped their final exhibition game in Arizona yesterday and get set for the home opener Monday against Colorado.</p>
Gearing up for the Governor race next year.	News	3/30/17	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Another big name Democrat decides not to make a possible run against Governor Scott Walker in 2018. Former Senate Majority Leader and state health secretary Tim Cullen of Janesville says there's no way he can raise enough money to challenge the Republican Walker -- and Cullen joins La Crosse House Democrat Ron Kind in</p>

				<p>taking a pass on next year's race. State native Bob Harlow, a former congressional candidate in California, is the only Democrat to announce a bid for governor. Nicole Schneider is reportedly the latest to consider running against U-S Senate Democrat Tammy Baldwin in 2018. She's a daughter in law of the late Donald Schneider, who ran the Green Bay trucking firm of Schneider National. Media Trackers said this week Nicole is a potential Republican Senate candidate -- and she says her family is considering options to be more politically active for conservative causes. She's a part time research officer for the Green Bay area's Catholic school system and could pay for her own campaign, as Schneider</p>
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					<p>National is seeking to get 230-million dollars in a stock sale from a proposed initial public offering.</p> <p>Unemployment is higher than the previous month in all but one of Wisconsin's 12 metro areas. State officials say the actual unadjusted jobless rates for February ranged from five-point-four-percent in Racine to three-point-three-percent in Madison. The state's other eleven metros reported higher jobless rates from January. All but one of the state's 72 counties saw their unadjusted jobless rates hold steady or drop from one year ago, and Rusk County was the only one reporting an increase of one-tenth-percent.</p>
<p>Oneida Co. man in court on shooting charge</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/31/17</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Accused of shooting at another man, 46-year old Steven Fletcher of Rhinelander was in Oneida County Court yesterday.</p>

The complaint alleges he broke into an apartment in the Town of Pelican March 11th, armed and intoxicated and fired the weapon at an individual. That man was not hurt and able to wrestle the gun away and contact authorities. He faces two felony counts including first degree intentional homicide and two misdemeanors. His \$30,000 bond was continued and he's back in court on the 10th.

Langlade county authorities have three people in custody after a drug bust in the Town of Rolling. 28-year old Naomi Kolpack, 33-year old Fred Kelly and 43-year old Jason Kelly are accused of running a meth lab at a home on Elmhurst Road. Five children, all under ten years old were removed from the home that was not

fit for human habitation. When investigators executed the search warrant last Tuesday, they had to wear respirators and break windows because of the high level of noxious odors. The children were treated as a precaution for any health issues. The suspects face a number of drug felonies and five counts of neglecting a child. They're back in court in mid-April.

Ice conditions are no longer safe as witnessed by several incidents yesterday. Two men were rescued from Buckskin Lake south of Minocqua where one went in and the other stranded on Eagle Island. 60-year old Mark Harrison was taken to the Howard Young Medical Center for treatment. The Oneida County Sheriff's Department reported another person through the

					ice in Three Lakes.
State school races are up for election	News	3/31/17	1230p,530p	1:30	In the final days before Tuesday's election, state school Superintendent candidate Lowell Holtz is slammed by one of his former employers. The Whitnall School Board wrote to parents in the suburban Milwaukee district this week, saying Holtz could have misused its tax funded resources for political activity when he was Whitnall's superintendent. The letter said another group asked prosecutors to investigate and the district would cooperate with the probe if asked. The liberal group One Wisconsin Now released a 2016 email from Holtz that sought political support, saying he wanted to align with several G-O-P initiatives. Holtz is running against State Superintendent Tony Evers --

				<p>and while the Holtz campaign would not comment on the allegations, it said the School Board did what it accused Holtz of doing, using school resources to play politics.</p> <p>After two top Democrats say no to running for governor, G-O-P incumbent Scott Walker goes on the offensive. Walker had a private conference call yesterday with several dozen key campaign donors and fundraisers.</p> <p>And while he stopped short of declaring his candidacy, Walker said he's "ready" for the prospect of seeking a third four year term in 2018 and declared he's "as excited" as ever about "Wisconsin's future."</p> <p>Republican lawmakers introduced a series of six bills aimed at placing new restrictions on school</p>
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					<p>referendums. The proposed changes include restricting when those votes can take place and capping how long tax increases stay in effect at five years. Dan Rossmiller with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards says lawmakers are getting involved in decisions that should be left up to local voters.</p>
Interview	In studio	3/30/17	745a	3 minutes	Talked to Tammy Modic from the NATH Organization about the upcoming Packer tailgate tour fundraiser in Rhinelander