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07-01-2019	Osseo Man Heads to Prison After Child Abuse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	An Osseo man is heading to prison for abusing his infant son. A Trempealeau County judge on Friday sentenced Mitchel Feyen to five years in prison for child abuse. Feyen pleaded no-contest back in April to hitting the little boy so hard that he gave the baby a brain hemorrhage.
07-01-2019	Political Map Debate Rages On	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	Republicans in Madison are asking a judge to end the challenge to the state's political map. Democrats in 2015 sued over the map they said is too politically favorable for Republicans. But the United States Supreme Court last week said federal courts should not be the ones who decide how political the maps can be. Lawyers for legislative Republicans filed a motion to dismiss the map challenge on Friday.
07-01-2019	Medical Marijuana on Docket in WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement and State Politics	The top Republican in the state Assembly says it's time to start talking about medical marijuana in Wisconsin. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos on Friday said he'd like to see lawmakers get serious about medical marijuana in the fall. Vos and other Republicans brushed-off Governor Tony Evers' suggestion for a medical marijuana program because they said it was just a step toward legalization. The top Republican in the state Senate, Scott Fitzgerald, has opposed loosening the state's marijuana laws for years.
07-01-2019	Severe Weather Warnings	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Western Wisconsin is looking at another chance for strong and even severe weather. The National Weather Service says some of today's storms could become severe. Forecasters are also worried that all of this new rain will cause more flooding. There's a chance for rain pretty much all week, and when it is not raining it will be hot. Forecasters say western Wisconsin will be in the 80s every day this week.

07-02-2019	Teen in Custody After EC Downtown Gun Incident	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Eau Claire police say a second teen is in custody after a weekend gun scare. Officers arrested 17-year-old Noah Beckstead yesterday. They arrested 18-year-old Gabriel Kurschner over the weekend. Police say the two were driving around Saturday night and pointing what turned out to be an airsoft gun out the window of their car. Eau Claire police arrested Kurschner on drugs charges, both teens are also facing disorderly conduct charges.
07-02-2019	Drunk Driving Chase Leads to Charges	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Barron County man is heading to prison for drunken police chase in St. Croix County last year. A judge in Hudson yesterday sentenced Wade Davis to four years in prison. Police say Davis was drunk when he took off in a car, hit several other cars in New Richmond, and eventually was arrested. Davis pleaded guilty in the case, he accepted the sentence as part of a deal for his seventh OWI conviction.
07-02-2019	Mudslide Damages Rail Cars	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Authorities in Grant County are blaming a mudslide for a train derailment that sent a couple of box cars into the Mississippi River. It happened yesterday morning near Glen Haven. No one was hurt in the derailment. A Burlington North Santa Fe spokeswoman says nine cars were knocked off the tracks, they are all reported to be empty.
07-02-2019	Volk Field Accident Under Investigation	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & State Politics	There are not a lot of answers about how a state of Wisconsin worker died in an accident at Volk Field. The Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs will only say that the worker died 'while performing their duties' yesterday. Local and state authorities are looking into the worker's death. More information about the worker's death may come today.
07-02-2019	No Xmas for LaX	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There won't be any public Christmas decorations in La Crosse this year. Mayor Tim Kabat last night told the city's council that the city doesn't have enough workers to both pick-up leaves and hang Christmas lights. Kabat says he's got to be the Grinch and prioritize leaf pick-up. Downtown Mainstreet usually partners with the city to hang the decorations.
07-02-2019	Life in Prison Sought for Officer Killer	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Public Safety	Prosecutors say the man accused of gunning down Officer John Hetland may never be free again. A judge yesterday set Dalquavis Ward's bond at five-million-dollars. Kenosha County DA Michael Graveley said Ward could spend the rest of his life in prison.

07-03-2019	Man Missing from Area Group Home	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Authorities in Eau Claire say they will continue their search for a missing autistic man who walked away from his group home. Eau Claire police and the county sheriff both say 22-year-old Alex Twait could be in danger. He is completely non-verbal and has special needs. Twait walked away from his group home yesterday evening. Both the PD and the sheriff's office say they are using planes and officers to search. Authorities are asking volunteers not to help.
07-03-2019	Curbside Pick up for Alcohol on tap in LaCrosse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Local Politics	Shoppers in La Crosse are a step closer to being able to pick-up beer and wine with their groceries at the curb, but there will be some strings. La Crosse's Judiciary and Administration Committee last night approved the ordinance to allow for curbside alcohol pick-up. The rules require shoppers to order their drinks four hours in advance, and La Crosse says stores can't offer curbside delivery after 6 p.m. So people who order groceries after 2 p.m. will have to wait to get their beer or wine till the next day. The full city council is expected to vote on the rules next week.
07-03-2019	Death at Volk Field Likely Caused by Electrocutation	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The Wisconsin National Guard says the worker who died at Volk Field likely was electrocuted. The Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs yesterday said that 40-year-old maintenance specialist Nicholas Janz died while installing runway light bulbs. A spokesman for the agency says Janz touched a live electrical source. A formal cause of death will come once Janz's autopsy is complete.
07-03-2019	City Hall Construction Nearing End	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	City workers in Eau Claire hope to be back at work without construction soon. The city yesterday said the renovation work on City Hall is almost complete. Planners hope to wrap-up their nearly year-long overhaul by the end of August.
07-03-2019	Snowiest Winter Hits Official Record	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The National Weather Service is confirming what folks in Eau Claire have known for months, the winter of 2018-2019 was the snowiest ever. The Weather Service yesterday made it official yesterday. Forecasters say Eau Claire saw 98-point-eight inches of snow this past winter. That topped the old record of 89-point-three inches set back in 1996-1997.

07-08-2019	Deadly Crash Brings Charges	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The man being blamed for a deadly crash in St. Croix County shouldn't have been driving. The St. Croix County Sheriff's office yesterday said 37-year-old Brandon Lieftring was under the influence of something and driving on a suspended license when he sped away from a deputy on Saturday and crashed into a motorcycle. The motorcycle's rider, 39-year-old Dustin Kalland from Minnesota, died in the crash. The sheriff says prosecutors could file formal charges against Lieftring today or tomorrow.
07-08-2019	Amtrak Plans Off Rails	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Transportation	There likely won't be new Amtrak trains rumbling through western Wisconsin anytime soon. Lawmakers in Minnesota didn't include the money to foot the bill for a new Minneapolis to Chicago train line in their new state budget. Wisconsin lawmakers approved 300-thousand-dollars this year for environmental studies for the line. The full project has a price tag between 130 million and 140-million-dollars.
07-08-2019	Storms Kick Back up for Western WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State and National Politics	Forecasters are not saying if any of this week's thunderstorms will be anything like western Wisconsin saw last week. The National Weather Service is expecting storms tomorrow and into Wednesday. Other than that, the Weather Service says the western portion of the state will see temperatures in the low 80s, till it warms up over the weekend.
07-08-2019	Teens Facing Charges in Crime Spree	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Four 18-year-olds in Wausau are looking at a string of charges in what could be a drug robbery. Police say Colton Bradberry, Curtis Schulz, Mitchell Tesch, and Devin Noskowiak snatched a 15-year-old at the end of June, beat him, stole his phone, and left him in the woods. Prosecutors filed charges last week, including felony counts of child abuse. Investigators say the four 18-year-olds were reportedly looking to rob someone of a pound of marijuana.
07-08-2019	WI Farmland Prices Remain Steady	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Even as Wisconsin dairy farmers leave the business, they are not leaving their land. A new report says the price of farmland in the state is steady. The University of Wisconsin says farmland is selling for about 43-hundred dollars an acre, that's up about eight-percent from five years ago. Researchers say even though dairy farmers are getting out of the dairy business, they are not getting out of farming altogether. That is helping keep the supply of available land small, and the price higher.

07-09-2019	Naming Rights for Local Park Goes to City Council	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The fight over what to call the park along Forest Street in Eau Claire is unresolved as it heads to city hall. Eau Claire's city council is being asked to pick a name for the park tonight. The organizers behind the two million-dollar Veterans Tribute Trail want to name at least part of the park Veterans Tribute Park. But some neighbors don't like that name. County Board Member Tami Schraufnagel wants something everyone can agree on.
07-09-2019	Heroin Deaths Investigated in LaCrosse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Authorities in La Crosse County are warning of a bad batch of heroin that may be killing people. La Crosse County Medical Examiner Timothy Candahl says he's seen eight overdoses in the past five days. Candahl says all eight OD'd on heroin that is laced with something else. Police say they are seeing reports of other heroin-related deaths in other near-by counties as well.
07-09-2019	Body Cams Too Costly	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	Police officers in Eau Claire won't be getting body cameras anytime soon. The city council shelved the plan to equip the city's 100 officers with cameras because it would cost too much. City Council President Terry Weld says the cameras alone would cost 230-thousand-dollars, but the maintenance could cost 150-thousand-dollars apiece over the next four years. Weld says Eau Claire doesn't have that kind of money to spend.
07-09-2019	Prison for EC Man After Firing Gun	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Development	An Eau Claire man is heading to prison for firing his gun during a drug deal gone bad last year. A judge yesterday sentenced Marcus Wells to two years in prison. Police say Wells pulled his gun and fired during a drug deal at a house on Revere Street last September.
07-09-2019	Transportation Funds go Local for Road Repairs	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Cities, towns, and counties across Wisconsin are about to go on a road-building boom. The state's Department of Transportation yesterday said the new state budget will send over 145-million-dollars to local governments across the state for road projects. The general transportation money is earmarked to help local governments keep-up with their needs. The new budget also includes about 33-million-dollars a year in new money for local governments, the money will start to be paid after the first of the year.

07-10-2019	Trail Naming Rights Fights Continue	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There's still no new name for the park along Forest Street in Eau Claire, and there may not be for a little while. Eau Claire's city council last night delayed any decision about the name for another two weeks. The planners of the nearby Veterans Tribute Trail and some neighbors have been arguing for weeks over what to call the park. The vets say they're going to take the two weeks and decide what they want to do.
07-10-2019	Chippewa Co. Wheel Tax Nixed	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Local Politics	Good news for drivers in Chippewa County. County leaders this week said they do not plan to renew the county's wheel tax. Drivers started paying the 10 dollar-a-year tax in 2015 to give the county more money for county highways. The tax expires at the end of this year, and the county board says they will new renew it.
07-10-2019	Deer Causes Serious Motorcycle Accident	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	The sheriff in La Crosse County says two people are fighting for their lives after they hit a deer with their motorcycle. It happened about 9 p.m. last night on Highway 33 in the Town of Greenfield. Deputies say the man and the woman on the bike were rushed to the hospital with 'substantial' injuries.
07-10-2019	Hunters Push for CWD	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Hunters in the state are asking for mandatory Chronic Wasting Disease testing across Wisconsin this fall. A task force of hunters yesterday asked the state's Department of Natural Resources to require testing on all deer shot this fall. Wisconsin is trying to get a handle on CWD, which is deadly to the state's deer population.
07-10-2019	Dairy Farmers Still Struggle	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Business Development	Dairy farmers in Wisconsin and across the country are losing patience with Congress. The American Dairy Coalition yesterday sent an open letter to members of the U.S. House urging them to vote on the U.S.-Canada-Mexico Agreement. Coalition President Walt Moore says the lack of a trade agreement with Canada and Mexico is hurting dairy farmers. He says without the deal the recession in the dairy industry will only get worse. President Trump signed the agreement last fall, but Congress has yet to approve it.

07-11-2019	US Bank Announces Job Cut in Eau Claire	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Nearly four dozen people who work at US Bank in Eau Claire will soon be out of a job. The bank told the state of Wisconsin this week that it plans to eliminate 43 jobs from the bank on South Barstow Street. The workers' last day will be October 1st.
07-11-2019	Texting Undercover Cop Leads to Prison	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A man who thought he was setting-up a date with a 15-year-old boy is agreeing to a plea in Barron County that could send him to prison for up to 40 years. Prosecutors yesterday said 39-year-old Joseph Matz pleaded guilty to attempted second degree sexual assault of a child. Police say Matz thought he was texting a 15-year-old, but he was really texting an undercover officer. Matz will be sentenced in October.
07-11-2019	Man Facing Life in Prison for Killing Toddler	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A western Wisconsin man is looking at life in prison for the beating death of his girlfriend's three-year-old son. Monroe County prosecutors filed charges against 34-year-old Marcus Anderson on Tuesday. Investigators say he beat the little boy to death back in May. The D.A.'s office isn't saying why. Anderson could spend the rest of his life in prison if convicted.
07-11-2019	Lottery Winners in WI Could Stay Anonymous	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	The top Republican in the Wisconsin Assembly wants to let lotto winners keep their anonymity. Speaker Robin Vos yesterday submitted the testimony for his plan to roll back Wisconsin's requirement that lottery winners be named in public. Vos says there's no reason lottery winners should be forced to endure months of harassment just because they hit it big. Wisconsin Lottery managers say publicly naming lotto winners helps fight fraud.
07-11-2019	NWSFair Rolls On	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	It's time for concerts, corn dogs, and riding sheep in Chippewa Falls. The Northern Wisconsin State Fair opened yesterday, it'll run through Sunday. In addition to the food, fun, rides, and concerts, the fair will close with the annual Mutton Bustin Rodeo on Sunday. That's when kids get their chance to ride a sheep and try and hang-on for six seconds.

07-12-2019	LaCrosse Scouts New Police Chief	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The man who openly complained that judges in La Crosse County don't send anyone to jail is being tapped to lead La Crosse's police department. The city promoted Rob Agarham to interim police chief yesterday. He's filling-in until the city can hire a new chief. Abraham took to Twitter last month to complain about the lax treatment of a rape suspect in La Crosse. He apologized to the people of the city for not being able to protect them better.
07-12-2019	UW Gets Price Hike	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	It will be more expensive for students at the University of Wisconsin this fall. Regents yesterday approved room and board and student fee increases for almost every campus in the UW System. UW Madison will see the highest price spikes. Only UW Milwaukee and UW River Falls won't charge students more for dorm rooms. The university says they want to use the extra money to pay for new recreation centers across the system.
07-12-2019	New Budget Shows WI Shortfall	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Wisconsin's financial woes look to be much worse next year. A new report from the state's Legislative Fiscal Bureau says lawmakers will be facing a nearly one-and-a-half billion-dollar structure deficit for the 2021 through 2023 budget. The deficit in the current budget is about 860 million. LFB says the numbers are calculated before any attempts by lawmakers to tax more or spend more.
07-12-2019	Geographic Ooops for Mt. Dew	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Mt. Dew is learning the hard way the Yoopers are proud of where they come from. The soda maker is out with its DEWnited map, which shows the country. But the map has the U.P. as part of Wisconsin. Twitter erupted this month, to tell Mt. Dew that the U.P. is part of Michigan. The company admitted to its mistake, and is offering to allow Yoopers to design their own map that makes sure to put them back in the state of Michigan.
07-12-2019	Funnel Cakes go Famous	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The Northern Wisconsin State Fair is about to become immortal, kind of. The Food Network is coming to the fair tomorrow to film a segment for the show Carnival Eats. Megan Hagy and her funnel cakes will be featured, but the show will also capture some of the fun of the fair in Chippewa Falls. The episode is expected to air this fall, then likely in reruns.

07-15-2019	Missing EC Woman Could be in Danger	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Police in Eau Claire are asking for help in finding a missing woman. Officers fear 26-year-old Aubrey Wisniewski may be in danger. Police started looking for her yesterday afternoon when they say she left her home in Eau Claire but didn't show-up in Appleton. Eau Claire Police say Wisniewski suffers from mental illness and had recently made comments about harming herself.
07-15-2019	Troops to head to Afghanistan	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	About 400 Wisconsin National Guardsmen are on their way to Afghanistan. The guard held a ceremony yesterday to say goodbye to the troops. They will spend a few weeks in Texas before heading to Afghanistan. The 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry will provide security for coalition forces in the country. Commanders say they hope to see the troops return home sometime next year.
07-15-2019	Scam Hits Local Gas Station	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Police in Chippewa Falls are crediting a pair of quick-thinking Kwik Trip workers with saving a woman from a scam. Officers say the clerks noticed a woman buying a gift card to send money to someone over the phone. The clerks called police, who helped the woman realize she was being scammed. Officer James Luckey says the woman thought she was dealing with someone from the social security office. He says it's a common scam, and is warning other people not to fall for it.
07-15-2019	Storms and Heat Expected This Week	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	It's going to be a hot and stormy week for western Wisconsin. The National Weather Service says temperatures will be in the upper-80s all week, and there is a chance for thunderstorms almost every day. Forecasters say some of the storms could be strong or severe.
07-15-2019	WI Supreme Court to Review Cases Defining Danger	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Politics	Wisconsin's Supreme Court will decide two cases that could help define when someone is truly dangerous. The court last week announced it will take three cases under review. Two of the cases, one from Marathon County and the other from Langlade County, deal with the question of when someone can be declared dangerous by the court. The third case focuses on an insurance case out of Burnett County. The court declined to review about three dozen other cases from around the state.

07-16-2019	Tornado Touchdown in Rusk Co?	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The jury is still out on what kind of storm knocked down trees and knocked out power in Rusk and Barron counties. The National Weather Service is sending teams to Rusk County today to see if a tornado touched down last night. Barron County's sheriff is blaming strong straight-line winds for damage there. There are no reports of any serious injuries.
07-16-2019	Veterans Trail Moved to Altoona	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There's probably no longer a need to rename the park along Forest Street in Eau Claire. The Eau Claire County Veterans Foundation yesterday said it's going to build its two million-dollar Veterans Tribute Trail and park in Altoona. The group has been frustrated with neighbors who fought a name change for the park.
07-16-2019	Bridge RE-Opens	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	The bridge to Lafayette in Chippewa County is once again open. The county opened the bridge at Paint Creek on 195th Street this week. It had been closed since a partial collapse last year. Chippewa County only paid about 10-percent of the one-point-three-million-dollars it cost to build the new bridge, the rest of the money came from Madison or Washington D.C.
07-16-2019	National Guard to Host Training	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The Wisconsin National Guard is hosting a training exercise. The Patriot North drill will last until Thursday at Volk Field in Camp Douglas and Fort McCoy in Tomah. The idea is to help Wisconsin troops work better with local first responders to prepare for natural disasters and the aftermath of a storm.
07-16-2019	Solar Panel Fee Dropped	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Green groups in Wisconsin are happy that the state's largest power company is dropping a proposed fee on people who have solar panels on their homes We Energies is looking to raise rates on customers six-percent over the next two years to help pay for what's being called a utility-scale project.
07-16-2019	Case Will Proceed Against Man Accused of Huffing Before Killing Girls Scouts and mom	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Lawyers for the man who police say ran down three Girl Scouts from Chippewa Falls say there's no proof he was high at the time of the wreck. Colten Treu's lawyers on Friday said prosecutors cannot prove their claim that Treu was huffing air duster before police say he drove off the road and killed the girls and a mom who was helping them pick-up trash. Treu was in court Friday for his preliminary hearing. The judge says there is enough evidence to head to trial.

07-17-2019	Patterson Moved Out of WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The man who kidnapped Jayme Closs and killed her parents is no longer in a Wisconsin prison. The Department of Corrections says they transferred Jake Patterson on Monday; he had been at the prison in Waupun. DOC officials say they moved Patterson for his own safety, but they are not saying where Patterson is now serving his life sentence.
07-17-2019	Local Business Leader Charged with Embezzlement	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Public Interest	One of the women who brought the dragon boat races to Eau Claire is looking at charges after investigators say she spent cancer donations on herself. Prosecutors yesterday charged Renelle Laffe with embezzlement. Laffe is accused of spending thousands of dollars that were supposed to go to cancer research on herself. Eau Claire police say a tip started their investigation. Laffe is due in court today for her first appearance.
07-17-2019	Lake Hallie Bank Robber in Custody	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Politics	A bank robber who knocked-over a Lake Hallie bank had his loot for about a half an hour. Lake Hallie police and the Chippewa County sheriff's office say they quickly caught the suspect after Monday's robbery at the Citizens Community Federal Bank. The sheriff says the robber tried to speed away, but was caught within 30 minutes of Monday morning's robbery. Authorities are waiting for prosecutors to charge the suspect before naming him.
07-17-2019	Dems Look Again at Redistricting	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Democrats in Madison say they're picking-up support in their plan to change how the state draws its political maps. State Senator Dave Hansen yesterday said Republican Rep. Loren Oldenburg and Republican Rep. Joel Kitchens signed on to their proposal. Hansen's plan would take the power to draw Wisconsin's political map away from elected lawmakers, and hand it over to the Legislative Reference Bureau. Hansen is one of many Democrats in the state who don't like how Republican lawmakers drew the state's last political map.
07-18-2019	Summer Weather Brings Heat and Flooding Risk	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The weather map in western Wisconsin is a mess. The National Weather Service is posting a heat advisory and a flash flood watch for folks from Eau Claire down past La Crosse. The heat advisory is in place from noon today till 7 p.m. tomorrow night. The flash flood watch will expire later this morning. Forecasters say people need to be careful in this week's heat. That means drinking plenty of water and staying out of the sun.

07-18-2019	EC Woman Facing Felony Theft Charges	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Prosecutors say one of the women who ran the non-profit that put-on Eau Claire's dragon boat races stole 70 thousand-dollars. The district attorney yesterday said Renelle Laffe spent some of the money on a down payment for her home and to pay off an RV. Police say Laffe paid back about half of what she took. Laffe is free on a five thousand-dollar signature bond; she's due back to face felony theft charges next month.
07-18-2019	Spoooner Police Investigating Suspicious Death	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Police in Spooner are not saying why they think a man's death earlier this week is suspicious, but they are treating the case that way nonetheless. Spooner Police and investigators with the state's Department of Justice are looking into the man's death at a home in Spooner on Tuesday. Investigators say some of the evidence at the house has them thinking there is more to the case.
07-18-2019	Tornado Touchdown Not Confirmed	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Forecasters are crediting straight line winds for this week's storm damage in Rusk County. The National Weather Service yesterday said teams found no evidence of a tornado as part of Monday's storms. The Weather Service's Todd Krause says the teams didn't find any of the telltale damage signs of a twister.
07-18-2019	Walker Gets Appointment from Trump	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	Former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has his second new job of the week. President Trump yesterday appointed Walker to the board of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in the Smithsonian Institute. The appointment is for a six-year term. Walker announced on Monday that he is also taking a job with the Young America's Foundation which reaches out to young, conservative voters across the country.
07-19-2019	LaCrosse Addresses Public Safety Issues	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	La Crosse's acting police chief says a planned county task force to focus on law enforcement issues is fine, but he wishes there would be more public discussions. Chief Rob Abraham on Wednesday said La Crosse County's new policy to handle interdepartmental issues is fine, but he says it's not an open process. The county's district attorney, Tim Gruenke, is pushing a three-step process to talk about issues among the law enforcement community. Abraham got a lot of attention last month when he called out La Crosse County judges for not keeping people in jail.

07-19-2019	Veterans Tribute Trail to Move	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Eau Claire County's Veterans Foundation says it's looking forward to working on its new trail and park in Altoona. The foundation earlier this week pulled the two-million-dollar project from Eau Claire after some neighbors complained about naming the trail's park Veterans Memorial Park. The foundation's Mark Beckfield says they are proud to be moving the trail and park to Altoona, and hope to open soon.
07-19-2019	Sand Mine Hits Bankruptcy	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Business	One of western Wisconsin's largest frack sand mines is heading for bankruptcy. WQOW-TV reported last night that Superior Silica Sands filed for bankruptcy protection on Monday. Superior Silica has mines in Chippewa and Barron counties. No one at Superior Silica or its parent company commented on the filing.
07-19-2019	Drone Crash at Volk Field	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Military	The Wisconsin National Guard is looking into how a drone lost its signal and crashed in the woods in western Wisconsin. The Guard says a RQ-7 Shadow drone went down Wednesday afternoon during a training exercise at Volk Field. Troops found the drone and recovered what they could. The RQ-7 Shadow drone is about 11-feet long with a wing span of nearly 14 feet. The price tag is reportedly at least 750-thousand-dollars.
07-19-2019	Water Rescue in LaCrosse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Development	Rescue crews in La Crosse say a pair of kayakers is lucky after being pulled from the La Crosse River. Crews grabbed both boaters yesterday afternoon. La Crosse police say the two were out of their boats, and clinging to a tree in the middle of the river. Officers say the rescue is a reminder of the need for life jackets and safety equipment.
07-22-2019	State of Emergency Declared by Gov. Evers	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	Towns and cities across Wisconsin are getting a bit more help to clean-up after the latest round of severe weather. Governor Tony Evers yesterday declared a state of emergency after a line of thunderstorms cut across the state on Saturday. Thousands of people were left without power, and the storms knocked down trees and knocked over a few barns. The state of emergency allows the Wisconsin National Guard to assist local communities, it's also the first step toward requesting federal money to help pay for the storm clean-up.

07-22-2019	Severe Weather Clean up Continues	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest/City Planning	Folks in North Bend are lucky both of the weekend tornadoes missed the town. The National Weather Service yesterday confirmed those two tornadoes, one in Jackson County and one in Trempealeau County, touched down Saturday. Neither did any real damage, and no one was injured. Forecasters say both tornadoes had top wind speeds of no more than 85 miles-per-hour.
07-22-2019	Deadly Crash After Car Misses Stop Sign	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Environmental	The sheriff in St. Croix County says a missing stop sign may be to blame for a deadly crash last Friday. Three people died when a motorcycle smashed into a car at the intersection of State Highway 64 and County Highway T in Stanton Township. Cars on Highway T are supposed to stop, but Sheriff Scott Knudson says the stop sign may have been knocked down.
07-22-2019	Transportation Funding Under Scrutiny	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A watchdog in Madison says it doesn't make sense to spend road money on Milwaukee's streetcar. Mike Nichols with the Badger Institute said last week that the plan from Governor Tony Evers' administration to use road money to expand the streetcar goes against the idea of earmarking money for roads. Nichols says not only would the governor take money away from road construction, but he says there's no evidence The Hop is bringing tourists to Milwaukee.
07-22-2019	WI Priests Accused of Abuse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	You can add 22 more names to the list of priests in Wisconsin who are accused of abusing children. The St. Norbert Abbey late last week named 22 priests who abbey leaders say were 'credibly accused.' Only five of the 22 are still living, and none of them are preaching any longer. Abbot Dane Radecki says they released the names in the 'spirit of accountability.'
07-23-2019	ECSD Approves Enrollment Map	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	About 200 kids in Eau Claire could be going to new schools next year. The city's school district last night approved a new enrollment map. Superintendent Mary Ann Hardebeck says the idea is to balance enrollment at the city's schools. Parents will have the choice to keep kids at the same school next year, or until their kids transition to middle school or high school. In all, seven schools in Eau Claire will get new boundaries.

07-23-2019	Track Gets Boost at Memorial High	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The track at Eau Claire Memorial High School is going to look much better next year. School leaders say the Pat and Connie Ulrich Trust is donating 250-thousand-dollars to the school to upgrade the track, as well as pay for new lighting and fences. The donation is far less than the one-point-two million-dollars some anonymous donors were offering Memorial. That fell apart after school leaders balked at matching part of the donation with public dollars.
07-23-2019	Tornado Count Ticks Up	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The National Weather Service is adding to the tornado count in western Wisconsin. Forecasters yesterday said four tornadoes touched down in Barron and Clark counties Friday night. Two of the tornadoes hit Barron County, two others hit Clark County. The weather service says each county saw an EF-1 and an EF-0 storm. Top wind speeds for the storms were about 110 miles-per-hour.
07-23-2019	Sexual Harassment Costs UW OshKosh Thousands	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Labor and State Workforce	A former UW-Oshkosh professor's apparent obsession with a student will cost the university 325-thousand-dollars. The UW System yesterday said it is paying the former student, only identified as A.R, to end a sexual harassment claim against former professor Michael Beitz. A.R. says Beitz harassed her for years, coerced her into having sex, then tried to contact her after she left the school. She left the school in 2014. Beitz resigned from UW Oshkosh in 2015.
07-23-2019	WI DNR Urge New Water Test	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The state of Wisconsin is asking towns and cities to start testing for a new chemical. The state's Department of Natural Resources yesterday sent letters to 125 local water treatment plants asking them to start the tests for chemical pollution. The chemicals, known better as PFAS, can come from firefighting foam and other industrial uses. DNR says it wants to see how common PFAS pollution is before coming up with a plan.
07-24-2019	Eau Claire Tackles Affordable Housing	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The city of Eau Claire is ready to spend almost three-quarters-of-a-million-dollars to help some folks find an affordable place to stay. The city council last night approved a 700-thousand-dollar request to invest in affordable housing. Two hundred-thousand of that will stay with the city, but the other half million is being earmarked for projects in the community. Council member Andrew Werthmann says developers may be able to ask the city for part of the money as a loan, or the city may write-off costs for land and construction.

07-24-2019	Explosion Injures One on Water St.	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Firefighters are not saying what blew-up in the kitchen at Gyro King on Water Street, but they say the explosion injured one person. It happened yesterday afternoon. Firefighters say they smelled gas afterward, so they evacuated nearby businesses and closed Water Street for a few hours. Investigators say they're still trying to figure out what caused the explosion.
07-24-2019	Murderer Asks for New Trial	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A St. Croix County man is asking for a new trial after his reckless homicide conviction. A jury found Kayle Fleischauer guilty in June of killing his 19-year-old son last year. Police say Fleischauer was drunk at the time. He claimed his son accidentally shot himself. The judge in the case heard arguments for a new trial yesterday, there's no word when a ruling will come.
07-24-2019	Sellers Market in WI Home Sales	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	It's a seller's market in Wisconsin right now. The state's Realtors Association says while fewer homes are on the market, the price for those homes that are available is going up. Realtors say the average price for a home in Wisconsin topped 200-thousand-dollars last month. But home sales are down. The Wisconsin Realtors Association says sales dropped almost 10-percent last month. June is supposed to be the busiest month of the year for home sales.
07-24-2019	WI Looks at Preserving Land	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Lawmakers in Madison are looking to spend four-million-dollars to place another 14-thousand-acres of woodlands off limits. The state's budget writing committee, the Joint Finance Committee, yesterday approved four-point-three-million-dollars to buy the land in Iron County. But that may not be enough. The state's Department of Natural Resources says the land could be worth as much as six-and-a-half-million-dollars. The sellers, Keweenaw Land Association, will now have to decide if they want to let the land go at that price.
07-25-2019	Officials Try to Get Count on Local Homeless Population	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	There's no word when advocates in Eau Claire County will have a final count of the city's homeless population. Volunteers spent the night last night trying to get their second homeless count of the year. The idea is not just to see how many people are living on the streets, but to see how well Eau Claire's homeless services are being used. Volunteers also counted people on the streets in Buffalo, Trempealeau, and Jackson counties.

07-25-2019	LaCrosse Looks to Lure River Boats	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Development	La Crosse is looking to lure more river cruise ships to town. The city's Board of Public Works this week approved the design and permitting phase of an expansion of La Crosse's cruise docks. Right now, two boats can dock at the same time. The hope is to expand that. Explore La Crosse Executive Director A.J. Frels says river cruises bring a huge number of people to the city each year.
07-25-2019	Kind on Packer Games	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Western Wisconsin's congressman is worried that people may miss some Packer games this year. Congressman Ron Kind last week sent a letter to AT&T and Nexstar Broadcasting about their on-going contract negotiations. Kind says a blackout of the local Fox station could threaten Packer broadcasts. He said 'with Packer season around the corner' a blackout will only hurt the people that the TV station is supposed to serve.
07-25-2019	Man Enters Mental Defect Defense in Child Death	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The man accused of strangling a five-year-old western Wisconsin boy is trying a mental defect defense. Charles Beenken entered a not guilty by mental defect plea in Burnett County court yesterday. Police say Beenken choked the little boy after beating him back in December of last year. Prosecutors dropped attempted murder charges, but are pushing ahead with drug, bail jumping, and strangulation charges. Beenken is being held on 100-thousand-dollars cash bond.
07-25-2019	Political Static in WI Ag	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	The top Republican in the Wisconsin Senate is not happy with the state's agriculture boss. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald yesterday said Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection Secretary Brad Pfaff needs to find a way to work with lawmakers instead of criticizing them. Pfaff blasted the Joint Finance Committee after lawmakers voted against spending 100-thousand-dollars on mental health care for farmers. Pfaff said the current program can only help five more people.
07-26-2019	LaCrosse Under Microscope for Releasing Criminals	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community	La Crosse's acting police chief is once again asking why a repeat offender is out of jail after his latest arrest. Chief Rob Abraham asked La Crosse County's new Criminal Justice Management Council to explain why a drug dealing suspect got a signature bond after police found him with nearly a quarter pound of meth on Wednesday. Abraham has been critical of La Crosse County's judges in the past, but says this is an issue where Wisconsin lawmakers may need to get involved.

07-26-2019	Jail for Gun Incident in Eau Claire	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire man who shot his friend in the leg after a night of drinking is heading to jail. A judge yesterday sentenced 35-year-old Anthony Bedard to two months in jail. Police say he shot his friend in the thigh back in April, though they've never said why. Bedard originally said he never had a gun and never shot anyone. But security camera footage from the hospital proved that was a lie.
07-26-2019	Hwy 52 Shut Down After Crash	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Drivers in Altoona shouldn't have any worries getting to work. Highway 53 is open once again. The Wisconsin State Patrol closed the highway yesterday afternoon after a crash near River Prairie Drive. Highway 53 was closed for about two hours yesterday.
07-26-2019	Marshfield Man Flees Scene Pantsless	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Police in Marshfield are not saying why 25-year-old A.J. Reuth didn't have any pants on. Officers arrested Reuth about 3 a.m. Saturday morning after he ran from a house in Marshfield. It wasn't his house; the woman who lived there found him inside and called police. Reuth is facing a laundry list of charges and is being held in the Wood County Jail.
07-26-2019	WI Roads Need Attention and Fundin	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Republicans at the state Capitol in Madison are reminding Governor Tony Evers of his campaign promise to 'fix the damn roads.' State Rep. Tyler August is using this week's Republican Radio Address to tell the governor not to spend any transportation money on Milwaukee's streetcar, or anything other than roads. The state's Department of Transportation floated the idea of using road money for the streetcar earlier this month. Governor Evers shot down the idea earlier this week.
07-29-2019	Storm hit WI Again	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Search and Rescue	It's going to be another day of looking at storm damage in western Wisconsin. The National Weather Service is trying to figure out if the damage in Barron and Polk counties from yesterday's line of storms came from straight line winds or a tornado. A neighbor says they saw a funnel cloud in Barron County, and radar indicated strong winds. Forecasters say the latest line of storms knocked down trees and knocked down power lines in both counties.

07-29-2019	LaCrosse Judge on Legal System	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	One of La Crosse County's judges is trying to explain why many criminal suspects in the county don't spend much time in jail. Judge Scott Horne penned an op-ed in the La Crosse Tribune yesterday. He says La Crosse's acting police chief is wrong to say he cannot protect the community because judges are not keeping repeat offenders locked-up. Horne says Wisconsin law requires judges to consider a signature bond as the first option, and allows police to show that someone should be kept in jail. Horne says if people don't like the rules for keeping people out of jail, they should talk to lawmakers in Madison.
07-29-2019	WI Legislatures say Dairy Farmers Still Struggling	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senator is disagreeing with President Trump. Senator Ron Johnson told a group of farmers in Oshkosh late last week that they are not 'over the hump.' President Trump said farmers in the country are starting to get past their troubles caused by tariffs and an inability to move their products. Johnson says a new trade deal with Canada and Mexico, as well as a new trade deal with China would be help for farmers in this country.
07-29-2019	UW Addresses Student Fee Momeu	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues Higher Education	A couple of lawmakers in Madison want to make it tougher for UW students to spend their classmate's money in the future. State Rep. Dave Murphy and state Senator Andre Jaques are pushing a plan to require two student referendums before the UW system can spend student fee money. The school is moving ahead with a major recreational upgrade at UW Madison this year. Students fees are being increased to pay for the work.
07-29-2019	Shipwreck Has Tale to Tell	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Interest	There is a new shipwreck to add to the lore of the Great Lakes. Crews say they found what's left of the S.R. Kirby off the coast of the Upper Peninsula in Lake Superior. The ship sank in a storm in 1916, just two people survived. The find will allow researchers to not only document the ship's final resting place, but better tell the story and history of the lakes.
07-30-2019	Lake Hallie Homicide Leaves 5 Dead	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	We could soon learn more about the shootings that left five people dead in Lake Hallie and Lafayette. Chippewa County Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk says he expects to release more information about the shootings later today. Deputies found two people dead in Lake Hallie Sunday night, they found three more people shot and killed in Lafayette early yesterday morning. The initial sense is that it was a murder-suicide. Investigators say the person who pulled the trigger is among the dead.

07-30-2019	Weekend Shooting in LaCrosse Have Police Asking for Help	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	Police in La Crosse are asking for help in solving a weekend shooting. Investigators released some pictures yesterday of a man who they believe was involved in the shooting outside of Who's on Third early Sunday morning. The pictures are online. Police say the man fired once into the air, possibly to break-up a fight between two other men. Detectives say anyone with information should call the La Crosse Police Department.
04-30-2019	Water Bill Rates Hike in LaCrosse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Your water bill in La Crosse is going-up. The state's Public Service Commission yesterday approved a nearly 20-percent rate hike for the La Crosse Water Utility. Utility managers say people's bills will jump about two dollars a month. La Crosse last raised water rates in 2015, before that there was a 30-percent rate hike back in 2011.
07-30-2019	NWSF Raises Money for Local Girl Scout Troop	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Lake Hallie's Girl Scout troop will never forget the three scouts who lost their lives last year. And, Northwestern Bank and the Northern Wisconsin State Fair are making sure that their memories will live-on for years to come. The bank and the fair teamed-up to donate 26-thousand-dollars to Lake Hallie's Troop 3055. The cash came from a matching donation from Northwestern Bank during the fair.
07-30-2019	Political Map "Fake News"	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	The top Republicans in Madison say a report that they're looking to force through a new political map is fake news. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald yesterday both released statements that push back on a story in the Wisconsin Examiner that says they are looking to approve a new political map by joint resolution. That would side-step Governor Tony Evers. But Vos' spokeswoman calls the report a 'scare tactic' and 'misinformation.'
07-31-2019	Man Identified in Lake Hallie Murder Suicide	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The sheriff in Chippewa Falls says the man who killed four people before turning the gun on himself may have been inspired by the man who took Jayme Closs. Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk yesterday said text messages on 33-year-old Ritchie German Jr.'s cell phone and evidence in his car leads him to believe that German may have been planning to take 24-year-old Laile Vang. German is accused of killing her and three members of his family. He also shot and wounded Vang's parents. The sheriff says they may never know German's true motive.

07-31-2019	WI Calls for Chemical Cleanup	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Wisconsin is joining 21 other states in asking Congress for money to clean-up PFAS pollution. Attorney General Josh Kaul yesterday signed-on to a push from other Democratic attorneys general to ask the federal government to provide states with the money to test for the chemicals, then clean-up their water supplies. PFAS chemicals are found in everything from non-stick spray to firefighting foam. Governor Tony Evers this month asked over 100 local water systems in Wisconsin to start testing for PFAS chemicals.
07-31-2019	Texting Causes Deadly Crash	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	The young woman accused of texting while driving ahead of a deadly 2017 crash in Chippewa County says she doesn't remember the wreck. A judge yesterday set Miranda Jo Miller's signature bond at ten-thousand-dollars. Miller is being blamed for a wreck in July of 2017 in the Town of Colburn. Forty-six-year-old Jeremy Goodwin died in the crash. Investigators say Miller was checking her phone every 30 seconds before the crash.
07-31-2019	Back to School will Not Return No Tax Weekend	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	It's going to be a bit more expensive to head back to school in Wisconsin this year. Governor Tony Evers yesterday said he will not call for a back to school sales tax holiday. Governor Walker last year called for stores to give parents a break on everything from clothes and shoes to back to school supplies. Governor Evers says there's no evidence the sales tax holiday worked.
07-31-2019	Practice Changes Mean Safer Football	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Sports	Researchers at the University of Wisconsin say a change in how high schools practice football in the state is paying off. Researchers at school this week said research shows the move away from hitting in practice has led to fewer concussions.
08-01-2019	More Details Exposed in Lake Hallie Murder Suicide	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The man accused of Chippewa County's weekend killing spree had handcuffs in his car. Investigators yesterday say Ritchie German Jr. had handcuffs and more ammunition inside the car he took to Laile Vang's home on Sunday. Chippewa County Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk said on Tuesday that evidence in German's car leads him to think this case may have been inspired by the Jayme Closs case. Investigators say they are now focusing on the victim's cell phones, hoping to figure out what pushed German to kill four people and shoot two others before killing himself.

08-01-2019	Parents Face Charges After Kids Test Positive for Drugs	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire mom and dad are looking at charges after police say their kids tested positive for meth and marijuana. Prosecutors filed child neglect charges yesterday against 29-year-old Teresa Grassel and 28-year-old Tyler Zais. Police say the two smoked marijuana and meth while their six-year-old and two-year-old children were at home with them. Doctors told police both children have developmental issues, possibly caused by drug use at home.
08-01-2019	EC Man Gets 7th OWI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire man is looking at his seventh drunk driving charge after Chippewa Falls police found his car crashed in someone's lawn. Police say Bruce Jensen's blood alcohol level was twice the legal limit when he was arrested back in June. Police say Jensen admitted to drinking and failed several sobriety tests. Jensen has six prior OWI convictions.
08-01-2019	Warning for Hunters and Fisherman	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	You should only pay people and stores that you trust to sell you a hunting or fishing license in Wisconsin. That's the word from the state's Department of Natural Resources. DNR is warning of fake websites that are scamming hunters and fishermen in the state. The websites charge people for a license, then only give people the information they need to apply for a license. DNR says the websites also collect personal information. The state says the best bet is to go to their website, GoWild.
08-01-2019	US Open Chainsaw Competition Returns	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The best artists with chainsaws from all over the world are in Eau Claire this weekend. The U.S. Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship open today in Eau Claire. Organizers say they will see artists from Japan, Australia, Europe, and of course the U.S. compete. The event is free today, judging on the sculptures is set for Sunday.
08-02-2019	Officer Involved Shooting Leaves Questions	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	There are a lot of unanswered questions about the officer-involved shooting at a Chippewa Falls motel that sent a man to the hospital. Chippewa Falls Police Chief Matt Kelm says the man called 911 yesterday and said he had a gun and wasn't afraid to use it. But Kelm is not saying if officers found a gun in the room at the Indianhead Motel, or what caused a county deputy to shoot the man. He's being treated at a local hospital, but Kelm again is not saying anything about the man's condition.

08-02-2019	Farmers to Get Help After Rough Spring	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Ag	Farmers in western Wisconsin are on the list of people who can ask the federal government for help after a rough spring. The USDA yesterday said farmers in Barron, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Pierce, Portage, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Taylor, and Wood counties can all apply because they were placed under a disaster declaration earlier this year. Farmers can ask for help to pay for lost equipment or livestock, or to refinance loans.
08-02-2019	Tariffs Could Affect Back to School Trips	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	Western Wisconsin's congressman says President Trump's next round of tariffs could make back-to-school shopping more expensive. Congressman Ron Kind yesterday said the proposed 300-million-dollars' worth of new tariffs on China will do little more than hurt Wisconsin families who are looking to buy clothes and other things to send their kids back to school. Kind says tariffs are taxes, and it's the people in Wisconsin who end-up paying those taxes.
08-02-2019	Chase Leads to Jail	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Missouri man is looking at charges after police in Lake Hallie say he sped away and led them on a chase earlier this week. Officers say the chase topped about 70 miles an hour down Highway 00 and Highway 53, that's when they stopped chasing him. Police caught-up with 44-year-old Jason Davis Wednesday night. No one is saying why he ran.
08-02-2019	Evers Veto Power Under Fire	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	One of the conservative watchdogs at the Wisconsin Capitol is looking to trim Governor Tony Evers' veto power. Essenberg says by allowing Wisconsin's governor to sign only the portions of laws that he likes, the governor is essentially making new laws. Essenberg says that's a power reserved only for state lawmakers.
08-05-2019	More Details in Grizzly Chippewa Co. Murders	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	There are some more graphic details about last month's killing spree in Chippewa County. Chippewa County Coroner Ron Patten says Ritchie German Jr. shot his mother in the head five times. German also shot his brother and nephew twice. The coroner says German shot Lalie Vang once in the head, then turned the gun on himself. Investigators are not guessing why German shot his mother so many times.

08-05-2019	LaCrosse Officer Credits Bullet Proof Vest with Saving Life	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues / Law Enforcement	La Crosse police are crediting an officer's bulletproof vest with saving his life. The officer was shot in the chest Saturday afternoon while responding to a domestic violence call. Police commanders say the officer's vest stopped the bullet. The officer was taken to the hospital and later released. Other officers shot and wounded the suspect in the case, and he's still being treated at a local hospital. Police say the suspect has a history of arrests.
08-05-2019	Xcel Announces Price Drip for Some WI Residents	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	There's some good news for Xcel customers in western Wisconsin. The company says your power bill may go down a bit this year. Xcel agreed to a new rate plan last week that will freeze electricity costs for the next two years. Regulators in Madison say some tax credits and investment savings will help Xcel keep rates where they are. Xcel says the average power bill in western Wisconsin should drop five-percent compared to last year.
08-05-2019	WI AG Talks Gun Safety Measures	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	Wisconsin's attorney general says the state needs a red flag law to keep guns out of the hands of people who are dangerous. Attorney General Josh Kaul was on Up Front yesterday, he said Wisconsin needs a way for police, judges, or family members to take guns away from someone who may be a threat. Gun rights' groups in Madison fear Kaul is just trying to grab their guns. More than a dozen other states, including Illinois, have red flag gun laws on the books.
08-05-2019	Storm Damage Hits more WI towns	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There's more storm damage to clean-up in northern Wisconsin. This time it's folks in Peshtigo, in Marinette County. Forecasters say a strong line of storms cut through the area Saturday night.
08-06-2019	More Details in Lake Hallie Murder	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The sheriff in Chippewa Falls says Laile Vang never met the man who shot and killed her. Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk said Ritchie German Jr sent Vang just four text messages before he went to her house, shot her parents, and then shot her in the head. The sheriff says Vang's parents confirmed they never saw him before in their life. Investigators are still not 100-percent sure what German's motives were.

08-06-2019	EC School District Trims Retiree Benefits	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Public Education	Future retired teachers and school workers in Eau Claire are going to have to pay more for their health insurance and retiree benefits. The city's school board last night voted to stop paying health reimbursements to future retirees. The district hopes to save about 150-thousand-dollars a year with the move. It's just one of several tweaks Eau Claire School leaders are making to trim the school district's deficit.
08-06-2019	WI Looks at Medicaid Expansion	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest State Politics	Democrats at the Capitol in Madison are ready to try again to add more people to the state's healthcare system. State Senator Joe Erpenbach and state Rep. Daniel Riemer yesterday introduced a stand-alone package to expand Medicaid in the state. The two want to offer essentially free healthcare to people who make 133 percent of the federal poverty level, or about 27 thousand-dollars for a family of four. The Republicans who control the legislature say the state cannot afford the costs. Governor Tony Evers has said a Medicaid expansion could save the state money. Democrats failed in the spring to get an expansion included in the governor's budget.
08-06-2019	WI Joins States for Red Flag Laws	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Add Wisconsin's governor to the list of people calling for a red flag law and stricter background checks after the weekend shootings in El Paso and Dayton. Governor Tony Evers yesterday said the Republican controlled legislature need to do something after the latest mass shootings. The governor wants a way for judges to take guns away from people who are mentally unstable or who are shown to be a threat.
08-07-2019	More Information Released in Officer Involved Shooting	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	We now have more details about those involved in the incident that happened at Indianhead Motel last week. It was on August 1st when the Chippewa Falls Police Department responded to find a barricaded subject who was reportedly threatening violence with a gun. The suspect was ultimately shot during the incident and has been identified as 48-year-old Christopher A. Knyphausen. The deputy involved is Deputy Adam Prorok. The Eau Claire Police Department is continuing its investigation.

08-07-2019	Sheriff Asks for Public's Help in Murder-Suicide Case	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The sheriff in Chippewa Falls says they still don't know anything about the man who killed four people late last month in Lafayette and Lake Hallie. Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk yesterday asked for tips that could lead them to a motive for the killings, or even just some background information about the killer, Ritchie German Jr. The sheriff says they know almost nothing about German or his past.
08-07-2019	Charges Upgraded in Minor Homicide Case	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Prosecutors in Chippewa County are upgrading the charges against a young girl accused of killing a baby last year. The district attorney yesterday filed first degree intentional homicide charges against the 10-year-old girl for last fall's death of a six-month-old baby. She was originally charged with reckless homicide. A judge found the girl unfit for trial earlier this year. She's due back in court next month for a new hearing.
08-07-2019	Closs Home to Be Demolished	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Jayne Closs' parents' house is no more. The bank recently ordered the home where she was taken and her parents were killed last October to be torn down. Closs' family says they are aware of the demolition. No one has lived at the house since Jayme's kidnapping and her parents' murder.
08-07-2019	Evers Requests FEMA Assistance for Storm Damaged Counties	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Recovery	Governor Tony Evers wants the Federal Emergency Management Agency to look at storm damage across the state. Evers sent a request to FEMA earlier this week that covers 19 counties including Barron, Polk, Clark, and Rusk. These counties may be able to apply for federal disaster aid after FEMA reviews the damage.
08-08-2019	Prosecutors Explain New Charges Against Juvenile	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues / Law Enforcement	Prosecutors in Chippewa County say there's a reason why they are charging a 10-year-old girl with intentional first-degree homicide in the death of a six-month-old. The D.A. upgraded the charges this week against the girl accused of killing six-month-old Jaxon Hunter last October. Prosecutors say the medical examiner's report shows several kicks to the little boy's head, not just one. Police say the little girl knew what she was doing and intentionally killed the baby.

08-08-2019	Closs Home Demolished	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Neighbors in Barron are happy to see Jayme Closs' parents' home go. WQOW TV yesterday spoke with folks who live in town about the recent demolition. Locals say they hope the town can get a new start without a focus on last October's brutal murder and kidnapping. Some folks say the house was always a reminder of the town's worst days.
08-08-2019	Lawmakers Look to End Statute of Limitations on Clergy Abuse	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Lawmakers in Madison are looking to give the victims assaulted by priests more time to come forward. A handful of Democratic lawmakers yesterday introduced a plan to end the statute of limitations for sex crimes involving clergy members. Right now, victims have 35 years to report what happened to them. The lawmakers say the idea is to make sure the victims are not denied justice because of a ticking clock.
08-08-2019	Back to School Website Aims to Help WI Parents Prepare	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Wisconsin's governor is trying to make sure parents know what they need to do as their kids get ready to go back to school. Governor Evers yesterday started to highlight the Department of Health Services' website, and its back to school section, as a must-visit. The governor says the website has all of the information about vaccinations, school lunches, and even school allergies. There are also links to information about LGBT student needs and information about vaping.
08-08-2019	WI Politics Fire Up	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Josh Pade is ready to run again. The Democrat who got less than one-percent of the vote in last year's primary for governor yesterday said he's going to run for Congress.
08-09-2019	Local Man Wrestles Potential Robber	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire pastor says he found the strength to wrestle a man armed with a machete out of his home earlier this week. Pastor Caleb Schaller says the man was trying to steal his car. Schaller says the intruder walked into his home and asked his daughter for the keys to the car, that's when he sprang into action. After their wrestling match ended-up outside, Schaller says the would-be thief ran away. Eau Claire police say he stole a car about a block away and was arrested a short time later.

08-09-2019	Frac Spill Pollutes Local River	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	WI Natural Resources	Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources says it doesn't yet know what 400-thousand-gallons of waste from a frac sand mine will mean for the Trempealeau River. DNR is blaming a faulty pump at the Wisconsin Proppants Hixton in Jackson County for the spill last weekend. Investigators say there's no evidence of a fish kill or other contamination in the river. Test results on the leaked waste water are expected in a few weeks.
08-09-2019	Avery Denied New Trial	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest Law Enforcement	Steven Avery is once again not getting a new trial. A judge on Wednesday turned down Avery's request for a new trial based on questions about how investigators handled the bones used as evidence in his 2007 murder trial. The judge said Avery didn't prove that his rights were violated. Avery has been fighting his life sentence for killing Theresa Halbach. The Netflix series Making a Murderer focuses on the case.
08-09-2019	Gun Tax Proposed by WI Democrat	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest State Politics	One Democrat at the Wisconsin Capitol wants to tax gun makers to help pay for victims of gun violence. State Rep. Jimmy Anderson this week introduced a plan that would add a half-percent tax to the list price of guns in the state. The money from the tax would go to the Wisconsin Department of Justice for a gun violence victims fund.
08-09-2019	Vaping Causes More Hospital Visits	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Health	The number of people sent to the hospital after vaping is continuing to grow in Wisconsin. The state Department of Health Services yesterday said they've confirmed 12 cases where vaping sent someone to the hospital, and they are looking into 13 other possible cases. Health Services Secretary Andrea Palm says the agency does not know whether it's a bad batch of vape liquid, overuse, or possibly even marijuana that sent them all to the hospital.
08-12-2019	Police Continue to Investigate Motive for Lake Hallie Murders	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The man who killed three members of his own family then murdered a complete stranger called her and her father about a week before killing her. Chippewa County Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk says Ritchie German Jr. called Laile Vang and her father on July 18th. Both calls were less than a minute and came between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. The sheriff says German killed Laile Vang ten days later on July 28th. It's still not clear how German got her name or number.

08-12-2019	Weather to Hit WI Again	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The next round of Midwestern storms will fall just short of western Wisconsin. The National Weather Service is expecting rain and storms in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin as well as storms in western Minnesota today, but neither system should reach Eau Claire or Chippewa Falls. Though forecasters say there's a 50-50 chance for rain and storms tomorrow.
08-12-2019	Dodge CO. to Post OWI Pics on Social Media	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The sheriff in Dodge County is turning to a little public shaming to fight drunk driving in his county. Sheriff Dale Schmidt last week said he will start posting the names of people arrested for OWI on social media. The sheriff says his office already releases information about OWI suspects to the local traditional media. Sheriff Schmidt says he will start posting names this month.
08-12-2019	Explosion Under Investigation	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Investigators are trying to figure out what caused a house in Waupaca County to explode. The home blew-up yesterday morning. The sheriff's office says the man who owned the home in Manawa died in the explosion. The house is a total loss. No one else was hurt.
08-12-2019	DOC Information Leaked	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement and Community Interests	Prison managers in Madison are apologizing after releasing some potentially sensitive inmate information. The Wisconsin Department of Corrections on Friday admitted that they released information as part of a freedom of information request back in June that could allow people to see which inmates are receiving drug treatment. That's supposed to be protected health information. DOC says the information was later deleted. Prison managers are sending letters to about 14-hundred inmates who may have had their privacy violated.
08-08-2019	WI Politics Fire Up	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire pastor says he found the strength to wrestle a man armed with a machete out of his home earlier this week. Pastor Caleb Schaller says the man was trying to steal his car. Schaller says the intruder walked into his home and asked his daughter for the keys to the car, that's when he sprang into action. After their wrestling match ended-up outside, Schaller says the would-be thief ran away. Eau Claire police say he stole a car about a block away and was arrested a short time later.

08-13-2019	Back to School Means Security Guards for Eau Claire	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Public Education	It's not just the kids in Eau Claire who are getting ready to go back to school. School leaders are finalizing their plans and procedures for the new school year as well. Eau Claire Superintendent Mary Ann Hardebeck is making a plea for a few more crossing guards this year. Hardebeck says the more guards the better. She says Eau Claire schools need at least four more guards to start the year.
08-13-2019	New Trial for St. Croix Man Accused of Murder	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Legal	A St. Croix County man convicted of shooting his son last year is getting a new trial. A judge yesterday ordered prosecutors to try and make their case against Kayle Fleischauer once again. There are questions about juror misconduct in his original trial. Police say Fleischauer was drunk and shot his son in April of 2018. Fleischauer has said all along his son accidentally shot himself. The new trial is set for February.
08-13-2019	WI Sand Mines Close Doors	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Economy	About 40 people in Whitehall are out of a job as another western Wisconsin frac sand mine is closing its doors. Hi-Crush told the state of Wisconsin recently that it is closing the mine in Whitehall. Between 35 and 40 people will lose their jobs. Hi-Crush says the 'decreased profitability in shipping sand' is to blame for the mine's closing.
08-13-2019	Governor Evers Addresses Trade War	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest / Law Enforcement	Wisconsin's governor says farmers in the state are already dealing with low prices and bad weather. They don't need a trade war to make things worse. Governor Tony Evers yesterday wrote a letter to President Trump asking him to end the trade uncertainty that is hurting farmers in the state. The governor says farmers in Wisconsin want trade not aid, and need healthy trade agreements to make that happen.
08-13-2019	Kwik Trip Sells Powerball Winner	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Somebody who bought a Powerball ticket in La Crosse is a million dollars richer. The Wisconsin Lottery yesterday said someone bought a million-dollar ticket at the Kwik Trip on State Road before Saturday's drawing. The winner matched five numbers. The winning numbers are 35, 41, 44, 58 and 59.
08-14-2019	FEMA to Assess Storm Damage	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	FEMA teams are in western Wisconsin to see if last month's storms were bad enough to qualify for federal help. FEMA wrapped-up its visit to Barron and Polk counties yesterday. They toured the areas hit hard by the storms and flooding that hit on July 18th, 19th, and 20th. It's unclear if there will be enough damage to meet the federal disaster requirements.

08-14-2019	Local School Gets New Principal for Immediate Future	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Public Education	There will be a new man in the principal's office for at least one year at Eau Claire Memorial High School. The district yesterday named David Oldenberg as the school's interim principal. Oldenberg is currently the director of academic services for the Eau Claire district.
08-14-2019	Lacrosse Co. Offers Water Testing	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Folks in La Crosse County can get their well water tested this month. The county yesterday announced it will collect samples from privately owned wells next Tuesday at the Hazel Brown Leicht Memorial Library in West Salem. The tests come after a report said over 90-percent of private wells in southwestern Wisconsin were contaminated with fecal matter.
08-14-2019	Volk Field Hosts Pilot Training	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The skies above Volk Field will be busier than usual for the next week or so. The Wisconsin National Guard is hosting its second Northern Lights training exercise of the year. The training gives pilots from the guard, the Air Force, the Navy, and the Marines a chance to all train together. Folks will see several different types of fighter jets in the skies. The training will last through next Friday.
08-14-2019	Campus Free Speech Act Hits WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A pair of Republican lawmakers in Madison want the University of Wisconsin to get tougher on students who shut-down or try and drown-out competing ideas on campus. State Senator Chris Kapenga and state Rep. Cody Horlacher yesterday introduced what they're calling the campus free speech act. Their plan would have the UW System recognize that all students have a right to free speech. The lawmakers also want the university to create a policy to punish students who try and interfere with that right.
08-15-2019	Presidential Campaigns Still Owe EC	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Local Politics	The city of Eau Claire doesn't want to get stuck with tens-of-thousands of dollars in costs the next time the presidential candidates come to town. The city council last night talked about tightening the rules to get paid for security and extra police presence during next year's presidential campaign. President Trump and Hillary Clinton's campaigns still owe the city about 50-thousand-dollars for the cost of police protection from the 2016 race.

08-15-2019	Charges Filed in Murder Case	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Prosecutors in Barron County say an Almena woman killed her boyfriend after catching him in bed with another woman. The D.A. filed intentional homicide charges yesterday against 44-year-old Melanie Kuula. Police say she told them she stabbed her boyfriend last week after catching him cheating. Investigators say it also looks like she bashed him in the head with a skillet until the handle broke. She's being held on a cash bond of 25-thousand-dollars.
08-15-2019	Infections Hit Mule	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Ag	There's a warning for folks in western Wisconsin who have horses and mules. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection yesterday confirmed a case of equine infectious anemia in a mule in Taylor County. The virus can be deadly, and there is no cure. DATCP officials say the infected mule in Taylor County was put down.
08-15-2019	WI Guardsman Honored for Clean Up Efforts	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	About 150 Wisconsin National Guardsmen are being honored for the work in cleaning-up after the storms in northwestern Wisconsin. Governor Evers and guard commanders last week presented the Wisconsin Emergency Service Ribbon to the troops who helped clear storm damage from Polk, Langlade, and Barron counties. The troops spent about 10-hours-a-day, seven days a week clearing trees and reopening roads after the storms that rolled through in late July.
08-15-2019	Opioid Deaths Down	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Fewer people in Wisconsin died of an opioid overdose last year. The latest numbers from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services show a ten-percent drop in the number of people who died after taking opioids. Just under 840 people died from an opioid-related cause in 2018. It's the first time since 2015 that opioid-related deaths in the state dropped.
08-16-2019	Crews Search for Missing Woman	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Crews are expected to once again walk the woods just off State Highway 178 as they search for a missing Chippewa Falls woman. The sheriff says searchers spent hours yesterday looking for 57-year-old Donna Karlen. They will start their search again today. Karlen's family has not heard from her since yesterday, her car was found along the side of the road near a hiking trail. Karlen's family fears she may be in danger.

08-16-2019	Former Deputy Sentenced to Prison	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	A former Minnesota deputy will spend the better part of the next decade behind bars for trying to have sex with a 15-year-old girl. A judge in Barron County yesterday sentenced Jeffrey Masek to eight years in prison. Barron County authorities arrested Masek last spring after he tried to set-up a meeting with a teenage girl. He was really texting undercover officers.
08-16-2019	City Looking for Community Input on Biking	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The City of Eau Claire is asking for help making the city more bike-friendly. The city has submitted an application to the League of American Bicyclists to achieve a silver-designation and it wants feedback from residents on how the city could be better. Residents can fill out the biking survey on the city's website through September 22nd.
08-16-2019	WI Politics on Epstein	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Politics	Add Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senator to the list of people asking for more answers about Jeffrey Epstein's death. Senator Ron Johnson yesterday sent a letter to Attorney General William Barr asking for a full report on the disgraced financier and accused pedophile's death. Johnson says true accountability in the case requires full transparency.
08-19-2019	Missing Teen Returns	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	There could be a few more answers about a missing Rusk County teen by the end of the day. Authorities yesterday said they found the girl with a man who she'd been chatting with online. They were heading to Florida. Rusk County's sheriff is not identifying the man who took her, or saying how the two were caught. The sheriff says the suspect will face weapons charges in Illinois before being brought back to Wisconsin to possibly face charges here.
08-19-2019	Church Robbery; Search for Suspects Continues	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The sheriff in Dunn County is looking for whoever broke into and vandalized a church in Spring Brook over the weekend. Deputies say five people, three women and two men, broke into the church early Saturday morning. The sheriff is not saying what was taken and what was damaged. Investigators are asking anyone with any information to call the sheriff's office.
08-19-2019	Lt. Governor Explains Credentials	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	Wisconsin's governor believes his number two didn't lie to anyone about his lack of a college degree. Governor Evers told reporters Friday that he thinks Lieutenant Governor Mandela Barnes provided 'responsible responses' about how he left college. Barnes said he 'finished' school, then told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that he graduated. He didn't. The governor says he is confident that Barnes has been 'truthful.'

08-19-2019	Push for Local Mental Health Center	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	One western Wisconsin lawmaker is pushing for a regional mental health center as a way to ease some of the pressure on local sheriffs. State Rep. Gae Magnafici last week wrote an open letter to her fellow lawmakers urging them to support a mental health center for Eau Claire. She says having a regional center for western Wisconsin would free-up beds and resources in county jails by giving local sheriffs a place to send people who are battling mental illness. Magnafici is quick to point-out that Governor Evers vetoed 15 million-dollars from the state budget that could have gone toward mental health treatment.
08-20-2019	Counties to Receive Disaster Aid	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Barron, Clark, Polk, and Rusk counties are all on the list of 18 counties in western and northern Wisconsin that Governor Tony Evers wants declared disaster areas. The governor yesterday asked FEMA for an emergency declaration for the areas hit by the storms on July 18th, 19th, and 20th. The governor says the storms caused at least 19-and-a-half million-dollars in damage. A disaster declaration would allow local governments to get federal money to pay up to 75-percent of that cost.
08-20-2019	Family Remembers Murder Victim	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Bridget German's friends and neighbors want her to be remembered for more than her death. A couple dozen people gathered last night at the grocery stores where she worked in Chippewa Falls to remember German on what would have been her 67th birthday. German was one of four people killed in last month's spree killing in Chippewa County. Her son, Ritchie German Jr., was the triggerman and killed himself. Friends at the vigil last night remembered Bridget German as a kind woman who was always willing to help others.
08-20-2019	ECASD Looks to Add Staff	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and public education	Eau Claire schools are making their annual plea for more help in and around the classroom. Superintendent Mary Ann Hardebeck yesterday said the district needs substitute teachers and part time school bus drivers. Subs can make 110 dollars a day. The school district says pay for bus drivers is very competitive as well. Hardebeck says they are hiring both short term and long-term substitute teachers.
08-20-2019	Hy=Vee to Come to EC	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Eau Claire is getting another grocery store. City leaders last night approved the plans for Hy-Vee to tear down the old Kmart store off Clairemont. Demolition work is set to begin in the spring. Planners say it will take several months after that to get the new Hy-Vee ready to open.

08-21-2019	Man Hel After Threats to Local Business	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Safety / Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire man is being held on a 10 thousand-dollar cash bond after police say he threatened to shoot-up the Menards distribution center in the Town of Union. Prosecutors say Kevin Pinkham made the threats last week. His coworkers took him seriously enough that some of them didn't come to work the next day, and a manager who police say Pinkham specifically threatened says he slept with a loaded rifle next to his bed. Eau Claire police searched Pinkham's house and found a number of guns, lots of ammunition, and a journal that reportedly talked about his co-workers at Menards.
08-21-2019	Sex Offender Facing New Charges	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Chippewa County sex offender is facing new charges after authorities say he touched a six-year-old child. Prosecutors in Chippewa Falls filed charges late last week against 34-year-old Timothy Wundrow. Investigators are not saying how Wundrow knew the child, or where the assault took place. Wundrow has been on Wisconsin's sex offender registry since a 2008 conviction for child sexual assault. He served one year in prison in that case.
08-21-2019	Barron Co. Investigating Death of Baby	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	The sheriff in Barron County is not offering any details on the death of a local baby. Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald yesterday said his office is handling the investigation into the baby's death, but he would not elaborate. Fitzgerald would not say to news partner WQOW TV whether the baby's death is considered suspicious.
08-21-2019	Free Speech Getting Campus Attention	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest/ State Politics	A conservative watchdog at the Wisconsin Capitol is suggesting a few tweaks to the University of WI's free speech policy. The WI Institute for Law and Liberty on Monday filed a statement with UW Regents that supports a formal policy for free speech. WILL's Rick Esenberg says the school needs to clarify what is disruptive speech and what criticism will mean for students.
08-21-2019	Baldwin on Presidential Nomination	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Local Politics	Wisconsin's Democratic U.S. Senator says she's not picking a candidate for president. Baldwin yesterday said she is not going to endorse anyone in the crowded Democratic field for president.

08-22-2019	Union Treasurer Facing Prison Time	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The man who once handled the finances for Eau Claire's firefighter union is looking at prison time for stealing from the union. William Drath agreed to a plea deal on Wednesday that could send him to prison for 12 years for stealing 18-thousand-dollars from the city's firefighter union. Drath was union treasurer from 2006 til 2016, and prosecutors say he stole the money over a six-year span. Drath will be sentenced in November.
08-22-2019	Veterans Trail Continues to Focus on Altoona	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Eau Claire County leaders aren't going to stop the plan to move the Veterans' Tribute Trail to Altoona. The county board on Tuesday voted to allow organizers to move the two-million-dollar trail and park out of Eau Claire. The folks behind the trail decided to move earlier this summer after a disagreement with neighbors in Eau Claire over renaming a local park to honor the trail.
08-22-2019	LaCrosse Post Office Faces Remodel Options	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	La Crosse's old Post Office could soon be a city market. City leaders are talking about possibly buying the old Post office on State Street and turning it into a community market or a public safety complex. Right now, La Crosse is willing to buy the old Post Office for a dollar, though there is some talk about paying more if that's what's needed to secure the building.
08-22-2019	Evers on Drug Cost	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & State Politics	Wisconsin's new governor wants the state to possibly do something about the rising cost of prescription drugs. Governor Tony Evers yesterday ordered a new task force on prescription drug prices be created. The governor says the task force will look and see just how expensive prescriptions have become as well as study what other states are doing. Evers says it's all part of his push to make healthcare more affordable in Wisconsin.
08-22-19	WI DNR Could Close Grouse Season Early	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Bird hunters in Wisconsin may get a short season this year. The state's Department of Natural Resources is considering a plan to close grouse season early. DNR says there's been a noticeable drop in the grouse population. Regulators say they saw a 34-percent drop in grouse activity between 2017 and last year. Grouse season starts in southeast Wisconsin in October, while it begins for the rest of the state next month.

08-23-2019	Redistricting Maps Out for Eau Claire Schools	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Public Education	Parents in Eau Claire can now see if their kids will change schools next year. Eau Claire schools yesterday released an interactive redistricting map that shows any and all enrollment changes. Eau Claire's school board voted last month to redistrict seven elementary schools to 'balance' the district's enrollment. Kids at Lakeshore, Locust Lane, Longfellow, Northwoods, Roosevelt, Sam Davey and Sherman Elementary will be impacted.
08-23-2019	LaCrosse Moves Ahead with Convictions of Cycle Club Members	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	La Crosse police say all of the evidence they need to convict three people of firing a gun inside a local motorcycle club is on tape. Prosecutors yesterday filed charges against three people in connection to a shooting at the Society for Brotherhood motorcycle club. Police say Brandon Stemper and Javier Ortiz fired a gun several times into a wall at the club. Security video from the club shows the shooting. The third person, Amber Peters, is facing charges for lying to police about the shooting.
08-23-2019	Farm Bankruptcy Highest in WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	A new report says Wisconsin is leading the nation in farm bankruptcies. Wells-Fargo said this week that 45 farms in Wisconsin filed Chapter 12 bankruptcy between July of last year and June of this year. Kansas is second on the list with 39. Wisconsin Democratic U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin blames the uptick in farm closings to the loss of export markets for dairy farmers in the state.
08-23-2019	Lakes Affected by Algae	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & State Politics	Wisconsin's Democratic U.S. Senator says it's a shame that people can't swim in some Wisconsin lakes like they used to. Senator Tammy Baldwin stopped by Menomonie yesterday to get an update on what can be done to fight the algae blooms that are choking lakes and ponds in the state. Baldwin says algae is not just a potential health risk, she says the lack of access to lakes can hurt some communities economically.
08-23-2019	WI Tackles RoboCalls	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Hopefully your phone will stop ringing so much. Attorney General Josh Kaul yesterday said Wisconsin is among the states agreeing with 12 phone companies across the country to new rules that are designed to get tougher on robocalls. The phone companies are agreeing to new blocking technology and to make sure people know how to block unwanted calls. Kaul says people need a break from an overwhelming number of unwanted robocalls.

08-26-2019	Warning about Local Bat and Health Risks	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Health	Public health managers in Eau Claire County are warning people to be very careful around bats that cannot fly. The county's health department on Friday said it confirmed that a bat found in Altoona tested positive for rabies. It comes just a couple of weeks after someone found a rabid bat in Eau Claire's Phoenix Park. Health department managers say the first sign that something is wrong is when you see bats during the day, the second sign is if the bat is flopping on the ground or not flying.
08-26-2019	Man Attempts to Escape Cell	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	A western Wisconsin man in jail for a deadly police chase is looking at new charges for trying to escape. Jailers in St. Croix County say they found some of the metal bars removed from Brandon Lieffring's jail cell. His cellmate says Lieffring was plotting an escape. Lieffring is in jail on charges that he killed a man while running from St. Croix County deputies in early July.
08-26-2019	LaCrosse Fire Under Investigation	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Everyone made it out of a weekend house fire in LaCrosse. Firefighters say they had to battle flames and a gas leak at the home on the city's southwest side. No one knows what started the fire. The home may be a total loss.
08-26-2019	Bloomer Lake Under Scope	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The hope is Lake Como will not just be better looking, but that the lake will be healthier. Neighbors with the Bloomer Lake Association picked-up a lake skimmer this month to help clear reeds and plants that grow under the lake's surface. The hope is to keep vegetation from snapping boat motors. But, neighbors say the skimmer will also help the lake look much better.
08-26-2019	Evers on WI Pollution	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers is doubling down on his push against PFAS chemicals. The governor on Friday signed an executive order that will mobilize state government to try and find PFAS pollution and study it. PFAS chemicals are found in everything from non-stick cookware to firefighting foam. The governor already ordered local water treatment centers across Wisconsin to screen for PFAS pollution. His new order takes that further and includes monitoring in fish and other wildlife.

08-27-2019	EC Students and Vaping Tickets	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Students in Eau Claire who get caught vaping this year will get a second chance before they get a ticket. The school district this week announced plans to send students caught vaping to a class, called Catch My Breath, instead of the old punishment which was a 50-dollar ticket and a one-day suspension. Eau Claire schools are clear though, students caught vaping will still be suspended, they just won't be fined. The district says part of the idea is to teach young people about the dangers of vaping.
08-27-2019	Bus Safety Top of Mind	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement and Community Interest	Do not be surprised to see more cops near Eau Claire's schools next week. Police commanders yesterday said they will step-up patrols starting Tuesday when kids head back to school. Eau Claire police are reminding people to stop for stopped school buses, slow down near schools, and to stay off the phone while dropping kids off or picking them up after school.
08-27-2019	New Scam Warning for Owed Fines	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement and Business	The real Eau Claire County Clerk doesn't call people and demand that they pay their fines. Police in Eau Claire are warning of a new phone scam that's making the rounds. Investigators say people have gotten calls from a number that claims to be the clerk's office, the scammer then demands a payment for past due fines, or else. Police say the real clerk doesn't call, and never demands payment. If you get a call, simply hang-up.
08-27-2019	Duffy Steps Down	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & State Politics	Northwestern Wisconsin's congressman is leaving Washington to spend more time at home with his family. Republican Congressman Sean Duffy yesterday announced his surprise retirement. Duffy said on Facebook that his to-be-born child, his ninth, will have a heart condition. He says he wants to stay home to spend time with the baby. There will be a special election to replace him.
08-27-2019	Johnson no Russian Block	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Politics	Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senator says Russia is not allowing him into their country. Senator Ron Johnson yesterday said the Russians are blocking his visa. Johnson has been critical of Russia in the past. Johnson is a member of the Senate's Foreign Relations Committee. Johnson says the move to block him from entering Russia is a 'diplomatic game' and a 'petty affront.'

08-28-2019	Jail Time for Menards Employee Who Threatened Safety	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	The man accused of threatening to shoot-up the local Menards distribution center will likely stay in jail for a little longer. An Eau Claire County judge yesterday refused to change Kevin Pinkham's 10-thousand-dollar cash bond. Prosecutors say Pinkham threatened to kill his co-workers earlier this month. Police say they found journals and a cache of weapons at his home. Pinkham is due back in court for his arraignment on September 10th.
08-28-2019	Prison Time for Eau Claire Dad After Child Abuse Case	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	The Eau Claire dad who told police he punished his children by making them stand still and stare at the walls for weeks at a time is heading to prison. A judge yesterday sentenced Juan Castro to six years in prison and then six years of probation. Castro pleaded guilty to three counts of causing mental harm to a child back in June. He told the judge yesterday that he has a problem with both alcohol and anger.
08-28-2019	Police Shooting Ruled Self Defense	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Prosecutors say a La Crosse police officer acted in self-defense when he shot a suspect earlier this month. The district attorney yesterday said Officer Dustin Darling was justified in shooting suspect Allen Kruk. Police say Kruk shot Darling in the chest during a domestic violence call, Darling returned fire and hit Kruk. Darling's bullet proof vest saved his life, while Kruk is still in the hospital because of his wounds.
08-28-2019	Warning to Pet Owners	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Get your dogs vaccinated against rabies. That's the advice from La Crosse's health department. The city yesterday announced that it will fine dog owners who do not vaccinate their animals after a dog bite. Health Department Director Jen Rombalski says the idea is to get people to be proactive, and get their dogs their shots every year. Rombalski says La Crosse doesn't want to make money from the 100-dollar fines, they just want dog owners to be responsible.
08-28-2019	Smoking Age Could Be Raised	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	There's another push at the Wisconsin Capitol to raise the age to buy cigarettes and vape pens. Several lawmakers yesterday introduced the latest Tobacco 21 plan for the state. Advocates say raising the age to buy tobacco and vape products to 21-years-old will keep many young people from ever starting to smoke in the first place. Eighteen states and nearly 500 cities across the country have already adopted Tobacco 21 laws.

08-29-2019	No Answers in Murder Case	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Public Safety	There may be some questions about Chippewa County's quadruple murder that may never be answered. Chippewa County Sheriff Kowalczyk says no one has called with any tips about the suspected killer, Ritchie German Jr. The sheriff says investigators have not been able to get into German's cell phone. It was about a month ago that deputies say German killed three members of his family and Laile Vang before turning the gun on himself.
08-29-2019	Man Free of Sig Bond	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	The Eau Claire man facing 125 years in prison for child pornography charges is free on a promise to return to court. A judge gave 61-year-old Robert Lowy a signature bond yesterday. Police say they found over a thousand images of child porn or child erotica on his computer. Lowy is due back in court next month.
08-29-2019	Remembrance Walked Planned for Girl Scouts	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The Girl Scouts in Lake Hallie are planning another remembrance for their fallen troop mates. Troop 3055 will host a memorial walk this November for the three scouts who were killed last November while cleaning-up trash along the side of Highway P. They died on November 3rd last year, while the walk is set for November 2nd of this year.
08-29-2019	Wi Looks at vaccination Rates	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Public Education	It will take some time before school leaders and public health managers in Wisconsin know how many kids in public schools have all of their shots. Back to school has parents and doctors once again talking about vaccinations. The state's Department of Health Services says just under 92-percent of school kids got all of their shots last school year. That's down about a half-percent from the year before, and part of a gradual seven-year decline.
08-29-2019	Troops to be Deployed	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & State Politics	About 160 Wisconsin National Guardsmen are getting ready for a deployment this fall. The guard yesterday said troops with the 32nd Red Arrow Infantry Brigade Combat Team headquarters will head to Ukraine. The soldiers will work as part of an international team of peacekeepers. Guard commanders are not saying when the troops will leave or how long they will be gone.
08-30-2019	Body in Storage Unit Under Investigation	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & Law Enforcement	Police in Onalaska are calling a man's death suspicious after finding his body in a storage unit. Officers found the 60-year-old man's body yesterday inside a unit along County Road PH. There is no word how long he'd been there or how the man died. Police say the 'position of the body' has them treating his death as a possible crime.

08-30-2019	LaCrosse Officer Shooting Ruled Justified	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	The man who shot a La Crosse police officer will need to come up with 50 thousand-dollars cash to get out of jail. A judge yesterday ordered Allen Kruk held on cash bond. Kruk is charged with shooting a La Crosse police officer earlier this month during a domestic violence call. The officer survived. Kruk is still nursing his wound from when police shot him after he shot the officer.
08-30-2019	Vaping Illness Climbs	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement and Public Health	Almost 90-percent of the people in Wisconsin who got sick after vaping told state health officials that they vaped marijuana. The WI Department of Health Services stopped short of saying vaping THC products is the cause of the vape sickness outbreak in the state. DHS has confirmed 32 cases of vape sickness, with another 11 possible cases. Health Secretary Andrea Palm says there are additives and unknown chemicals in THC vape cartridges that can make people sick. The state is urging everyone to stop vaping.
08-30-2019	Hunters and CWD	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & Local Politics	One western Wisconsin lawmaker wants to make it easier for hunters to track chronic wasting disease. State Senator Jeff Smith wants to find 200-thousand-dollars to help counties add more CWD testing kiosks. That's a fancy way of saying that he wants to put dumpsters within 10 miles of confirmed CWD cases so that hunters can send deer carcasses to the state. Smith says he's still waiting to get a hearing on his plan.
08-30-2019	Remarriage Under Attack	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Love may be patient, but two Wisconsin lawmakers say state law should stop forcing people to wait to get remarried. State Rep. Cindi Duchow and state Senator Alberta Darling are pushing a plan that would end Wisconsin's six-month moratorium on marriage after a divorce. The two say it's none of the state's business if someone wants to get remarried as soon as their divorce is final. Duchow and Darling say the ban on re-marriage hurts families and children.
09-03-2019	Fire Causes Damage to Chippewa Home	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Public Safety	Everyone made it out of a Chippewa Falls home before flames cut through the house. Firefighters say the fire yesterday at a home on Beaver Street did about 50-thousand-dollars' worth of damage. The Red Cross is helping the family as they look for a new place to live.
09-03-2019	Officials Still Looking for Hit and Run Suspect	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	The sheriff in Eau Claire County is looking for a driver who ran away after hitting a house with their truck. Deputies found the truck in the yard of the home in the Township of Washington early yesterday morning. The homeowner said a man drove into his house, but when deputies arrived, the man was gone. The sheriff has the truck and a license plate, and says his office is looking for the driver.

09-03-2019	Storm Clean up After Overnight Storms	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There could be some more storm clean-up in western Wisconsin. A line of thunderstorms rolled across the Chippewa Valley overnight, prompting a few severe thunderstorm watches. Forecasters say the storms should move out of the western part of the state this morning. The rest of the week then promises to be cool and mostly clear.
09-03-2019	New Scam Targets Churches	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Beware of anyone asking for gift cards in a text. That's the lesson from the latest round of scams working its way across Wisconsin. The sheriff in Manitowoc County says a local pastor reported that scammers used his name to target his flock. The scammers sent a text, claiming to be the pastor, and asking for gift cards for people in need. The gift cards went straight to the scammers.
09-03-2019	Back to School Reminder for Safety	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	It's the end of summer for kids across Wisconsin. Most public schools in the state start classes today. Police departments and local sheriff's offices are reminding drivers to be on the look-out for kids at bus stops, and they are reminding people to always slowdown in school zones.
09-03-2019	WI Crews Heading to Hurricane Zone	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Wisconsin is sending help to what will eventually be the hurricane zone. About 30 utility crewmen from across the state are making their way toward Florida to restore power once Hurricane Dorian makes landfall. The crews are from a number of different power companies in the state. They're headed for a staging point near Atlanta today. They will then be sent to where they are needed once the storm comes ashore.
09-04-2019	Manhunt for Veteran Underway	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There's a manhunt underway in Eau Claire County for a missing veteran who authorities say made threats against police officers. Police issued a Green Alert for Daniel Werner last week. Since then, Eau Claire County's sheriff says Werner has been accused of threatening to kill any police officer who tries to arrest him. The sheriff says Werner was last seen buying supplies at a local hardware store.
09-04-2019	CWD Priority for Hunters	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State DNR	The state of Wisconsin is asking more deer hunters to hand over parts of their deer for chronic wasting disease testing. The state is ordering other hunters to do the same. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is ordering mandatory CWD testing for parts of Dunn, Eau Claire, and Pepin counties. The three counties join about 25 others where the state is looking to contain chronic wasting in either captive or wild deer.

09-04-2019	Shoplifting Dad Headed to Jail	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A dad in Chippewa Falls is heading to jail for a year after leaving his four-year-old in the car last summer so he could steal some liquor. A judge handed down Michael Raskie Jr's sentence yesterday. Chippewa Falls police say Raskie left his child in the car last June while he went inside a local grocery store to steal some vodka. Officers found the child in the hot car, and they say he was just starting to feel the effects of the heat.
09-04-2019	Lawmakers Look at WI Farmers are Focus	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & Local Politics	Democratic lawmakers in Madison are turning their focus to farms in the state. Lawmakers yesterday unveiled three proposals that all look to help Wisconsin's farmers and dairymen. One plan would create two new jobs at the UW Extension office, the other plans would pay off college debt for farmers and encourage farms in Wisconsin to plant or produce a more diverse set of crops and products. State Rep. Rep. Dave Considine says the hope is to offer enough help to get Republican lawmakers on-board, and get the plans to the governor.
09-04-2019	A.G. Kaul questions State Lawsuit Settlement	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There are still as many questions as there are answers about whether Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul can settle some lawsuits involving the state. Republican lawmakers say they plan to meet today to talk about the squabble with Kaul. Last week, Republican lawmakers said they thought the issue was settled. Kaul is bristling at a new law that requires he get permission from the legislature to settle or end any lawsuit involving the state.
09-05-2019	Delay of Case in Child Murder	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	There is another delay in the case of a young girl who police say stomped a Chippewa County baby to death last year. A judge yesterday ruled the girl, who was 10-years-old at the time of the killing, unfit for trial. Prosecutors say there's a chance the girl could eventually be fit enough to be tried in the case. The delay also means that Jaxon Hunter's family will not get his body. The defense says they may need to order more tests on the little boy.
09-05-2019	Dunn Co. Authorities Warn of Dangers of Stealing Signs	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The sheriff in Dunn County is asking people to please stop stealing their road signs. Sheriff Kevin Bygd says someone has been stealing the signs of the past weeks. Many of the now missing signs are stop signs, so the sheriff says that's dangerous. He's asking for tips in finding the sign thieves.

09-05-2019	LaCrosse Says Call of Shooting a Fake	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	La Crosse police are looking for whoever called in a phony report of a double shooting. Officers responded in force to the call yesterday afternoon at a home on the city's south side. Someone called 911 and said they had just shot two people inside the home. After an hours-long standoff, police went into the home and found nothing. Investigators say they are looking for the person who made the call.
09-05-2019	Scam Warning in Pierce Co.	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The sheriff in Pierce County is warning people to be careful who they bail out of jail. The sheriff's office yesterday said a new scam is making the rounds where a scammer calls, pretends to be someone in jail who needs to be bailed out, and then takes the bail money for themselves. The sheriff says scammers often pretend to be family members. He says if you get a suspicious call, hang-up.
09-05-2019	WI Get Tougher on Chemicals	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A new plan at the Wisconsin Capitol would get tougher on forever chemicals. The proposal would all but ban PFAS chemicals in the state. Only firefighters could use the chemicals, which are the main component in firefighting foam. The legislation would also drastically reduce acceptable PFAS levels in the state's drinking water.
09-06-2019	School Lunches Determined Safe by Officials	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Eau Claire's superintendent is telling parents that their kids' school lunches are safe, even though a teacher bit into something in her lunch yesterday. Superintendent Mary Ann Hardebeck sent a letter to parents yesterday explaining that the teacher cut her mouth when she bit down on a 'small object' in a school lunch. Hardebeck says the school pulled that lunch from the menu, and inspected other lunch items. The superintendent said no one else found anything in their lunch, and no one else was hurt.
09-06-20New19	WI Politics Focus on Farm Trade	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	Western Wisconsin Democratic Congressman Ron Kind says it's time for Congress to take back some of its power. Kind says he'd like to see Congress limit what President Trump can do in regards to tariffs and other trade policies. He says the President's trade war with China is hurting farmers and dairymen in Wisconsin.

09-06-2019	OWI and Sexual Assault Conviction for EC Man	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Eau Claire man looking at sexual assault charges and his sixth OWI conviction skipped-out on his sentencing in Chippewa County. The sheriff says 45-year-old Jason Lucht was due to be sentenced yesterday, but he never showed-up. There's now a warrant out for his arrest. Lucht was arrested in February of last year for drunk driving and grabbing a woman in his car. That arrest came less than a year after his fifth OWI conviction.
09-06-2019	Onalaska Sees Therapy Dog in School	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interests and Public Education	There will be a new helper roaming the halls in Onalaska Schools. The school district this year added a second therapy dog to help students throughout the year. Onalaska school counselor Chrissy Delong says the dogs, Annie and Davie, help kids who may not be able to open-up to teachers or other students. Annie started her shifts at the high school last year, while Davie started his time at Northern Hills Elementary School earlier this week.
09-06-2019	New Leadership for WI Economic Development	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & Law Enforcement	Governor Tony Evers' choice to be Wisconsin's new economic development chief is coming to Madison from organic farming. The governor yesterday named Melissa Hughes to be the new head at the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. Hughes has spent the past 16 years as a lawyer for the Organic Valley Co-op. The governor says Hughes will be able to help small businesses in the state while also navigating the complicated bureaucracy of local, state, and the federal government.
09-09-2019	Stabbing Injures Two, One Arrest	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	The sheriff in Chippewa County isn't saying what led to stabbing that sent two people to the hospital with serious injuries. Investigators say it happened about 1:30 yesterday morning at a house in the town of Wheaton. Deputies say they found the two wounded people lying on the floor, and found the suspect Joey Moldrem still in the house. The sheriff is not offering a motive for the stabbing, though he does say that deputies found marijuana in the home.
09-09-2019	T-Bone Accident Kills Woman	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Deputies say a woman who blew through a stop sign north of Chippewa Falls is dead after crashing her car. The Chippewa County sheriff's office says the woman died Saturday evening when she crashed into another car at the intersection of Highway S and Highway O. Deputies are not saying if speed or alcohol played a part in the wreck.

09-09-2019	DNR Says Shooting Accidental	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest & State Politics	The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is investigating a hunting accident at a private game farm in Dunn County. The sheriff's office says a 69-year-old man was hit with birdshot when a gun fell to the ground yesterday morning. Dunn County deputies say someone rested that gun on a bush, then it fell.
09-09-2019	C-SPAN Visits LaCrosse Students	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Students at UW La Crosse are going to get a closer look at TV, politics, and how the two come together. The C-SPAN bus is slated to stop at UW La Crosse on Wednesday. The bus is essentially a mobile classroom that teaches about politics and the media. After UW La Crosse, the bus will head to UW Madison later in the week.
09-09-2019	UW Madison Could Face Lawsuit	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The women who accused Quintez Cephus of sexual assault may be getting ready to sue the University of Madison. The State Journal had the story yesterday that the women who accused Cephus last year have hired a high-profile attorney. The women are upset that Cephus was allowed to return to school. A jury found Cephus not guilty of all charges last month. The women's lawyer, John Clune, says the university violated his clients' rights when the school allowed Cephus to return from an expulsion.
09-10-2019	North High Reveals Safety Threat Not Credible	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Public Education	School leaders in Eau Claire say it was better to keep kids in class while police investigated the latest online threat at North High School. Superintendent Mary Ann Hardebeck yesterday said the Eau Claire police found the threat yesterday to not be credible. Police say there was some chatter about a gun on school grounds, but they found no evidence. Hardebeck said students were already at school, or on their way to school by the time she realized what police were looking into. Some parents say the school district mishandled the situation.
09-10-2019	Plan for Little Red School Unveiled	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and development	Students will soon be returning to Eau Claire's Little Red School. But they won't be elementary school kids. The Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 434 last night agreed to buy the empty school for a half-million dollars. The plan is to turn the building into an apprenticeship center. The Little Red School has been empty for about a decade.

09-10-2019	Race for WI Political Seat Heats UP	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	The Republican race to replace Sean Duffy in Congress could soon get its first official candidate. State Senator Tom Tiffany says he will make a 'special announcement' later today. Tiffany also plans to travel the 7th Congressional District, which covers pretty much all of northwestern Wisconsin, over the next couple of days. Tiffany's announcement comes after state Senator Jerry Petrowski said yesterday that he won't run. There is still no word when the special election to replace Duffy will be.
09-10-2019	Woman Accused of Arson	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A La Crosse woman is looking at charges after police say she tried to set her apartment on fire. Firefighters found a pile of burning magazines and a rolling pin on top of a hot stove in 46-year-old Rachel Page's apartment last week. Police say Page was having problems with her landlord. Page is facing arson and bail jumping charges, but she was released from jail yesterday on a signature bond.
09-10-2019	Zellner Offers Reward	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Steven Avery's lawyer is offering a reward for Teresa Halbach's 'real killer.' Attorney Kathleen Zellner said she has 100-thousand-dollars for the person who can find whoever killed Halbach back in 2005. Steven Avery is serving a life sentence for the crime, but he and Zellner say he didn't kill her. Zellner has also set-up a tip line in the case, hoping to find new evidence or something that could free Avery from prison
09-11-2019	Storm Threat Arrives	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Strong thunderstorms and flash flooding. Forecasters say western Wisconsin could see both as a line of strong or even severe storms is set to cut across the region. The worst of the weather is expected in Minnesota and northern Iowa, but the National Weather Service says western Wisconsin will be inundated with rain today and tomorrow.
09-11-2019	Wheaton Looks to Add Fire Department	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The town of Wheaton is looking to go on its own for fire protection. Town leaders last night voted to leave the Chippewa Fire District at the end of next year. Wheaton will start its own fire department, though leaders are talking with Chippewa Falls and Eau Claire about EMS and ambulance service. Wheaton board president Mark Blaskowski said the town spends about 200-thousand-dollars a year to be a part of the Chippewa Fire District, but he says that money will now have to be spent on firefighters and firefighting gear.

09-11-2019	Wi Politics Sees First Candidate for Duffy District	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Politics	The first person who wants to replace Sean Duffy in Congress is in the race. State Senator Tom Tiffany yesterday launched his bid to become the Northwoods next congressman. Tiffany told a crowd in Cadott that he drained the swamp in Madison, and will do the same in Washington D.C. Duffy is leaving Congress this month to spend time with his family. There will be a special election to replace him.
09-11-2019	Jackson Co. Man Held on Charges After Baby Dies	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Jackson County dad is being held on reckless homicide charges in the death of his two-month-old baby. Investigators say the little girl's mother called 911 last week, but the baby was already dead. On Tuesday, Jackson County deputies arrested 32-year-old Armas Cravins the second. The sheriff's office is not saying how the little girl died.
09-11-2019	Go Pack Go Act Introduced	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Wisconsin's Democratic U.S. Senator wants the federal government to guarantee that every Packer fan in Wisconsin gets to see every Packer game. Senator Tammy Baldwin yesterday introduced what she's calling the Go Pack Go Act, which would require TV stations, cable companies, and satellite TV providers to show the Packers in every city in Wisconsin.
09-12-2019	Trial Set for Man Who Killed Girl Scouts	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Prosecutors in Chippewa County may be able to use some of the evidence in the other case against the young man accused of killing three Girl Scouts last fall. A judge yesterday said some of the evidence from a Rusk County case against Colten Treu may be admissible in his trial in Chippewa Falls. Treu was arrested with meth and marijuana about a month before the hit and run with the Girl Scouts. He is set to go on trial for the scout's deaths in January.
09-12-2019	Local Business Expands	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Economy	They are hiring at Huffcutt Concrete. The pre-fab structure maker in Lake Hallie yesterday announced plans to add 150 jobs over the next five years. The company recently expanded its facility. Huffcutt makes pre-cart storage buildings, restrooms, and storage facilities that are shipped across the country.
09-12-2019	Flooding a Concern	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There is another day of worrying about the rain in store for folks in parts of western Wisconsin. The National Weather Service is leaving a flash flood watch in effect for Eau Claire and other parts of western Wisconsin through this evening. Forecasters say heavy rains today could flood low-lying roads, creeks, and rivers. Two to three inches of rain are expected today, with some spots getting as much as five inches.

09-12-2019	State to Address CWD Funding	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Democratic lawmaker from Stevens Point wants to find four-million-dollars in the state budget to fight chronic wasting disease. State Rep. Katrina Shankland yesterday introduced a plan that would spend two-million on CWD collection, and other two-million-dollars on CWD research. Shankland says CWD is a threat to Wisconsin's deer population, and she wants to get a handle on the disease before it's too late.
09-12-2019	WI Not in PxyCotin Payout	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	State Legal	Wisconsin will not be one of the states getting some of the 12-billion-dollars that the maker of OxyContin is offering. Attorney General Josh Kaul yesterday rejected the settlement offer from Purdue Pharma. At least twenty other states are accepting the offer. Kaul said he wants justice, and doesn't think the settlement offer will bring that. The rejected settlement is part of the on-going battle between Kaul and lawmakers over a new law that requires him to get permission before settling lawsuits.
09-13-2019	Police Shooting Ends in Officer Injury	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A police officer in Clark County is recovering after a shooting that ended an hours-long standoff in the town of Loyal. It all started yesterday when police tried to pull over Robert Domine. He sped away, flashed a gun, then ran away on foot. A little while later the sheriff says they found him in a home. After a few hours of talking, officers went in. That's when the Loyal police say they heard two shots. Loyal's police chief says they took an officer to the hospital as a precaution. There is no word about Domine's condition.
09-13-2019	Traffic to Stay at Boat Landing	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The folks who live near Anson's public boat launch on Lake Wissota will just have to deal with the traffic. Town leaders last night refused to close the Yellow River Boat Landing. Neighbors said there are just too many cars and trucks. But others in Anson say the landing is the only public boat launch and there would be no other way for first responders to get to the lake without it.
09-13-2019	Man Gets Sentenced in Dog Stabbing	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	An Eau Claire man is looking at three-and-a-half years in prison for stabbing his roommate's dog in the throat. William Geiger pleaded guilty to a mistreatment of animals charge yesterday. Police say he stabbed his roommate's dog after it bit him. A judge will sentence Geiger in November.

09-13-2019	WI Politics Lean Republican?	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	The head of Wisconsin's Republican Party says open Congressional races in the Northwoods and the WOW counties could help President Trump next fall. Republican Party Chairman Andrew Hitt yesterday said open races in the Seventh and Fifth Congressional Districts could help get Republican voters to the polls, and that could help the President once again win Wisconsin.
09-13-2019	Senator Chimes in on Vaping Legislation in WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Wisconsin's Democratic U.S. Senator wants the federal government to do something about the vape products that are making people sick. Senator Tammy Baldwin yesterday said the CDC needs to help states as they investigate an outbreak of vape sickness that has sent over 450 people to hospitals across the country. Baldwin wants the CDC to open an emergency operations center and work with states to find a cause for the outbreak.
09-16-2019	Jail Time for Jim Falls Man in Deadly Drunk Driving Accident	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A Jim Falls man is sentenced to prison for a drunk driving wreck in which his friend died. Mavrick Kolpien was sentenced to three years behind bars on Friday. His friend Zachary Evanson was killed when he was riding in Kolpien's vehicle that collided with another in the intersection of Highway X and XX near Cadott in May, 2018. Chippewa County DA Wade Newell told Judge James Issacson that even though Kolpien isn't a bad person, he should be held responsible because he did act recklessly by driving intoxicated.
09-16-2019	Onalaska Man Dead After Stabbing	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A western Wisconsin man is dead after a fight in West Allis ended with a stabbing. Officers say the unidentified 33-year-old man is from Onalaska. West Allis Police say it looks like there was a fight between two groups of people, and that fight ended with the man's stabbing.
09-16-2019	Prison Time for Man Meeting Underage Girl	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest/ Law Enforcement	A Texas man who thought he was coming to Eau Claire to have sex with a child is, instead heading to prison. A judge on Friday sentenced Robert Hosler to 10 years in prison. Investigators say Hosler thought he was going to meet a 12-year-old girl in Eau Claire, but instead ended-up meeting police. They arrested him last August.

09-16-2019	WI State School Groups Address Vaping	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	Three of Wisconsin's largest school groups say the recent wave of people made sick by vaping shows the need to raise the smoking and vaping age to 21. The Wisconsin School Administrators Alliance, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, and the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance on Friday said lawmakers must act to address what they are calling a crisis with teen vaping. Wisconsin's proposed Tobacco 21 law would stop stores from selling tobacco or vape products to anyone under 21. Doctors are not sure what is causing hundreds of cases of vape sickness across the country, but most of the people who have gotten sick say they vaped illegal marijuana cartridges before having lung problems.
09-16-2019	Packers Win Home Opener	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Green Bay's home opener looked over in the first quarter, but the Packers had to hang-on all the way til the end. The Packers beat the Minnesota Vikings, 21-16 yesterday.
09-17-2019	Racist Message on UWEC Property	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A student at UW Eau Claire says someone left a racist message on her dorm room door. The student, Kayde Langer, took to Twitter to post a picture of the handwritten note that says 'Go back to the Rez,' there were also racial slurs. Langer is Ojibwe. UW Eau Claire leaders say racism is not tolerated at the school.
09-17-2019	Remains ID as Human	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	Investigators in Menomonie say the remains found last week are human, but there's no word who the remains belong to. Menomonie police yesterday confirmed that the remains found in a wooded area on the city's north side are in fact human remains. Police are not saying anything about how long they'd been there, or how the person may have died.
09-17-2019	Stabbing Still No Motive	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Police are still not offering a motive in a Chippewa County stabbing that sent two people to the hospital earlier this month. Prosecutors yesterday filed formal charges against 28-year-old Joseph Moldrem for the stabbing. The D.A. charged Moldrem with second degree reckless injury, battery, and drug charges. Police in the town of Wheaton say Moldrem stabbed two people on September 8th, but they are not saying why.

09-17-2019	Wi Farmers Concerned about Dairy Limits	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	Dairymen across Wisconsin are worried that Governor Tony Evers is giving local governments the tool to limit livestock in the state. The Wisconsin Dairy Alliance yesterday said proposed changes to the state's livestock siting law would give local governments the ability to stifle livestock operations. The proposal would allow cities, towns, or counties to require more space between a farm and its neighbors or a public project like a road. The WDA says Wisconsin lawmakers originally wrote the rules for landowners with an eye toward helping dairy farmers. The group says this proposed change would do the opposite.
09-17-2019	Governor to Address WI Retirement	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Wisconsin's governor wants the state to study why more people don't have more money saved for retirement. Governor Tony Evers on Friday signed an executive order to create a statewide retirement task force. The governor says not enough people have enough saved for retirement. He also wants the task force to look at ways the state can encourage people to save more and plan for the day when they can stop working.
09-18-2019	Lokken to Stay in Prison	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Eau Claire County's former treasurer will stay in prison for stealing from taxpayers. An appeal court yesterday rejected Larry Lokken's latest appeal. Lokken wanted the court to overturn his nine-and-a-half-year sentence for stealing more than 625-thousand-dollars. The court did give Lokken a break on paying that money back. The judges said the county court should reconsider their sentence of an extra five years in prison if Lokken cannot repay the money quickly.
09-18-2019	No Answers in Murder Case	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	he parents of the young woman gunned down in July's shooting spree in Chippewa County still have no idea why the killer picked their family. Laile Vang's parents, Teng and Mai Vang, say they don't know how Ritchie German Jr. got their phone numbers or found their house. The Vangs told the Chippewa Herald they are still trying to deal with their loss. In addition to losing Laile, the Vangs each lost an arm. Chippewa County's sheriff says the Vangs are not alone in having questions that may never be answered.

09-18-2019	School Zone Speeding Numbers In	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Safety	Most of the people who sped through school zones in Eau Claire this month got a warning. Eau Claire police say they issued 84 warnings during their back to school enforcement drive. Officers arrested eight people, mostly for warrants, and issued 17 tickets. Police Officer Josh Miller says the idea wasn't to punish drivers, rather to help them realize they need to drive safer.
09-18-2019	Father Facing Neglect Charges	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	A Jackson County dad is facing charges after police say he forgot about his two-month-old daughter in a baby swing. Investigators say the little girl died earlier this month from asphyxiating in that swing. Prosecutors yesterday charged 32-year-old Armas Cravins the Second with second-degree reckless homicide and neglect charges. Police say he was angry with the baby's mother and in a rush, so he left the little girl in the swing overnight.
09-18-2019	Public Housing Gun Ban Lifted in Menomonie	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Law Enforcement	Folks who live in public housing in Menomonie no longer have to give-up their guns. The Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty yesterday said it has come to terms with the Housing Authority of the City of Menomonie to end its gun ban.
09-19-2019	Local Judge Not A Fan of Red Flag Law	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	A judge in Chippewa Falls isn't sure that Governor Evers' proposed red flag law would work in Wisconsin. Chippewa County Judge Steven Gibbs yesterday said the proposal, which would allow judges to take guns away from people accused of domestic violence or found to be a threat, wouldn't matter to most criminals. The judge says bad guys don't already follow the law. Gibbs also questions if there will be enough judges and prosecutors to handle what could be a flood of petitions to seize guns. Governor Evers made the proposal yesterday.
09-19-2019	Probation for Area Thief	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Law Enforcement	A woman wanted for a string of thefts from western Wisconsin Walmart's will not be going to prison. A St. Croix County judge yesterday sentenced Tempestt Robinson to three years of probation. Authorities say Robinson stole thousands of dollars from Walmart stores in St. Croix County, and she even went as far as Eau Claire during her crime spree. In addition to the probation, Robinson will have to complete 100 hours of community service.

09-19-2019	Plea Deal for Bunker Offender	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	The man who lived in a bunker in the Wisconsin woods for three years is likely heading behind bars. Prosecutors in Portage County yesterday said 44-year-old Jeremiah Button agreed to a plea deal yesterday. Button hid-out in a homemade bunker for years in order to avoid a child pornography charge. A judge will sentence Button later today.
09-19-2019	Unemployment Rates Creep Up	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Unemployment in Wisconsin is inching up. The state released its latest jobs report yesterday, and numbers show the unemployment rate for August at three-point-one-percent. That's a tiny bit higher than the three-percent jobless rate from July. The Department of Workforce Development says Wisconsin added 83-hundred private sector jobs last month.
09-20-2019	Oktoberfest Returns	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Food, fun, beer, and lederhosen. That's the checklist for this weekend's Oktoberfest in Chippewa Falls. Organizers say there will be something for everyone at the fairgrounds this weekend. Oktoberfest starts today at 11 a.m., and runs through Sunday evening.
09-23-2019	Sex Offender Housing Not Welcome in Town	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Some neighbors in Eau Claire are trying to stop the state from buying a home and turning it into a rehab center for sex offenders. Robert Simet says police knocked on his door last week to talk to him about the potential sale. Simet says he's worried about who may end-up in the home at the corner of North Lane and Jupiter Avenue. Four hundred people have signed a petition to keep sex offenders out of the home. Simet says they plan to deliver that petition to county leaders this week.
09-23-2019	Man Identified in Lake Tainter	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Authorities in Dunn County are not saying how an elderly Menomonie man ended-up in Lake Tainter. The county identified the man yesterday as 72-year-old Daniel Buss, he's from Menomonie. Crews found his body in the lake Friday. The sheriff says they found Buss' boat at the dock, and the engine was still running.

09-23-2019	Seymour Doesn't Want Larger Landfill	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Folks in the Town of Seymour don't want the smell or the mess that comes with a larger landfill. Several people spoke-up at Friday's public meeting about expanding the landfill. Neighbors say there's already enough trouble from the trash that's currently being stored in their town. Advanced Disposal, the company that owns the landfill, says they will take everyone's worries into account as they move forward with their plans.
09-23-2019	Public's Help Requested in Search for Suspect	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Safety and Law Enforcement	Authorities in two northern Wisconsin communities are looking for a man who they say is armed and dangerous. The sheriffs in Vilas and Oneida counties yesterday said they're looking for 40-year-old Christopher Fralick. He's wanted for domestic violence and a high-speed chase with deputies. He was last seen in a black Jeep Liberty. Both sheriff's offices are asking people who see Fralick, or know about his whereabouts, to call them.
09-23-2019	Push for Medical Marihuana in WI	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	There are some Republicans on-board with the latest plan to legalize medical marijuana in Wisconsin. A group of lawmakers introduced their plan on Friday. It would allow people suffering from a number of conditions including cancer, PTSD, and opioid addiction to use marijuana as medicine. There are few people who expect the idea to become law. The top Republican in the Wisconsin Senate, Scott Fitzgerald, on Friday said he is still opposed to changing the laws for marijuana in Wisconsin.
09-24-2019	Winter Parking Up for Debate	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Local Politics	You may have to park on just one side of the street this winter in Eau Claire. The city is considering going back to its old winter parking rules. Until 2014, drivers had to park on one side of the street. Since the change, leaders say it's tough for snow plows to keep the streets clear enough for fire trucks or ambulances when there's a lot of snow on the streets. The council is set to vote on the idea next month.
09-24-2019	Counterfeit Money turning up in Chippewa Valley	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Double check your cash, especially the bigger bills. Eau Claire police are once again warning about counterfeit cash being passed around town. Detective Mark Pieper says police have gotten reports of some funny money being spent around town. Pieper says it's often the case that people will come into Eau Claire, pass around counterfeit money and then leave.

09-24-2019	Sculpture Thief Wanted in Eau Claire	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	Eau Claire police are looking for whoever tore a sculpture off its base downtown. Police found the sculpture, Seahorse, not far from where it was taken on Water Street. They are now looking for the person who stole it. Police hope businesses on Water Street have security cameras that they can watch, to try and find their suspect.
09-24-2019	Cell Phones go Hands Free?	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	One Wisconsin lawmaker wants drivers in the state to put down their phones. State Rep. John Spiros is pushing a plan to have all drivers in the state go hands free with their phone. Right now, Wisconsin only requires people to put down their phones while driving through a construction zone. Spiros hopes to finalize his plan by the end of the month.
09-24-2019	Special Election date Declared	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Voters in the Northwoods will pick a new congressman early next year. Governor Tony Evers yesterday set the special election to fill now-former Congressman Sean Duffy's seat for January 27th. The primary to finalize the candidates will be December 30th. Duffy's last day was yesterday. He is leaving Congress to spend time with his family.
09-25-2019	Tornado Confirmed in Wheaton	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	It was a tornado. Chippewa County Sheriff Jim Kowalczyk says last night's storm that cut through the Town of Wheaton was in fact a tornado. There is plenty of damage, but the sheriff says a few people suffered only minor injuries. Chippewa County is asking people to stay away from the town today. Forecasters say the tornado came from a strong line of storms that cut across parts of western Wisconsin last night.
09-25-2019	Power Outages Spread Wide	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Crews are not saying when they expect to get the power back on for everyone in Chippewa and Dunn counties. Those areas were hit the hardest by last night's storms. The Dunn County Energy Cooperative says the storms knocked out power to thousands of their customers. Xcel Energy says crews are working to restore power to hundreds of their customers in Eau Claire and western Wisconsin. Both companies are asking people to let them know if their power is out.

09-25-2019	WI Congressman Slow to Support Impeachment	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	Western Wisconsin's Democratic congressman is not quite there on impeaching President Trump. Congressman Ron Kind yesterday said he wants to see more about the whistleblower complaint that started the latest push for impeachment. Kind says the President must be held accountable to the law. But Kind did not join other Democrats in saying he will vote to impeach the president.
09-25-2019	Deputy Found Not Guilty of Child Assault	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and Judicial	A Pierce County deputy may not get his job back even after a jury found him not guilty of child sexual assault. Pierce County's sheriff says Deputy Allen Wojcik will stay on leave as the department conducts an internal investigation into his conduct. A jury on Monday found him not guilty of assaulting a girl as young as 12 for more than a year. It took the jury less than an hour to return their verdict.
09-25-2019	WI Looks at Red Flag Law	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Lawmakers will likely be coming back to the Capitol sometime this year to deal with Governor Evers' request for a red flag law. The governor yesterday said he intends to 'press the issue' of gun control. Republican lawmakers who control the State Assembly say they don't want to pass a new law that takes guns away from people who have not been convicted of a crime. The governor says the idea is to get guns out of the hands of people who may be dangerous.
09-26-2019	Evers Declares State of Emergency	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Governor Tony Evers is opening the door to more state help for Chippewa and Dunn counties after Tuesday's tornado. The governor got a firsthand look at the damage yesterday. He also declared a state of emergency. Forecasters say the tornado that hit near the Town of Wheaton was an EF3 storm, with top winds of 165 miles-per-hour.
09-26-2019	Clean Up Begins	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues	Leaders in Chippewa Falls are putting-out the call for tornado clean-up volunteers. Chippewa County's Emergency Management office says anyone who can and wants to help clean-up from Tuesday's storms should meet at the Wheaton Fire Department in Elk Mound between 9 and 10 this morning. All volunteers must be 18 or older. Anyone who needs help cleaning-up should call 211.
09-26-2019	Counterfeit Money Suspects Face Charges	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Prosecutors in Eau Claire are pushing ahead with charges against four people who they say went on a spending spree with counterfeit money. All four are from Chicago. Eau Claire police say they spent counterfeit money at nearly a dozen shops and restaurants in Eau Claire last week. Police arrested them after a traffic stop turned-up some marijuana and a lot of phony money.

09-26-2019	Cheese Under the Scope	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Western Wisconsin's congressman is the latest to ask the federal government to protect cheese. Democratic Congressman Ron Kind on Wednesday introduced the Codifying Useful Regulatory Definitions, or what he's calling the CURD Act. Kind wants Congress to define cheese as something that comes from real milk, not something that comes from vegetables or anything else. It's the latest attempt from a dairy state lawmaker to push back on the increasing number of vegan cheeses being sold across the country.
09-26-2019	WI Hunting Season Shorter	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Hunters in Wisconsin are going to have a bit less time to bag some grouse this season. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is cutting this year's ruffed grouse season short. The season usually runs through the end of January, but will now end January 5th. DNR says they are worried about shrinking grouse numbers.
09-27-2019	Clean Up Continues in Wheaton	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	There will be another weekend of cleaning-up for folks in Chippewa and Dunn counties. Local leaders are organizing more volunteers to head out to the areas hit by this week's storm. Wheaton Fire Chief Adam Blaskowski says he'll spend the day today seeing what neighbors in the Town of Wheaton need.
09-27-2019	Charges Filed in Barron Co. Wreck	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and Law Enforcement	Prosecutors in Barron County are pushing ahead with charges against a driver who they say smashed into a pickup truck, then ran away. The D.A. filed charges yesterday against Edwin Guitierrez. Police say he was going too fast in last week's fog, crossed the center line, and smashed head-on into a truck. They say Guitierrez then took off. He was eventually caught and arrested. He's being held on two-thousand-dollar cash bond.
09-27-2019	Local Pantry Gets Food Money Boost	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A lot of hungry bellies in and around Eau Claire will soon be a bit fuller. Feed My People yesterday announced it's getting 50-thousand-dollar from Feeding Wisconsin and United Healthcare. Managers at Feed My People say the grant will go a long way toward helping hungry people in western Wisconsin.

09-27-2019	WI Politicians on Trump Impeachment	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Wisconsin's Republican U.S. Senator says he's more bothered by the leaks surrounding President Trump's call to Ukraine's president than anything that the President actually said. Senator Ron Johnson yesterday said he didn't see anything in the call that is worthy of impeachment. Johnson did say that he's bothered that the whistleblower complaint about the phone call was leaked to the media. Johnson says that may make it tougher for the President to talk candidly with other world leaders in the future.
09-27-2019	Red Flag Laws on WI Lawmakers Mind	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest and State Politics	Wisconsin's Democratic lawmakers are using their weekly radio address to talk about red flag laws. Madison state Rep. Melissa Sargent delivered the message this week, she says the governor's newly proposed extreme risk protection order will make Wisconsin safer. She says the idea is to get guns out of the hands of people who may be dangerous. Republican lawmakers say the proposal will take guns away from people who haven't committed a crime.
09-30-2019	Fire Damages Multiple Apartments	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Officials say at least 12 apartments were damaged during a fire yesterday afternoon in Menomonie. According to reports, the fire broke out at the Northern Meadows Apartment complex and crews from seven departments responded to the scene. Residents displaced by the fire are being assisted by the American Red Cross. Investigators say they are now working to determine what caused the fire.
09-30-2019	Volunteer Work on Tornado Clean up	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Issues and State Politics	Officials are praising the efforts of volunteers who arrived over the weekend to help clean-up damage from last week's storms. Governor Evers says he has made every state agency available to help in recovery efforts and acknowledged the majority of the work has been done by residents and neighbors in and around the Wheaton area. The National Weather Service says the EF3 tornado touched down in Elk Mound and moved over four-miles through Wheaton and Chippewa Falls impacting over 15-hundred acres and over two dozen homes.

09-30-2019	Local Farm to Raise Awareness for Suicide Prevention	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	The organizers of the corn maze at Govin's Farm are working this year to help raise awareness for suicide prevention. Farm owner John Govin over the weekend showed off his efforts which include inviting guests to write the name of loved ones on luminary bags which are used to line the maze. Govin said he hopes the bags will show that each name has a story, and everyone who sees them will know they have a place in the world. This year, the entire maze is designed to spell out Your Life Matters followed by the national suicide hotline number.
09-30-2019	Family Promise Walk to Help Homeless	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	Family Promise of Chippewa Valley are thanking those who participated in their annual Hike for the Homeless over the weekend. The two-and-a-half-mile walk was held on Saturday at Phoenix Park in Eau Claire with an estimated 200 people participating.
09-30-2019	Local Girl Scout Honored	5:00am 6:05am 6:30am 7:05am 7:30am 8:05am	2 minutes	Newscast	Community Interest	A girl scout from Strum is being honored with the group's highest achievement for helping build a pavilion at Veteran Tribute Park. Amberlee Wojcik was given the Gold Award over the weekend for her work in building the pavilion to help house services for veterans on holidays like Memorial and Veterans Day.

“Newsmakers” Program Covering Local Social Concerns 2019 Quarter 3

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Day & Date	Issue	Time	Duration	Program Type	Short Program Description	How Program was Responsive to Issue
Sunday, July 07, 2019	From a Walk/Run to help a senior center to a controversy over a Veterans Tribute Trail, this edition of 715 Newsmakers covered a lot of ground.	8AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	Guests included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Pica Anderson, Executive Director of LE Phillips Senior Center • Mark Beckfield/Steve Chilson, Eau Claire County Board members about Eau Claire Veterans Tribute Trail Controversy • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Dave Gordon, Founder/President of Legacy Community Center/Agnes Table in Chippewa Falls 	Listeners learned what has been causing a rift between veterans and citizens over a proposed Veterans Tribute Trail in Eau Claire. They also learned how to help a food table and community center in Chippewa Falls, how to support a Senior Center in Eau Claire by participating in a walk/run and how to give blood right before an Eau Claire Express baseball game.
Sunday, July 14, 2019	The edition of 715 Newsmakers covered a human trafficking awareness organization in the Chippewa Valley, a special singing event to benefit the Chippewa Falls Boys and Girls Club center, and an interesting feature about the transformative power of cowbells.	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	Guests included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Cat Jacoby, public affairs and programs coordinator FIERCE FREEDOM • Travis Austad, Chippewa Falls Center Director Boys and Girls Club • Mary and George Gierok, “The Sound of Cowbells” 	Listeners learned a lot with this edition of the 715 Newsmakers: From the transformative powers of cowbells, to how to help by singing or giving blood as well as learning more about what’s being done about human trafficking issues in the Chippewa Valley.

Sunday, July 21, 2019	Consumer Issues, a small operation farmer bucking the current trends, VOICE OF THE FUTURE and a special fund raising event at an upcoming Eau Claire Express game.	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travis Austad, Chippewa Falls Center Director Boys and Girls Club • Brian Larson, Small operation farmer from Osseo • Michelle Reinen, Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Consumer Affairs specialist • Travis Schroeder, United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley Emerging Leaders member 	Listeners found out about a young farmer going back into small operation farming, bucking the current trend of farms getting bigger or going out of business. Listeners learned more about a fund raising effort at a local baseball game, plus they were brought up to date on recent consumer scams and schemes at play in Wisconsin and they also learned more about a fund raising singing contest coming to Chippewa Falls in September.
Sunday, July 28, 2019	The show included: Consumer issues, Veterans Tribute Trail Controversy and explanations, a Chainsaw Sculpture championship returns to the Chippewa Valley and the importance of water in Wisconsin	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Reinen, Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Consumer Affairs specialist • Larry Doyle, promoter US OPEN Chainsaw Sculpture Championship • Tom Brenner of Durand, member Wisconsin Water Matters • Mark Beckfield and Mark Golden, Veterans Tribute Park organizers 	715 Newsmakers helped to educate listeners about the importance of water in Wisconsin, the controversy surrounding a Veterans Tribute Trail which has now been moved from Eau Claire to Altoona. Listeners found out about the return of US Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship to Eau Claire and Part Two of our conversation about Consumer scams and schemes in Wisconsin.

Sunday, August 04, 2019	From UFO's to a new event to help Big Brothers/Big Sisters plus part two of the discussion about the controversial Veterans Tribute Trail in Eau Claire County.	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Beckfield and Mark Golden, Veterans Tribute Park organizers • Teri Gene Conlin, Development Director Big Brothers/ Big Sisters • Chad Lewis, Paranormal Investigator 	Listeners to 715 Newsmakers learned more about the controversy behind a proposed Veterans Tribute Trail and its move to Altoona plus insight into UFO's in Western Wisconsin plus a new event at a new venue in Chippewa County looks to lend a hand to Big Brothers/ Big Sisters.
Sunday, August 11, 2019	Fall Leagues at an Eau Claire Indoor Sports center, an early Apple forecast, rescued and redeemed-an event designed to help those caught up in human trafficking and more about a new event designed to help Big Brothers/ Big Sisters	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • * Teri Gene Conlin, Development Director Big Brothers/ Big Sisters • Tyler Roper of Roper's Apples with an early Apple Forecast • Elaine Geissler and Sally Bluss, RESCUED AND REDEEMED • Amy Peterson Foss, General Manager Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Sports Center 	From an early apple forecast to a conversation about a new event centered on victims of Human Trafficking were some of the topics covered on 715 Newsmakers. Listeners learned as well about Fall adult leagues at the Eau Claire YMCA Indoor Sports Center and more info about a new event, Cheers at Lilydale, the help Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Eau Claire.
Sunday, August 18, 2019	On this episode of 715 Newsmakers: Consumer Issues, Festival in the Pines, Blood Donations and expansion project at Bolton Refuge House	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pat Stein, Executive Director Bolton Refuge House • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Michelle Reinen, Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Consumer Affairs Specialist • Brad Windeshausen, Festival in the Pines Coordinator 	Listeners learned details of the annual Festival in the Pines Arts and Crafts Fair in Eau Claire. Listeners learned about progress at a local woman's shelter: Bolton Refuge House. Listeners caught up on the latest scams and schemes directed at consumers in Wisconsin and also found out more about the urgent need for blood in the Chippewa Valley.

Sunday, August 25, 2019	715 Newsmakers featured this week: Part Two of our conversation about the expansion at Bolton Refuge House plus a look at the 2019 BuckShot Run for Special Olympics as well as CPR training through the Red Cross and a man who goes in a cage for a week to help dogs in need !	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ron Buckli, founder BUCKSHOT RUN for Special Olympics • Michelle Reinen, Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Consumer Affairs Specialist • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Pat Stein, Executive Director Bolton Refuge House • SCORCH-morning personality 92.9 The X 	Listeners learned about how to help dogs and K-9 officers by supporting a local radio personality who is going into a cage for a week. Listeners were treated to part two of our discussions with consumer affairs specialist Michelle Reinen, and Pat Stein of the Bolton Refuge House plus they learned about CPR training in the Chippewa Valley and updates on the 2019 BuckShot Run.
Sunday, September 01, 2019	From flapjacks for the Kiwanis Club to Innovations in business and from a Unique Stand in the Light Memory Choir to more help from the American Red Cross, the 715 Newsmakers had it covered on Labor Day weekend 2019.	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Dennis Johnson, organizer EC Kiwanis Club Paul Bunyan Flapjack Feed • Cathy Reitz, founder/ director Stand in the Light Memory Choir • Mark Kalish, Director Chippewa Valley Innovation Center 	Listeners learned how business (and businesses) grows thanks to the Chippewa Valley innovation center, how to volunteer with the American Red Cross, how a memory choir for those with dementia and Alzheimers disease is making a difference and how flapjacks and Paul Bunyan have been helping to raise money for charities in the Chippewa Valley for decades.
Sunday, September 08, 2019	From a Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame inductee from the Chippewa Valley to a Fund Raiser created by the parents of a suicide victim plus a last look at next weekend's upcoming VOICE OF THE FUTURE singing competition.	8 AM	30 minutes	Public Affairs Program	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn Curtis, founder of DOMINICS LIGHT, an organization centered on suicide awareness and prevention. • Travis Austad, Chippewa Falls Boys and Club Center director • Bob Normand, Wisconsin Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee 	Listeners got to "meet" a WI Hockey Hall of Fame Inductee - plus learned about the upcoming VOICE OF THE FUTURE competition for the Boys and Girls Club in Chippewa Falls next weekend and also learned about a poignant fund raiser for DOMINICS LIGHT to be held in Chippewa Falls next weekend.

<p>Sunday, September 15, 2019</p>	<p>The return of ROCK THE DOME, Consumer Issues-Flapjacks and Paul Bunyan to help the Kiwanis help others plus looking for heroes with the American Red Cross and The Stand in the light memory choir.</p>	<p>8 AM</p>	<p>30 Minutes</p>	<p>Public Affairs Program</p>	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Dennis Johnson, organizer EC Kiwanis Club Paul Bunyan Flapjack Feed • Cathy Reitz, founder/ director Stand in the Light Memory Choir • Michelle Reinen, Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Consumer Affairs Specialist • Jim Ignarski, Development Director Chippewa Falls Family YMCA 	<p>715 NewsMakers treated its listeners to info about the 6th annual ROCK THE DOME fundraiser for scholarship for youngsters and families at the Chippewa Falls Family YMCA as well as insight into nominating local heroes for the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast - plus more insight into the upcoming (and DELICIOUS) Paul Bunyan Flapjack Feed - insight into consumer scams and schemes plaguing Western Wisconsin and the inspiring story of a memory in Eau Claire</p>
<p>Sunday, September 22, 2019</p>	<p>The 715 Newsmakers September 22nd edition featured REMEMBER WHEN, an event centered around a childhood in the Chippewa Valley plus HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS, the 2019 United Way Campaign in the Chippewa Valley, more consumer issues and more Red Cross issues.</p>	<p>8 AM</p>	<p>30 Minutes</p>	<p>Public Affairs Program</p>	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Michelle Reinen, Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection Consumer Affairs Specialist • Judy Clark, WEAU 13 News and Olaf Lind, Chippewa Valley Museum • Amy Giani, Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley HIKE FOR THE HOMELESS • Andrew Martin, UNITED WAY 2019 Campaign Chair 	<p>Listeners learned about the goals and impact of the 2019 United Way Chippewa Valley campaign plus they got insight into consumer scams, schemes, scuffles, skirmishes and skimfuffles in Wisconsin. Listeners also were treated to some Chippewa valley childhood memories, a look at a special "hike" to benefit the homeless and updates on how the Red Cross helps, from house fires to hurricanes.</p>

<p>Sunday, September 29, 2019</p>	<p>ROCK THE DOME. Fire Prevention Month. TOMMY's premiere in the Chippewa Valley and REACH FOR THE STARS IV</p>	<p>8 AM</p>	<p>30 minutes</p>	<p>Public Affairs Program</p>	<p>Guests included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kyle Kriegl, American Red Cross NW Wisconsin Chapter Executive Director • Jim Ignarski, Development Director Chippewa Falls Family YMCA • Keith Lorasch-Director Chippewa Valley Theatre Guild's production of TOMMY • Adrien Klenz, development director, REACH 	<p>Listeners learned more about the Chippewa Valley premiere of the production of TOMMY, the return of ROCK THE DOME to Loop's Dome in Chippewa Falls (a fund raiser for scholarships for the YMCA) a talent show and fund raiser for REACH-an agency helping those with cognitive disabilities and a look ahead to fire prevention month from the American Red Cross.</p>
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