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Tomahawk woman injured in car accident	News	1/1/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A 36-year old Tomahawk woman was injured Saturday night in a one vehicle accident. She was a passenger in the vehicle driven by a 35-year old Tomahawk man on Bear Trail road when it slid off the road into a tree, snapping off the top causing it to fall into the sunroof of the car. She was treated and released from Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital. Several other passengers were not hurt.</p> <p>What may have started as a chimney fire, destroyed a St. Germain home last night. The call came in to Vilas county dispatch just before 6:30 at a home on Oldenburg Lane. When firefighters arrived flames were already through the second floor. One person inside was able to get out safely.</p> <p>Firefighters from several departments in Marathon County were able to knock down the flames from a fire in a silo. Local officials say the internal safety</p>

				<p>system at Marth Woods Shavings Supply helped keep the fire from spreading. The official cause of the fire is thought to have been a spark which ignited the contents of a silo at the business in the Town of Hamburg. No injuries were reported. The Salvation Army joined emergency responders in providing assistance.</p> <p>Cases of influenza across Wisconsin have been growing at a rapid rate. The state is one of 35 where the flu is now "widespread".</p> <p>And in sports, Matthew Stafford threw for three touchdowns as Detroit beat the turnover-prone and short-handed Green Bay Packers 35-11 yesterday. Well-placed rumors are now swirling about some major changes among the coaching staff.</p>	
House fire in Weston	News	1/2/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Firefighters in Weston were able to contain a house fire last night. Everest Metro Police reported the call about 11:00 at a home on Camp Phillips Road where smoke was coming from the basement. Everyone inside were able to get out safely and there's heavy smoke damage. No one was injured.</p> <p>Two people awoke to the fire alarm and escaped a fire that destroyed their Portage County home. Plover firefighters responded about 2:30 Sunday</p>

					<p>morning to the house on Old Amish Road in the town of Buena Vista. They were joined by at least six other departments battling the blaze and sub-zero temperatures. The cause is still unknown.</p> <p>Coaches and teammates are mourning the death of former Wisconsin-Stout basketball standout and Thorp native Amanda Geissler. The California-based adventure travel company Backroads confirmed Geissler was one of 10 Americans killed in a charter plane crash Sunday in Costa Rica. Two crew members also died. Geissler was a guide for Backroads. She was a point guard at Wisconsin-Stout from 2003-07. A day after Green Bay Packers defensive coordinator Dom Capers was let go, Ted Thompson stepped down from his position as GM. Thompson plans to transition into a new role within the organization and the team will begin its search for a new General Manager immediately. Thompson was the tenth GM in Packers history when he started in 2005. Two other defensive coaches were let go and more changes in the coaching staff could be on the way.</p>
A number of fires over the new years weekend	News	1/2/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A number of fires over the New Year's weekend included an Ashland home destroyed. Fire crews from Ashland, Melon, Washburn and Mason suffered through freezing temperatures battling the blaze at the home on 10th Avenue West. The</p>

structure was engulfed by the time firefighters arrived. Officials say the fire probably started in a basement wood stove. No injuries were reported. The Centers for Disease Control determined Wisconsin is one of 35 states where the flu is now officially considered to be "widespread." The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports 776 patients had to be hospitalized after contracting the influenza virus this season. More than one-third of those cases came in the last week. A majority of the patients admitted to a hospital involved residents of long-term care facilities over the age of 65.

The Department of Natural Resources is ending an aerial pesticide spraying program for about 50 eastern counties. The effort had been aimed at slowing the spread of the leaf-eating gypsy moth. The D-N-R says it was receiving fewer requests from local governments as private-sector alternatives have been developed. It seems to have worked, though. A 2016 report noted the national program had slowed the moth's spread by more than 60 percent, reducing the losses on more than 125-million acres over a 16-year period. In sports the shake-up in the Packers organization continues with the firing of defensive coordinator Dom Capers and two assistants plus losing GM Ted Thompson. His replacement immediately has to negotiate a new contract with MVP

					quarterback Aaron Rodgers.
Crimes targeting senior citizens in the state	News	1/3/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	<p>As the population of senior citizens in Wisconsin grows, so do concerns about crimes targeting those residents. Attorney General Brad Schimel says elder abuse is already a big problem in the state, with one in nine Wisconsin seniors reporting they were the victim of neglect, financial, physical, or sexual abuse in the past year. Those numbers are expected to climb, with the number of residents over the age of 65 set to rise significantly in the coming decade.</p> <p>Beginning January 13th, approved customers of the Rhinelander Water Utility can begin letting water run to avoid the pipes freezing up. The lack of snow and frigid temperatures have driven the frost line to three feet or better in many locations and that can cause problems. A starting list of approved customers is posted at City Hall and on their website. Under the program a thin stream of water is left running to protect lines from freezing. Cost credits are applied after the program ends.</p> <p>Rhinelander Police Captain Ron Lueneburg will take on three incumbents in the school board race this spring. The terms of Ann Munningoff Eschelman, David Holperin and Ron Counter are up and all have filed for re-election. The top three get another three year term.</p> <p>Oneida County's funded snowmobile trails are now officially open, lake trails however are not</p>

					and are in the process of being marked. Officials recommend staying on the marked trails for safety. Riders should expect early season conditions as some of the trails, until there's more significant snow, can be rough.
Snowmobile accident in Lincoln Co.	News	1/3/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Snowmobile trails in Lincoln County just opened and the Sheriff's department reports the first accident, with speed and alcohol contributing factors. A 24-year-old man has been cited for operating a snowmobile while intoxicated. The deputy handling the case noted excessive speed was the leading factor in the crash. The man's name hasn't been released. He was operating the vehicle in the Town of Bradley last Friday at about 2:00 a-m when he lost control and was thrown from the machine. Tomahawk emergency responders transported him to a Wausau hospital where he's expected to recover.</p> <p>Figures released this morning show the Rhinelander Red Kettle campaign for the Salvation Army just missed its \$40,000 goal. Just over \$32,900 was raised and organizers say donations are always welcomed and appreciate the continued community support. The total should go up as a couple corporate donations pledged haven't been counted yet. Volunteer numbers were up 9% over last year as bell ringers set up at ShopKo, Trig's and Walmart in the city.</p>

					<p>The former Milwaukee County sheriff was put in read-only mode by Twitter until he deleted three of his tweets seeming to call for violence against the media. David Clarke Junior, who headed the department for 15 years, had been blocked for violating Twitter's terms of service. After deleting the tweets, he insisted he won't be intimidated into silence by what he calls the "lying liberal media." Twitter rules ban users from making specific threats of violence, or calls for the serious physical harm or death of an individual or group of people.</p>
<p>Death of LacDuFlambeau man being looked into.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/4/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830 a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The State Division of Criminal Investigation is looking into the death of a Lac du Flambeau man. 25-year old Wayne Valliere, Jr was last seen several days before Christmas. His death was confirmed by Tribal President Joseph Wildcat, Sr who asked in a statement yesterday that the family and loved ones get the space and time they need to grieve. Tribal Police along with investigators with the Forest, Iron and Vilas County Sheriff's Departments are assisting the DCI. There's no word on how he died.</p> <p>Wisconsin's new law allowing metallic mining doesn't go into effect until July but that's not stopping counties from forming their own ordinances dealing it. Marathon County's land</p>

					<p>conservation and zoning committee yesterday updated their progress and hope to have a draft by the end of next month. Governor Scott Walker last month signed the bill lifting the moratorium on metallic mining in the state.</p> <p>The Pro Vintage snowmobile races stop in Tomahawk Saturday as hundreds of drivers take to the ice oval. Weather has been perfect for the track, playing host to more than 30 classes of machines. Racers travel from all over the Midwest, both coasts and Alaska to take part in the events, featuring sleds from the 1960s to the mid-90s. Racing begins at 10 at the Tomahawk Speedway.</p> <p>Published reports out of Green Bay show offensive coordinator Edgar Bennett and quarterbacks coach Alex Van Pelt have been fired. Bennett's been with the organization since 2001 while Van Pelt was hired five years ago.</p>
Wisconsin collects on polluters in the state	News	1/4/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Justice collected more than one-point-four-million dollars in forfeitures and surcharges from polluters last year. Republican Attorney General Brad Schimel has been criticized by Wisconsin environmentalists for not getting more money from polluters and failing to publicize his office's environmental enforcement work. A report issued this week</p>

shows the state agency completed 49 environmental enforcement cases. It also secured another 18-point-six-million dollars for environmental improvement projects.

The average household in the state will spend close to \$2000 on gasoline this year, that's according to gasbuddy.com, who expects prices at the pump to be the highest in four years. The Great Lakes region is typically susceptible to severe price hikes because of the switching from summer to winter blends. The average price is expected to be around \$2.57 a gallon.

Wisconsin is one of the 10 states where United Van Lines reports more people are moving out than are moving in. The company's annual movers study was released this week. It shows Americans are moving to mountain states and the Pacific Northwest, while moving from Northeast and Midwest states. The study tracks customers' state-to-state migration patterns over the previous 12 months. Illinois saw the most customers moving out. Of the people who contracted with United Van Lines for its services in Wisconsin, 55 percent of them were moving away from the Badger State.

State Senator Leah Vukmir of Brookfield and Delafield businessman Kevin Nicolson will sign a pledge to support the eventual nominee in their

					effort to unseat incumbent Democrat Tammy Baldwin.
A texas suspect shot in Forest Co.	News	1/5/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	A Democratic legislator is questioning why lawmakers should wait until after the next state budget is taken up to act on protecting inmates at Lincoln Hills. State Representative Evan Goyke of Milwaukee introduced a bill in November that largely mirrors the plan outlined by Governor Scott Walker's administration yesterday. It calls for closing the Lincoln Hills and Copper Lakes youth prisons near Irma and relocating inmates to five smaller regional facilities, which would have to be built. Lincoln Hills would then reopen as an adult prison. Goyke thinks his bill should receive a hearing this session, before lawmakers head home for the year this spring, and he plans to ask GOP leadership to schedule one as soon as possible. Walker faces reelection this year, which has prompted some Democratic criticism that the decision to act on complaints about safety at Lincoln Hills that have persisted for more than two years is motivated by politics. Goyke says he's not sure what has prompted the Walker administration to take up the issue now, but he believes it's at least partially due to his plan including a way to re-purpose Lincoln Hills to address bed shortages in the adult prison

					<p>population.</p> <p>A suspect wanted on felonies in Texas was shot and killed by a Forest County Sheriff's deputy yesterday morning. The incident occurred just before nine in the town of Nashville when the deputy ran the plates of a disabled vehicle. As he approached, the suspect pointed a shotgun at him and the deputy fired. Both have not been identified as the investigation continues.</p>
<p>People taken into custody of LacDuflambeau man</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/5/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Law enforcement agencies have taken five people into custody in the death of a Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa tribal member. The identities of the people arrested haven't been released. They were taken into custody in connection with the death of 25-year-old Wayne Valliere Junior. He went missing December 22nd and his body was found Monday in a rural area of Iron County. Authorities haven't revealed any details of the way Valliere died or the motive for his killing.</p> <p>Deputies at the Wood County Jail say a 28-year-old Wausau woman was serving a 45-day sentence for retail theft when she apparently killed herself. The woman's name hasn't been released. Jail officials say they found her hanging in the shower area December 22nd. She died</p>

				<p>seven days later at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison. Three inmates have died at the jail in Wisconsin Rapids last month -- two of them were suicides and the other death is still being investigated.</p> <p>Shawano County authorities say a farmer failed to take action after several warnings -- now, he faces six charges of mistreating dozens of cattle, horses and chickens. Lance Rogalla could face up to nine months behind bars. Authorities warned Rogalla and a woman with him to clean up his barn and make sure his animals had food and water in November. An anonymous complaint brought deputies back out to the farm near Eland December 28th. Two horses, 28 chickens and 18 cattle were found with little or no food, water or shelter in sub-zero temperatures.</p>	
Barron Co. looks into missing man	News	1/8/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	<p>Barron County Sheriff's Investigators are following up on the death of a Chetek man, missing since Christmas Eve. 49-year-old Joseph Moen wasn't dressed appropriately for the bitterly cold weather.</p> <p>Congressman Sean Duff sees no problem with President Donald Trump's use of Twitter to connect with the public. The Wausau Republican said at a town hall meeting in the city last week, the use of social media bypasses the unfair media coverage. He does admit Trump needs to be more judicious in the language he uses online.</p>

					<p>Critics have targeted the president's use of the method as damaging diplomatic relations. The Department of Natural Resources is investigating a picture posted on social media depicting a wolf attack on a horse. That posting has once again stirred up the debate about wolves in the North. The D-N-R is trying to find out if and when the attack happened and whether the wolf was really killed as the result. The photo posted on Facebook has been shared more than five-thousand times. Killing the wolf would be illegal unless human health and safety is at risk. For a change, much of the week will see more normal temperatures for this time of year with some breezy conditions and occasional snow flurries. Highs in the upper 20s to mid-30s will carry into Friday when it's a quick return to the deep freeze.</p> <p>While the Green Bay Packers haven't made it official, numerous sources say longtime scout and personnel director Doug Gutekunst is the successor to the General Manager's role, left by Ted Thompson.</p>
Lincoln Co. stop turns into drug arrest	News	1/8/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A Lincoln County traffic stop early Saturday morning turned into a drug arrest. Three people are in custody after a deputy stopped a vehicle for making an unlawful turn. K9 officer Nina alerted to drugs inside and two Eagle River men were taken into custody after</p>

methamphetamines were discovered. Another passenger, a West Allis woman was also arrested. A 17-year-old student at Mosinee High School is charged with one felony and four misdemeanors after guns and knives were found in his pickup. Authorities say the weapons were in the truck, on school property, while Logan Kasat was in class. A female classmate told school officials about the weapons, saying she was afraid to go to class with him. He told police the pistol belonged to his grandfather and the rifle was used for hunting. Kasat said he forgot the guns were in his pickup and he had no intention of harming anyone. Barron County deputies arrested a 46-year old man after a 4-1/2 hour standoff at a home in Rice Lake's Anderson Trailer court. A woman called saying she was trapped and her boyfriend, Darin Jenkins, was threatening to shoot her. She was rescued about 3:30 yesterday morning. Tomahawk firefighters responded to what was reported to be a vehicle fire Saturday morning on Hwy 51. The driver said it was a mechanical issue causing all the smoke. Several hours later a second vehicle fire was reported in the Town of Pine River. A passerby was able to shovel snow into the engine compartment and put it out before officials arrived.

LacDuFlambeau man appears in	News	1/9/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	The first of five people arrested in connection with the death of a Lac du Flambeau man appeared
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in Iron County Court and remains held on a million dollar cash bond. 27-year old Richard Allen is expected to be charged with first degree intentional homicide in the death of Wayne Vallerie, Jr. He was reported missing just before Christmas and his body was found New Year's Day near Mercer. The remaining suspects should have hearings this week.

Acting on a tip on child pornography sharing last month, investigators arrested a 44-year old Rhinelander man. Danial Smith is accused of accessing the images through an online chatroom and faces two felony counts of possessing child porn. He's free on a \$10,000 signature bond and back in court February 16th.

While snowmobile trails across the North are open, rated good in the snow-belt but in fair condition overall, Central Wisconsin is still waiting for snow. Most of the Lincoln County trails have yet to open and nothing is available yet in Marathon County. Officials say a wet, heavy snow is needed to increase the base needed to maintain the trails through the season. And some snow is in the forecast later this week.

The Oneida County Fair has a new coordinator. The Fair Planning committee announced local

author Thomas Barnett will fill the vacancy created by Nancy Gehrig, who stepped down from the position she's held for five years. This year's event runs August 2nd through the 5th at Pioneer Park in Rhinelander.

A 19-year-old Eagle River man entered not guilty pleas to two felony charges connected to an accidental fatal shooting last September. Jeremiah Fox Solis was showing off a new pistol he bought at a gun show and thought it was unloaded when he pulled the trigger and killed 20-year-old Connor Stephens with a bullet to the chest. Solis admitted he had smoked marijuana before the accident. Solis faces charges of homicide by firearm with a controlled substance and homicide by negligent handling of a dangerous weapon.

When he is sentenced in March, a Rhinelander man who poisoned a dog could get up to three-and-a-half years in prison. Robert Runnerstrom admitted using toilet bowl cleaner to kill the dog last May. Police say a woman accused him of poisoning the animal. A woman at his home told investigators Runnerstrom said the dog got into some poison in his bathroom. A piece of wood was found in that bathroom, with some blood nearby. The dog was found outside in a bag, suffering from a skull fracture.

Eagle River man enters plea

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				<p>Governor Scott Walker says he'll use his State of the State address in two weeks to reveal more details about his prison overhaul plan. Walker wants to remove juvenile inmates from Lincoln Hills and house them in five regional facilities. He's also expected to talk about his priorities for his eighth year in office. Democrats have criticized the Republican for not doing more to make the regional juvenile prison system a reality. The governor says he will talk about priorities like education and health care.</p>
<p>Work begins on a section of downtown Rhinelander</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/10/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Work begins today on a portion of Stevens Street in downtown Rhinelander after a water line break buckled the pavement by McDonalds. Ironically the work will be in full view of city hall, after spending millions of dollars on the downtown Streetscape project to replace pipes and redo the roads. Crews will examine the break today to see how it broke and what needs to be done.</p> <p>An Antigo native has been found safe after an attack in Costa Rica. Ryan Messerschmidt was vacationing in the country when officials say he was targeted by gang members. He was allegedly beaten, stabbed and drugged and was hospitalized, but he left in fear for his life and went into hiding and lost contact with his family. His sister and brother in law are headed there to make sure he gets the proper medical attention</p>

				<p>and a safe way home.</p> <p>Students at Rib Lake Elementary School head back to class today after spending much of yesterday at the middle school after a threatening note was found. Investigators with the Taylor county sheriff's department found the building safe for kids to return.</p> <p>No one was hurt in a car fire on Lake Wausau last night. The vehicle got stuck and the spinning tires ignited trying to get out of a rut. Wausau firefighters had to shovel snow on the car since their trucks couldn't reach it and had to wait until the burning gasoline went out on its own.</p> <p>And in sports, former Browns coach Mike Pettine is expected to be green bay's new defensive coordinator.</p>	
Wausau man gets four life sentences	News	1/101/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A federal judge gave a 37-year-old prison inmate four life sentences for a pair of Wausau robberies. Curtis Langlois was already serving a life term for killing Kendrith Young. Federal agents say Langlois murdered Young, then drove to Wausau to stick up a convenience store and a video store, getting about 26-hundred dollars. Langlois' 27-year-old girlfriend, Holly Antijunti, has been given a five-year sentence for buying the gun he used in the crimes. Langlois couldn't buy it because he</p>

was a convicted felon. Authorities aren't saying how he might have done it, Richard Allen of Lac du Flambeau is held on one-million dollars bond for killing Wayne Valliere Junior. No details about how he died have been released. Investigators say they have verified the information gathered from witnesses and co-conspirators singling out Allen as the killer. Five people were arrested and charges of first-degree intentional homicide are expected today in Iron County Court. Valliere was last seen December 22nd and officially reported missing Christmas Day. His body was found New Year's Day. Neighbors living near a 44-year-old Aniwa woman say their dogs had gone missing in recent months. Kimberly Lawrence told investigators she found the dogs running loose on the road. Lawrence entered a series of guilty and no-contest pleas to charges she stole more than 30 dogs, cats and a pig found on her property in unsanitary conditions. Lawrence has been placed on three years' probation. A second suspect in the case, Randy Diels, is scheduled to return to Shawano County Court next month.

<p>Winter weather advisories are posted for parts of the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/11/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830 a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Winter Weather Advisories are spread across western and north central Wisconsin today. Extremely slippery road conditions this morning will only get worse as the temperatures are expected to drop with this system, ushered in by gusty NW</p>
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winds. The early morning drizzle and light rain will turn to snow with an average of 3-6 inches over much of the listening area with locally higher amounts in Ashland and Iron Counties where a winter storm warning is in effect.

A single vehicle crash in Ashland County yesterday morning killed the driver. The Sheriff's Department reported the accident just before 8 on Hwy 13 near Glidden. The SUV left the road, striking a tree. The name of the victim has not yet been released.

Voters in the DC Everest School district will see a \$60-million referendum this spring. Significant growth has prompted the move with money going to more classrooms, additions to technical education and remodeling and modernizing parts of the senior and junior high schools, middle school and Hatley Elementary. Rothschild, Weston, Riverside and Evergreen Elementary Schools are also included in the referendum. The three candidates for Rhinelander mayor have been invited to a community forum next Wednesday. Hosted by the Northwoods tobacco Free Coalition and Northwoods COPE, the event will be held at the Rhinelander District Library. Incumbent Dick Johns is not seeking re-election next year and Alderman Alex Young, former alderman Scott Counter and Chris Frederickson, a respiratory therapist and youth coach are seeking

					the position. No word yet on who may be appearing.
Winter storm bears down on the state	News	1/11/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Various weather advisories span the north half of the state today as an early winter storm bears down. The icy conditions of the morning gave way to heavy, wet snow and the average total is expected to be around five inches with locally heavier amounts in the snow belt. Travel, especially on back roads is hazardous with the freezing rain that came down first. Dozens of schools cancelled classes and activities tonight and all the latest information is on this station's website.</p> <p>The reasons behind a growing number of fatal shootings by Wisconsin police officers are being debated. There were 24 last year. Two of the fatal shootings are still being investigated and the officers were cleared in 22. The Wisconsin Professional Police Association points out there were twice as many assaults on police officers in this state as there were in Minnesota -- and Wisconsin's crime rate is significantly higher than the bordering state. The American Civil Liberties Union just wants to make sure every case is investigated properly and nobody gets a free pass.</p> <p>Prosecutors say a former Superior city councilor was drunk when he pointed a gun at his fiancée</p>

				<p>during an argument. Twenty-six-year-old Graham Garfield was scheduled to go on trial January 23rd, but the trial date was moved to April at a hearing last week in Douglas County Circuit Court. Garfield faces one felony charge of recklessly endangering safety and three misdemeanors, plus citations for O-W-I-related offenses. His trial date was delayed so a crime lab analyst will be available to give testimony.</p>	
<p>Three vehicle crash puts people in hospital</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/12/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A three vehicle crash in Marathon County yesterday afternoon put four people in the hospital. The Sheriff's Department reported the accident just before three on Hwy 13 in Brighton Township. Road conditions contributed to the crash.</p> <p>That same weather has area snowmobile clubs at work grooming trails that needed help. Conditions vary but overall riders are still finding early season conditions. The rain and drizzle yesterday and the frigid temperatures this morning are helping to firm up the base, with the snowball evening out the recent bumpy rides. Officials caution slow going into corners as they're quite icy. Lake trails have also been marked for the season. Heading into the weekend conditions are rated as good.</p> <p>The Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake youth prison has another new superintendent. The Department of</p>

					<p>Corrections announced Jason Benzel will begin later this month. He has 24 years of experience within the department and third person to manage the institution since last August.</p> <p>The 7th annual Leinenkugels Classic Pond Hockey Tournament opens at Marathon Park in Wausau today. 66 teams from seven states will compete in the second largest tournament in the state. The games run through Sunday.</p> <p>And in Eagle River, the Country Cat Vintage World Championship Snowmobile Derby opens today on the famed ice oval. More than 300 entries from across the country begin races at nine each day through the weekend.</p> <p>Wisconsin standout fullback Austin Ramesh is looking toward the NFL. The former first-team all-state prep standout rushed for just under 6000 yards and 60 touchdowns for Northland Pines High School.</p>
Wausau police arrest men for setting a storage locker on fire	News	1/12/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Wausau police arrested two men for allegedly setting a storage building near Wausau East high school on fire. Twenty-two-year-old William Ritchie and 19-year-old Jacob Kerswill are scheduled to make court appearances next week. Both are charged with arson for burning the building early Wednesday morning. Surveillance video shows a fire breaking out shortly after 3:00 a-m. Graffiti</p>

had been painted on the same building in recent days and police think the two crimes are connected.

For the fourth time in the last two years, the troubled Lincoln Hill School for Boys has a new leader. The Wisconsin Department of Corrections is moving deputy warden Jason Benzel from Prairie du Chien to the teen prison, which has been under a criminal investigation for the last three years. Governor Scott Walker plans to close the prison and convert it to an adult prison if he is re-elected. Benzel starts his new position January 22nd. Lincoln Hills was raided by investigators in December 2015 and federal prosecutors have notified two former guards they could face charges.

An audit released by the Wisconsin Ethics Commission suggests more than 14 percent of the lobbyists working at the state capitol may not be authorized. While no names were released, any lobbyist in violation of state law could face thousands of dollars in fines. A spokesperson for the Association of Wisconsin Lobbyists says he doubts anyone had bad intentions, blaming the disparity on process and paperwork. Of 539 lobbyists trying to persuade lawmakers to support or oppose bills, 78 weren't registered as required.

Two people die in Price Co.	News	1/15/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	Two people died in a Price County snowmobile crash yesterday. The sheriff's department reports
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the two men, 33 and 37 years old were together on a sled that investigators say was traveling on Long Lake in the town of Elk when it collided with the shore. Search and rescue teams discovered the accident shortly before 2 yesterday morning. Both were pronounced dead at the scene. Their identities have not been released.

Two of the three candidates for Rhinelander mayor may not be on the ballot after their paperwork was ruled invalid. Chris Frederickson and Scott Counter both had enough signatures on their candidacy papers but failed to certify them properly. City Clerk Val Foley, acting on a challenge from fellow candidate Alex Young over the mistake, reviewed the forms and found both men no longer had enough signatures and ruled them invalid. Frederickson is appealing the decision while Counter said he would run as a write-in. The mayor's seat is open as incumbent Dick Johns is not seeking re-election.

A winter weather advisory remains in effect until midnight for most of Wisconsin with total accumulations of 4-to-6 inches. Just over an inch fell overnight, covering what are still treacherous road conditions in many places from last week's rain and ice. Numerous injury accidents were reported over the weekend and authorities

					<p>remind drivers to adjust to the conditions and slow down.</p> <p>And in sports, with no time remaining, Vikings quarterback Case Keenum fired a pass to Stefon Diggs of 61 yards to give Minnesota a 29-24 win over the New Orleans Saints.</p>
<p>Two people arrested in a string of Langlade Co. burglaries</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/15/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two people have been arrested in connection with a series of burglaries this month in Langlade County. 18 year old Justice Brisk and 20 year old Salvador Hernandez are in jail charged with three counts of burglary. Brisk also faces 12 additional counts on allegations she and two others broke into properties last summer.</p> <p>The largest township in Oneida County is looking at the possibility of opening select roads to ATV traffic. Now having an official ATV club to help with implementation of a plan, town officials meet January 25th to schedule a date for a public hearing. There's been strong support for the routes as more continue to develop in neighboring counties, especially to the North.</p> <p>The American Lung Association of Wisconsin will offer public housing residents help in their efforts to quit smoking. Persons living in public housing will no longer be allowed to light up in their respective housing units starting July 31st. All public housing will be required to be smoke-free by July 31st under a new U-S Housing and Urban</p>

				<p>Development (HUD) policy. Under the policy, residents will not be allowed to smoke inside or within 25 feet of the building.</p> <p>Get ready to pay different prices this year for the Wisconsin State Park System. The DNR is changing things up with a new demand-based pricing structure that takes effect February 15th. The annual admission fees won't change and camping rates will fluctuate based on demand across the system. The average fee will go up three-dollars for camping, with a maximum of seven-dollars.</p>
<p>Area fire depts. Dispatched to fire at local air field</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/16/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Multiple fire departments were dispatched to a structure fire last night at the Dolhun Air Strip just north of Lake Tomahawk about 8:00. The 40x40 hangar was engulfed in flames as firefighters arrived. It was primarily used for boat and RV storage and is a total loss. No one was inside and the cause is not yet known. The scene wasn't cleared until 1:00 this morning.</p> <p>More details about the crash that closed Hwy 8 west of Rhinelander Friday afternoon. Investigators say a pickup driven by 58-year old James Weiland of Merrill crossed the centerline and collided with a semi operated by 59-year old Byron Gray of Texas. The rig jackknifed across the highway. Weiland was air lifted to Aspirus Wausau Hospital and is listed in critical condition. Gray</p>

					<p>was not hurt.</p> <p>Numerous winter storm warnings and advisories blanketed the southeast corner of the state yesterday, with the Door County community of Bailey's Harbor taking the brunt of it with over 20-inches of snow. Heavy, lake effect snow stretched to just north of Milwaukee before continuing east.</p> <p>Antigo native Ryan Messerschmidt is back in the US, after being reported missing in Costa Rica earlier this month. He was allegedly attacked and injured while there and he's now in the hospital, according to his sister who went there to find him.</p> <p>U-S Senator Tammy Baldwin says 25-thousand people in Wisconsin are part of the Central States Pension Fund, which has become severely underfunded. Senate Democrats are proposing legislation to put the pension plans back on a solid footing.</p>
Gov. Walker wants to close state youth prison earlier than thought	News	1/16/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Gov. Scott Walker wants to close Wisconsin's troubled youth prison earlier than first planned. The Republican governor, amid criticism from Democrats, is urging the Legislature to adopt his plan to close the Lincoln Hills-Copper Lake juvenile facility near Irma this spring, rather than 18 months from now. The \$80 million reorganization</p>

would change Lincoln Hills-Copper Lake into a medium security adult prison and open five smaller regional prisons for young offenders. Walker said earlier this month he was open to moving up the closure if the Legislature wanted to do so this year, a move that could defuse a political liability for Walker as he seeks a third term in office. Multiple lawsuits allege inmate abuse at the current facility.

As it stands right now, Alex Young will be the only name on the ballot for Rhinelander mayor come April. Last week Young challenged the nomination papers of his competitors, Chris Frederickson and Scott Counter. City Clerk Val Foley reviewed the forms and found them certified before signatures were collected, a violation of state election laws and invalidated them. Counter plans to mount a write-in campaign while Frederickson appealed the decision to both the elections and ethics commissions. If denied he'll register to run as a write-in as well.

A math and physics teacher at Thorp High School is on indefinite leave due to what are being called inappropriate communications with a student. Wausau police already said they don't anticipate the filing of any charges against Mark Wenta, with the district since 2009.

<p>Rhineland business announces layoffs</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/17/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>One of Rhineland's largest employers announced a layoff yesterday. Doctors Foster and Smith will trim their marketing, merchandising and ecommerce support departments by 55 positions. Purchased by Petco three years ago, a company statement said the positions will move out of state. More than 450 people work at the complex in the Airport Industrial Park. The changes were made to expand key operational areas according to company officials. Drs. Foster and Smith is the nation's largest catalog and online seller of pet supplies.</p> <p>The names of the two men killed in a Price County snowmobile crash have been released. 37-year old Garrett Peterson of Wausau and 33-year old Adam Wolf of Spencer were killed when their sled crashed into the shoreline of Long Lake last Saturday. Search teams with the Price County sheriff's department discovered the accident early Sunday morning after they'd been reported missing.</p> <p>Investigators going through what's left of an airport hanger at Dolhun Field in Woodruff say the cause is still undetermined. The old building was destroyed Monday night along with a number of boats, campers, trailers and other recreational</p>
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				<p>items stored there. A dozen fire departments responded battling the large blaze and freezing temperatures.</p> <p>After 38 years in law enforcement, the last 11 as Lincoln County Sheriff, Jeff Jaeger will retire at the end of the year. In a letter to the county Jaeger highlighted what the department accomplished, from cost saving measures to developing two K-9 teams and an increased focus on illegal drugs.</p>	
Man sentenced in Portage Co.	New	1/17/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A Portage County jury took just 30 minutes to find a Bancroft man guilty of negligent homicide yesterday. Fifty-nine-year-old Scott Sawyer was on trial for causing a crash which killed his best friend nearly three years ago. The jury convicted him in the death of 52-year-old Gregory Turner. Sawyer lost control of his high-powered sports car while showing Turner how fast it would go. When it went out of control, hit a ditch and rolled over, Turner was ejected. Sawyer will be sentenced in March.</p> <p>While the frigid temperatures and recent snowfalls have snowmobile trails across the north in good to very good condition, the same cannot be said about the ice caves on Lake Superior. The Apostle Islands National Lakeshore reports things may look solid, ice conditions are poor and access to</p>

				<p>the caves remains closed. The weak ice formed from slush has caused it to become extremely jagged and impossible to walk on or allow snowmobile access in case of an emergency. A current option is the Lakeshore Trail using foot traction devices and staying back for the edge of the cliff. A memo released yesterday shows the Foxconn manufacturing complex in Racine County could cost taxpayers almost four-and-a-half-billion dollars. Project backers have promised up to 13-thousand jobs at the plant, which will transform the economy in southeastern Wisconsin. The Legislature approved a tax incentive package to lure Foxconn which is worth about three-billion dollars. The estimate from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau includes other public costs, like local government incentives and more than 400-million spent expanding I-94.</p>	
Rhinelanders mayoral race gets heated up	News	1/18/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	<p>The first mayoral forum of the campaign season began last night in Rhinelanders with only one of the three declared candidates. Alex Young discovered the mistakes made on nomination papers by challengers Chris Frederickson and Scott Counter that ended up disqualifying them from appearing on the spring ballot. He addressed group assembled at the district library saying attention to details is important and he's</p>

the right person for the job. Counter's already said he's mounting a write-in campaign while Frederickson is waiting to hear back from state officials after appealing the decision of city clerk Val Foley to invalidate his paperwork. The forum was sponsored by the Northwoods Tobacco Free Coalition.

On January 4th near the Town of Nashville in Forest County, a sheriff's deputy shot and killed a man pointing a shotgun at him. The Justice Department identified Craig Justice as the officer yesterday, a 21-year veteran of the department. The victim, 31-year old Brandon Cude was in a stalled vehicle when the incident took place. He had served prison time in Texas for aggravated assault and was wanted on additional assault charges. Justice is on administrative leave while the investigation continues.

Taylor and Clark County SWAT teams assisted police near Medford yesterday after an armed man held officials at bay for several hours. Two women and a child were reportedly inside with him and shots were fired as officers approached. He threatened to shoot anyone coming near the house. Officials negotiated with him and he was arrested when he came out. There are no reports of anyone being hurt.

Medford police identify man in standoff	News	1/18/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Police in Medford identified 31-year old Jack Wendt as the man arrested last night following an armed standoff at a home in the city. A call to the sheriff's department reported two women and a 7-year old were in a home with a man with a gun. When authorities arrived they heard gunshots and barricaded the area. Wendt allegedly threatened to shoot officers if they approached the home. After a lengthy negotiation he gave himself up and was arrested. No one was hurt and there was no one else in the home.</p> <p>A deputy with the Forest County Sheriff's Department is on administrative leave while a shooting is investigated. Deputy Craig Justice shot a wanted sex offender when the Texas fugitive pointed a shotgun at him January 4th. He originally responded to a report of stranded motorist. When 31-year-old Brandon Cude realized Justice knew he was wanted, he pointed the weapon at the deputy and the deputy shot him to death. State investigators say they will turn over their findings to the Forest County district attorney for a decision about filing charges. A Marshfield man is charged with 11 felonies after responding to a Craigslist ad posted by an undercover officer. A judge decided 42-year-old Jared Teche should go to trial. The October sting operation was aimed at child sex predators. The</p>
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					<p>Eau Claire police officer was posing as the father of two girls, ages eight and 11, offering them online for sex. Police say Teche agreed to pay 400 dollars to have sexual contact with the younger girl.</p>
<p>Medford police describe man in standoff with police</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/19/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Medford police say a 31-year-old man was apparently high on cold and flu medication when he started shooting a stolen gun and held authorities in a five-hour standoff. Jake Wendt made a Taylor County court appearance Thursday. Police say he stole a .38-caliber pistol from a neighbor, loaded it and started making threats and delusional comments. He fired eight shots into the ceiling and walls before refusing to surrender to authorities. Wendt could face up to 10 felony charges. He returns to court March 6th.</p> <p>Snowmobilers will see more Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources conservation wardens on the northern Wisconsin trails this month promoting safe, sober and smart driving. Lt. Dave Walz of Woodruff in Vilas County says one death is too many in any snowmobile season - and so far Wisconsin has had five fatalities and as many injuries. Walz says speed</p>

and being under the influence of intoxicants have been factors in the serious crashes so far in the early season.

The Legislative Fiscal Bureau is telling state leaders the current budget will end in 2019 with 138-million dollars more than they expected. The Fiscal Bureau says Wisconsin will have a balance of 385-million dollars when the two-year budget ends June 30th, 2019. The adjusted forecast is the result of an additional 76-million dollars in tax collections and a spending reduction of 98-million -- mostly due to new estimates of debt payments and a fund transfer totaling 38-million dollars.

Gov. Walker has backing on welfare reform

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Governor Scott Walker has the backing of legislative leaders for his call for a special legislative session on welfare reform. A package called "Wisconsin Works for Everyone" would make people receiving food stamps increase their job search or job training from 20 hours-a-week to 30. They would also have to take drug tests to get benefits. Walker says he wants an asset check to make certain people getting state aid really need it. Republicans hope to introduce the legislation next week.

Brown County prosecutors say the man accused of using his vehicle to smash cars and chase two former co-workers through Lambeau Field's parking lot in late December has been bound over for trial. Forty-year-old Chay Vang appeared before a Brown County judge yesterday for a preliminary hearing on two charges of recklessly endangering safety and five counts of criminal damage to property for the December 22nd incident. A judge determined there was enough evidence for the case to move forward.

A company whose employees were photographed openly carrying firearms and displaying a K-K-K sticker has had two contracts with the city terminated. It hasn't been determined if American Sewer Services will be allowed to bid on future contracts. The Milwaukee Common Council passed the resolution Wednesday and the company isn't contesting the act. The offending photographs were posted on Facebook last month.

<p>Winter storm warnings are in effect across the</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/22/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830 a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Winter storm warnings are in effect across the entire broadcast area today, prompting many school to already cancel classes in advance of</p>
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the storm that's expected to dump as much as a foot of snow in some locations. A wintery mix of precipitation will fall to the south with minor ice accumulations possible. Much of the snow isn't expected until late this morning across the North and officials advise adjusting travel plans if you're driving this afternoon into tonight. On average, about six to eight inches of snow is expected roughly north of a line from Wausau to Antigo to Wausaukee, with a mix of snow, sleet freezing rain and rain further south. Mostly rain is expected in the Fox Valley and lakeshore counties south of Algoma.

Fire destroyed a garage and heavily damaged a home in Minocqua yesterday afternoon. Firefighters were dispatched to the residence on West Squaw Lake Road just after 3. Because water wasn't immediately available nearby, additional departments were sent for tankers. Those inside were able to get out safely and no injuries were reported.

Governor Scott Walker will ask lawmakers during his State of the State address this week to support a law guaranteeing people with pre-existing conditions can keep their health insurance. It's one of several healthcare initiatives he's

					<p>proposing, which opponents call political posturing.</p> <p>21-year old Blaine Stephenson of Hutchinson, Minnesota captured the World Championship snowmobile trophy in Eagle River yesterday.</p> <p>And the Minnesota Vikings were squashed by the Philadelphia Eagles in the NFC title game, 38-7.</p>
<p>One person in Lincoln Co. jail after traffic stop this morning</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/22/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>One person is in the Lincoln County jail after a traffic stop early this morning. The sheriff's department reported two others will likely face drug charges. A deputy stopped a vehicle at the Hwys 51 and 64 intersection for a traffic violation when K-9 officer Nina reacted to drugs. A search revealed numerous items. A 17-year old Wausau man was arrested on possession charges while the other two were referred to the DA's office for additional charges.</p> <p>Rhinelanders City Council meets in special session tonight to act on petitions to vacate a portion of Cherokee Lane between Chippewa Drive and Hwy 17 on the city's northeast side. The move is considered as the Aspirus Clinic plans to more than double the size of its existing 35,000 square foot clinic at that location. All the surrounding land owners signed off on the request. The council will also discuss whether or not to support a proposal for a roundabout at the intersection of</p>

				<p>Hwys 8 and 47.</p> <p>The Oneida County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with Nicolet College started a GED program in the county jail. The college provides an instructor that meets with participants four times per week. The program's been running for a while and one of the participants successfully completed their GED. Sheriff Grady Hartman said it's important to provide inmates with positive programs that can allow for growth while in jail. The program may also reduce repeat offenses that can occur when inmates don't have the chance to improve themselves while in custody.</p>	
A man involved in crash dies	News	1/23/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>The man critically injured in a crash with a semi west of Rhinelander has died. James Weiland, a popular pastor at Christ Evangelical Lutheran church in Merrill passed away yesterday. He was airlifted from the accident on Hwy 8 on Friday the 12th to Aspirus Wausau Hospital.</p> <p>Rhinelander's City Council took no action in support of a proposal to convert the intersection of Hwys 8 and 47 west of town to a roundabout. In a special meeting last night aldermen held off on sending a letter of support to the Department of Transportation, waiting to see what their final recommendation would be. There's a significant cost saving between the roundabout and building offset turn lanes. That decision could</p>

					<p>come yet this month and construction wouldn't begin until next year.</p> <p>The public can comment on proposed plans to provide ATV/UTV access at three properties in the North. The DNR would open the Upper Wolf River Fishery Area, Turtle-Flambeau Scenic Waters and Willow Flowage Scenic Waters Areas. Last September the natural resources board approved and evaluation by the department to amend the current master plans for these areas, allowing the use. Comments will be taken until February 4th.</p> <p>A deer in Lincoln county tested positive for chronic wasting disease. A baiting and feeding ban goes into effect next month for three years in both Lincoln and Langlade counties. Oneida county is already under a similar ban and it may be renewed with this newest detection. The animal was found in northeast Lincoln County, south of Rhinelander.</p>
<p>First big snowfall of winter hits the area</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/23/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>It was back to business as usual today after the first significant snowfall of the winter. The Phillips area tallied over 13" while Lac du Flambeau got a foot. McNaughton and Lake Tomahawk picked up 10" while Rhinelander averaged about nine. Wausau tallied nearly 6". While schools closed in advance of the storm yesterday, most were open today or delayed.</p>

Stevens Point Police are blaming a domestic dispute for a stabbing at a motel yesterday. Officers were called to the La Quinta Inn to deal with a fight between a man and a woman. The 24-year-old man was gone by the time officers arrived, but the 32-year-old woman was still there. The man was taken into custody a short distance away. Investigators say they found that a knife was used during the fight. Emergency medical technicians treated the couple for injuries not thought to be life-threatening. Their names haven't been released and no formal charges have been announced. It wasn't reported which participant in the fight was stabbed.

The two people arrested last week with nearly 300 pounds of marijuana are in the Trempealeau county jail on \$25-thousand cash bonds. 32-year old Joel Holding of Tomahawk and 25-year old Valerie Flores of Wausau face four felony drug charges among other things next month. Both are repeat offenders. Two separate high speed pursuits by the State Patrol began near Osseo Thursday and ran through several counties before they were stopped. The pair were wanted on warrants from the state department of corrections.

Snowfall becomes a boon	News	1/24/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	This week's snowfall is already becoming a boon to business. Outdoor enthusiasts are already
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streaming North to take advantage of ski, snowshoe and snowmobile trails in perfect season form. Area chambers acknowledge the business affects everyone from lodging to restaurants and bars to gas stations and grocery stores. Those communities with trail access to downtown are expecting a brisk business heading into the weekend. Local snowmobile clubs out maintaining trail systems with the new snow say conditions are very good but worry about another warm up expected on Friday.

Traffic will be tied up on Wausau's east side as city crews work to fix a broken sewer line. The break is on the north side of Sturgeon Eddy Road near the Wisconsin Street intersection. Sturgeon Eddy Rd. from Grand Ave. to Weston Ave. will be closed while repairs are made. The Public Works department has temporary pumping and transport of waste water to the treatment plant until the break is fixed but the timetable is unknown.

It's not known where cuts will be made but Kimberly-Clark plans to layoff nearly 5500 workers. The company employs more than 3000 in Wisconsin. They also plan to close or sell 10 manufacturing plants

Nicolet College in Rhinelander was awarded a \$25,000 grant yesterday for business

					development. Lt. Governor Rebecca Kleefisch made the presentation to help the college expand its entrepreneurship program. The program teaches skills needed to begin a business. It's the second year in a row Nicolet received the grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.
Tomah police dog sniffs out bomb	News	1/24/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A Tomah police dog reacted to a car pulled over for a traffic violation early yesterday and a search of that car turned up an improvised explosive device. Officers say they determined that 35-year-old Anthony Sherwin rents a storage unit in Holmen, and executing a search warrant they found more potentially dangerous items. Nearby businesses were evacuated. The Monroe County district attorney has filed eight charges against Sherwin.</p> <p>A Wood County judge sentenced a Wisconsin Rapids man to 20 years in prison for killing his wife's friend. Fifty-nine-year-old Mark Kusters thought the victim was having an affair with his wife. He was found guilty of first-degree reckless homicide in November and was sentenced yesterday. Kusters was arrested in September 2016 when officers found Richard Flynn lying on the ground with two gunshot wounds. He died after being taken to a hospital. Kuster's wife said Flynn showed up at their home and was asked to leave</p>

				<p>before he was killed.</p> <p>A bill headed to Governor Scott Walker would help homeowners cover the cost of replacing lead pipes. The measure, passed by the state Senate yesterday would allow public water utilities and local governments to provide grants, loans or both to property owners to help them replace portions of lead water pipes running from the house to the street. The Senate passed a version of the bill in October that allowed for up to two-thirds of the cost to be covered. The Assembly passed the proposal in November but reduced the amount that could be covered to a half.</p>	
Gov. Walker's wish list spelled out at state of the state address	News	1/25/18	630a,730a,830 a	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker's legislative wish list was spelled out yesterday in his State of the State address, which he calls an ambitious agenda. Items include health care reforms, welfare programs and the state prison for young offenders. He also wants to return some of the state's surplus to the taxpayers. This was Walker's eighth speech to lawmakers in which he said both republicans and democrats can work together and urged quick bipartisan action. Democrats criticized many of the proposals as an effort to boost poll numbers as the governor seeks a third term in office. Northwood's lawmakers backed the governor with Rhinelander republican representative Rob Swearingen saying the state is headed in the right direction. State senator Tom</p>

					<p>Tiffany, said due to conservative reforms and prudent care of tax dollars the state can reinvest into its priorities and the Wisconsin is on an upswing. But the Hazelhurst republican says there still remains a lot of work to do.</p> <p>A Rhinelander man is free on a \$5000 signature bond after watching a woman tan nude. 69-year old David Meinnert is charged with a misdemeanor invasion of privacy charge after the woman saw him looking at her a week ago at Sunburst Tanning. He's back in court February 19th.</p> <p>The six year old case against 30-year old Edwin Hughes of Appleton came to a close night. He was found guilty of multiple felonies from the 2011 shooting and attempted robbery of Donald DalPonte, owner of Weasel's dance club. He'll be sentenced in April while still facing several other charges in four counties.</p>
Oconto officials working with state officials on closing of park	News	1/25/18	1230p,530p	1:30	Oconto County officials are working with state and federal agencies on the temporary closing of the Boulder Lake Campground. It's being called a public safety issue. Authorities say there is concern about a local property owner who has been identified as a potential threat to the safety

of campground users. Officials with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest say the campground is shut down for the 2018 recreation season. No reservations are being accepted and current reservations are canceled, with refunds provided.

As Wausau Public Works officials continue working on a sewage problem on the southeast side of the city, they admit more than a million gallons of it leaked into the Wisconsin River. It's unknown how long the leak has been occurring. A homeowner notified the department about a smell and they discovered a plugged line. The DNR took water samples to assess any damage and urge anglers to thoroughly wash and cook any fish that may be caught.

This week's snowfall has built up the snowmobile traffic across the North but some area clubs while grooming trails say there are still some dangerous spots on the water. Most notably the channel between lakes Tomahawk and Katherine heading to Hazelhurst, which officials say to avoid. Overall riding is very good. Langlade County opens its trail system Saturday morning at seven. Trails in the wooded northern and eastern parts of the county should be in good shape while those in the south will be in fair condition with some rough areas due to lack of snow cover. Operators should expect early season conditions.

<p>State Republicans are looking at Gov. Walker's bill</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/26/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830 a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Republicans are looking twice at Governor Scott Walker's proposed \$122-million child rebate. During his State of the State Address Wednesday, Walker suggested giving every family \$100 for each child under 18 living at home. Yesterday, Senate majority leader Scott Fitzgerald said it would take some time to see if the upper house wants to pass it. Conservative talk radio host Jay Weber blasted the idea on Twitter saying the idea "reeks" of "vote buying" and "game playing" that Republicans have long criticized Democrats for doing. Assembly Republican Speaker Robin Vos said Wednesday he was "very confident" the idea would quickly pass.</p> <p>Central Wisconsin snowmobile trails are opening this weekend. We told you yesterday Langlade county trails open Saturday morning at 7 and zones 2, 4 and 5 in Marathon county open at 8. There are 29 snowmobile clubs working on more than 800 miles of trails. Zones 1 and 3 remain closed.</p> <p>A capacity crowd was on hand for the Rhinelander Chamber's annual dinner last night. Fund raising was strong with the raffles, and auction items. The highlight were the awards for membership and businesses of the year. Culver's was named the retail business of the year with the Hodag Country Festival the Tourism and Convention business and Expera Specialty</p>
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					<p>Solutions the professional and industrial business of the year. The Rhinelander Lions club was awarded as the non-profit of the year. Tina Werres was named the female volunteer of the year and this reporter the male volunteer. That's your news, available anytime on our website, this is MM.</p>
<p>Officials are back tracking on state campground closing</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/26/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>One day after saying the popular Boulder Lake Campground in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest would be shut down, officials are back-tracking. They say the threat to the public has been resolved. About one dozen businesses in the area are asking the Oconto County Sheriff's Office and the National Forest Service to re-open the campground for the summer season. For now, refunds are being issued to about 90 people who had pre-booked campsites and the park's website still isn't accepting bookings. A resident who was target shooting nearby is cooperating now.</p> <p>Online applications for Wisconsin's public school choice program for the 2018-19 school year will be available on the department of public instruction website beginning February 5th. Traditionally, children are assigned to school districts based on the location of the family home. Open enrollment is a tuition-free opportunity for parents to apply for their children to attend a public school in a different district. It's been in</p>

				<p>operation since 1998 when 2400 students transferred. Last year there were more than 58-thousand. Applications are accepted through April 30th.</p> <p>Customers of Nicolet National Bank on Rhinelander's east side will get their services from a temporary facility while a new building goes up. The old building has already been razed to be replaced by a \$1.5 million facility at the same location on Lincoln Street. The new building is expected to be finished this summer and services for walk-ins, drive through and ATM will still be available at the same location in the temporary home.</p>
A tragic weekend for vehicle traffic	News	1/29/18	630a,730a,830a	<p>1:30</p> <p>A tragic weekend for vehicle traffic. A crash at the Hwys 8 and G intersection Saturday night luckily resulted in only minor injuries after one of the vehicles burst into flames. Reports indicate a car turned into an oncoming SUV.</p> <p>A snowmobile accident in Land o' Lakes killed an Illinois man. 43-year old Shawn Sarver of Metamore, Illinois died when his machine, which was not on a marked trail, crashed into a tree. He was pronounced dead at the scene. The accident happened near Big Portage Lake and Forest roads shortly after 2:00. Officials say speed may have contributed to the crash.</p> <p>Yesterday morning a 45-year old woman driving</p>

					<p>on Hwy 51 near Hurley crossed the centerline near Hwy CC and crashed head on into another vehicle driven by a 32-year old man. She was killed and the other driver hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries. Names of the victims have not yet been released.</p> <p>Another accident, this one about 5:30 last night was caused by a driver slowing down to look at another accident. Officers were attending to a crash on Hwys 8 and 17 while a truck was entering the intersection and was struck from behind by another vehicle. Injuries were minor in each mishap.</p> <p>Several citations were issued and more are pending following an underage drinking party on the ice of Lake Wausau over the weekend. A large amount of trash, debris and wooden pallets were piled up and the DNR and Everest Metro Police investigated following complaints. Officials will be back today to make sure the area's been cleaned up.</p>
A Merrill man cited with numerous citations	News	1/29/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A 22-year old Merrill man was arrested and will face several citations following a single vehicle crash Saturday night in the Town of Schley. A cell call about 10:40 reported a vehicle left the road and hit a pole on Hwy 17 near County C and knocked down some powerlines. The driver was cited for OWI and hit and run and was also jailed on drug charges for possessing marijuana.</p>

A 66-year old Tomahawk man was hurt Saturday night. The accident happened on the Spirit River off Anchor Bay when the machine struck a snowbank and rolled. We was taken to Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital before being transferred to Aspirus Wausau Hospital. His condition is not known.

Shawano Police arrested two people in a weekend shooting which has left a 31-year-old woman with life-threatening injuries. No names have been released. Police say the victim was taken to ThedaCare Medical Center-Shawano after the incident early Saturday morning. Investigators believe the woman was targeted in the shooting and feel they have all the people involved in custody. They were arrested shortly after noon. Information about the filing of charges hasn't been made public.

The man whose behavior resulted in the closure of the Boulder Lake Campground in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has been ordered to a mental health facility for at least six months of treatment. Earlier this month, the Forest Service canceled all reservations for the summer and closed the campground, citing safety concerns because the man was taking target practice on his property. While legal, the situation sparked concerns about the safety of campers.

<p>Farm bankruptcies hit hard in western part of the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/30/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Federal court records show the Western District of Wisconsin had the most farm bankruptcies last year in any U-S court district. Wisconsin farmers are struggling with low commodity prices for corn, soybeans and milk. While the prices remain low, the cost of doing business keeps rising. There were 28 farm bankruptcy cases in 2017 in western Wisconsin. Many farmers are seeking lines of credit from seed or equipment companies. Agricultural finance experts say that could mean even more bankruptcies. Farmers might work out a payment schedule with a single lender, but that's a much bigger challenge when they owe multiple lenders.</p> <p>That plugged sewer line on Wausau's southeast side last week ended up dumping 3.7 million gallons of wastewater into the Wisconsin River. Thorough testing by the DNR determined no environmental problems because of it but the city will put a better monitoring plan into place to prevent it from happening again. The department has given no indication the city will be cited and fined for the pollution.</p> <p>As cyber thieves become more sophisticated, the need for internet security workers is exploding. Just last week a Green Bay company noticed it had been hacked and money was stolen. Fox Valley Tech reports the demand for information</p>
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					<p>security analysts has grown 20 percent over the last seven years in Brown County alone. Statewide, the need for people to fill those positions is up 17 percent over the same period of time. As cyberattacks become more frequent, the need will grow even faster.</p>
<p>Two people arrested in Forest Co. after heroin death</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/30/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two people have been arrested in Forest County following the death of a man after taking heroin. January 20th officials responded to a 911 call of a non-responsive man in Crandon. Despite emergency measures he was pronounced dead at the scene. Investigators five days later arrested 29-year old Heather and 54-year old Joseph Grusius of Pearson. They're charged with multiple felony drug charges, second degree reckless homicide and other offenses. Searching their home officials uncovered heroin, cocaine, marijuana and other narcotics, firearms, drug paraphernalia and cash. Both are in the Forest County Jail.</p> <p>Last April the Oneida County Town of Newbold denied opening roads to ATV traffic. This April a public hearing is set to discuss opening nine roads on the west side to the vehicles on a case-by-case basis. There's strong support for the move as more northwoods communities are connecting to existing trails and bringing ATVs into towns and cities where local economies are feeling the benefits. The Newbold ATV group offered to pay</p>

				<p>for the required signage and ordinances will define other rules for operators to file, should be measure be passed by the town board.</p> <p>Activities surrounding the Super Bowl are in full swing in Minneapolis with a long list of musical acts performing along with an ice rink, ice sculptures, places to eat, drink and broadcast booths scattered along several blocks of Nicollet Mall. One of the more notable attractions near downtown is a zipline for people adventurous enough to cross the Mississippi River by high wire.</p>
<p>President Trump gives state of the union address</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>1/31/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830 a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>President Donald Trump delivered his first State of the Union address last night, saying the country is strong. Wausau Republican Congressman Sean Duffy said the economic growth is sky-rocketing and the state of our union is most definitely strong. He thought it was an outstanding speech, highlighting the many accomplishments especially when it comes to tax reform and jobs. Democrats however disagree. Representative Ron Kind said things are not healthy and there are deep divides across the country with far too many people retreating to their partisan corners. He hopes politicians can come together to work on crumbling infrastructure, prescription drugs and the opioid epidemic.</p> <p>The Wausau School Board is expected to finalize a contract at a special meeting next week with Dr.</p>

					<p>Keith Hilts, Jr., as its new superintendent. Hilts held the same position in Ashland since 2010. He replaces Dr. Kathleen Williams who retired last year.</p> <p>UW System President Ray Cross's chief of staff and the vice president of university relations, Jessica Tormey resigned, following a conviction for drunk driving coming from a university function.</p> <p>After nearly a decade of service, Drago is retiring. He's the German Shepard K-9 officer on the Rhinelander Police Department. In a ceremony at City Hall yesterday, fellow officers and officials said thank you to the dog that's found people, drugs, conducted evidence recovery, building searches and other tasks. His handler, Sgt Angela Mertz said the future holds lots of walks and naps. The department wants to get another dog and will begin raising the \$15,000 needed. Donations will be appreciated.</p>
Officials are looking for a person who keeps skipping out on court dates	News	1/31/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Law enforcement authorities in north-central Wisconsin are looking for a 23-year-old fugitive who keeps skipping court appearances. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office has an arrest warrant for Camron Jay Lane of Merrill. He's wanted on one felony charge and several misdemeanors. Lane has skipped five court appearances in five separate cases in both</p>

Lincoln and neighboring Marathon counties. He's also a suspect in several other ongoing criminal investigations. Charges against him include operating while intoxicated, resisting arrest, bail jumping and drug offenses.

A former teacher at Superior High School will avoid a criminal record despite slapping one of her students on the head. Forty-four-year-old Gretchen Hexum entered a no contest plea to a charge of misdemeanor disorderly conduct in Douglas County Circuit Court last week. Hexum was fired for slapping the male student last September. Following the slap, witness said Hexum called it a "love tap" and tried to give the student a hug. He complained to Superior Police.

A 20-year old Rhinelander man is back in court Friday on two felony charges of mistreating animals. Tyler Schaul is accused of killing two dogs, one found by police on his bathroom floor that apparently starved to death and another in a pet crate, frozen in the garage. Schaul reportedly struggled with officers when they came to his house.

Customs and Border Patrol have Blackhawk helicopters and other equipment on standby over Minneapolis this weekend to ensure the safety of the Super Bowl. Crews from the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth will also be available to respond if necessary.

Interview	In studio	1/15/18	736a	3 min.	Talked to Tammy Modic from NATH about the annual fundraiser
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Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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Mineral deposits in Oneida Co.	News	2/1/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	One of the larger metallic mineral deposits in Oneida County is in the Township of Lynne. Several mining companies have expressed interest in the site for decades but five years ago the County Board voted to stop considering it. That was until Governor Scott Walker opened the state to mining last December. Now the county will pay thousands to retain an attorney to examine the existing ordinance on mining and approve any changes before the July first deadline. Historically the town government has been anti-mine but realize what

				<p>such an operation could do for their economy. With more than \$350,000 to start, the Lakeland School Board approved a pioneering charter school that will work solely with autistic students. School officials said every student has the right to an education and the school would provide some groundbreaking work in the world of Autism. The charter is expected to open in September at the Lakeland Campus of Nicolet College with 18 students.</p> <p>Another hit to the struggling Wausau Center Mall with the announcement that Younkers is closing. The parent company yesterday said they're closing 42 stores nationwide, nine in Wisconsin. Younkers was the last remaining anchor store in the mall, with Sears and JCPenny moving out the last</p>
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					<p>several years. 63 people will lose their jobs.</p> <p>Congressman Sean Duffy of Wausau and his family were on that train that crashed into a garbage truck in Virginia yesterday. Representatives were on their way to a retreat when the accident occurred, killing the driver of the truck. Duffy said his family is fine.</p>
Voucher schools in the state	News	2/1/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction reports more than 380 private and religious schools in the state want to take part in voucher programs. They have all registered for the 2018-2019 school year. More than one-third of those schools -- 133 -- want to take part in the voucher program in Milwaukee. That's a gain of eight schools over this current school year. Forty-eight new schools have registered for the statewide voucher program. Students</p>

who qualify at schools in the voucher programs can have their tuition expenses covered by state subsidies. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will hear from the public on plans to divert seven-million gallons of water to the incoming Foxconn plant every day. The city of Racine has applied for the water supply from Lake Michigan. It would be the pass-through to Mount Pleasant, where the huge flat-screen manufacturing facility will be built. The March 7th public hearing will be held in Sturtevant. The D-N-R is taking public comments through March 21st online.

Paper-maker Kimberly-Clark's announced plans to lay off about 12 percent of its work force means 600 Wisconsin workers will lose their jobs. The consumer

					<p>products company will close a facility in Neenah and will make a decision about the Cold Spring facility in Fox Crossing soon. Kimberly-Clark announced earlier this month it would reduce its workforce by five-thousand to 55-hundred employees and close 10 plants. The Texas-based company was founded in Neenah 145 years ago. It has about 32-hundred workers in this state.</p>
<p>Forest Co. leases a house for a sex offender</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/2/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Health Services researched more than 3300 properties before entering into a lease for a home in Forest County to house a violent sex offender. 51-year old Jeffrey Levasseur has multiple convictions of first degree sexual assault of a child and was found ready to release from a treatment facility last September. Homeowners in the area of</p>

Blackwell, where Levasseur will be living, along with local, state and federal agencies sent letters to the court saying the location is not appropriate.

A Waukesha County judge ordered a teenage girl committed to 40 years of mental health treatment for her role in the Slender Man stabbing. The sentence for 15-year-old Morgan Geyser comes after she and another girl plotted to stab a former classmate in 2014 as a tribute to the fictional horror character. Geyser and Anissa Weier stabbed Payton Leutner 19 times, leaving her to die in a wooded area in Waukesha. Leutner survived. All of the girls were 12 at the time. Weier was committed to 25 years of treatment in December.

					<p>If federal lawmakers pass an infrastructure funding plan that requires the state to pay some of the costs, Governor Scott Walker says he would be willing to look at raising gas taxes to help access those funds. However, Walker's position on the conditions that must be met in order for him to approve a gas tax hike have not changed. Namely, any increase would have to be offset by a tax cut in some other area.</p>
<p>Campers waiting word on Boulder Lake campground</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/2/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Anxious campers are waiting for word that the popular Boulder Lake Campground in Oconto County will reopen for the summer. It had been closed last month by the U-S Forest Service over safety concerns. A man who lives next to the campground had been exhibiting erratic</p>

behavior, but he has been committed to a mental health facility for the next six months. The federal agency says the campground is still closed, temporarily, and no reservations for recreation season are being accepted.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers wants to take the same path as Tom Brady, still flinging footballs and chasing championships at age 40. He knows he might have to leave Green Bay to do that. The 34-year-old acknowledged yesterday in an interview with The Associated Press that he may have to play for another team like Brett Favre did at the end of his Hall-of-Fame career.

Rodgers also said told ESPN Radio he was caught off-guard when the Packers chose not to retain his position coach, Alex Van Pelt, last month. The notion

					<p>that Rodgers, who has two years left on his contract, could also leave Green Bay before retirement like Favre did is sure to send shivers through Wisconsin. He's also keeping watch on the quarterback commotion shaking up the league with Alex Smith headed to Washington and Kirk Cousins headed for who knows how many millions along with Drew Brees and Jimmy Garoppolo .</p> <p>And if you haven't heard, the groundhog predicts six more weeks of winter.</p>
Judge dismisses casino flap	News	2/5/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A federal judge dismissed a northern Wisconsin tribe's lawsuit over the expansion of a rival tribe's casino. U.S. District Judge James Peterson found last fall the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans was too late in filing its lawsuit to block the Ho-Chunk Nation from</p>

expanding its casino in Wittenberg, which opened in 2008. But he held open the question of whether its claims against the state were also barred by a six-year statute of limitations. In his decision, Peterson dismissed the lawsuit, finding the Stockbridge-Munsee's claims against the state were also subject to a six-year statute of limitations, which lapsed in 2014. He rejected the tribe's claims that the time started running last year. An appeal is planned.

Confederate soldiers, 140 of them are buried at the city-owned Forest Hill Cemetery in Madison and officials are now considering removing monuments commemorating them. Mayor Paul Soglin ordered them removed last August following the violent white supremacist demonstrations

in Charlottesville, Virginia. A small plaque has already been removed. The remainder may go as well with officials adding different signage or another monument that would contribute historical context.

Telemarketing calls were once again the top consumer complaint filed with the state last year, although the nature of those calls has started to shift from do not call violations to scams. Landlords came in at number two.

The Super Bowl lived up to its billing as a number of records fell and the underdog Philadelphia Eagles dropped the New England Patriots 41-33 last night in Minneapolis. It's their first championship since 1960.

	News	2/5/18	1230p,530p	1:30	The Wisconsin Department
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Merrill man arrested on
warrant charges

of Justice is working to develop a program to combat recidivism. Four counties will receive grants of 80-thousand dollars to help inmates transition back into their communities after they are released. The money originates from the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program. Persons released from local jails or state prisons often have a hard time finding places to live, jobs or treatment for disorders. If early results for the program are positive, funding could be extended for four years. Contracts are just being finalized and Bayfield is the only county identified so far. A 29-year old Merrill man was arrested last night on a warrant charge. The man flagged down a deputy with the Lincoln county sheriff's department to report a suspicious person. When the

deputy checked on the man who flagged him down it was discovered he was wanted by the Wisconsin Department of corrections for violating the terms of his probation.

The Wisconsin education program which allows students to attend a school outside their home district begins with open enrollment today for the 2018-2019 academic year. The Department of Public Instruction reminds students they don't have to re-apply, if they are returning to the same school. All applications have to be turned in by April 30th. Transportation arrangements to the new school will be a consideration for parents. An assembly committee is expected to vote this week on new bills to ramp up requirements to qualify for

					welfare benefits in the state and increase work requirements for able-bodied adults.
Referendums will determine fate of area schools	News	2/6/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Referendum questions this spring will again determine the fate of area schools. Merrill among them with two of their four elementary schools in danger of closing should the April vote fail. While there are plans in place for either way the vote goes, if it fails the school board would close Jefferson and Maple Grove elementaries and distribute students to several other schools. An additional \$2.5-million is sought for each of the next four years. Staffing may also be affected by a no vote.</p> <p>The State Department of Justice will handle the case of 27-year old Richard Allen, charged with the murder of 25-year old Wayne Valliere,</p>

Jr in December. Allen, from Lac du Flambeau, is held in the Iron County Jail on a million dollar cash bond on charges of first degree intentional homicide. Valliere was reported missing just before Christmas and his body was found New Year's Day near Hurley. Five people have been arrested in connection with the death.

A Manitowoc man is free on a \$5000 signature bond, charged with shooting a wolf the opening day of deer season. 48-year old Steven Kohl was in Oneida County Court yesterday, charged with animal mistreatment resulting in death. The wolf, wearing a tracking collar, was found about 200 yards from his tree stand. Kohl and another hunter were also cited for illegal baiting.

					<p>The remainder of Marathon County's snowmobile trails open at 8 this morning. Several northern zones opened last month. Officials stress caution for operators as conditions vary greatly and some areas may be icy.</p>
<p>Minocqua man in jail on decades long murder</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/6/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Minocqua man is in the Oneida County Jail in connection with a decades old murder. 69-year old Robin Mendez was arrested yesterday in the 36-year old case surrounding the death of his wife, Barbara, April 28th, 1982. She was killed at the old location of the Park City Credit Union on Hwy 51 and County J in Minocqua. Investigators with the sheriff's department and Minocqua police re-interviewed witnesses and that information led to the arrest. Mendez is in court this afternoon.</p>

Another suspect in connection with the death of a Lac du Flambeau man is charged in the case. 27-year old Evan Oungst of Arbor Vitae was in Vilas County court yesterday on charges of harboring or aiding a felon and resisting arrest. 25-year old Wayne Vallerie Jr's body was found near Hurley on New Years Day. He was reported missing several days earlier. 27-year old Richard Allen of LDF is held in Iron county on a million dollars cash bond to face charges of first degree intentional homicide for the crime. Several others have been arrested in the case but have not yet been charged.

A Wisconsin-based steel company is supplying some of the product used for construction of a new N-F-L stadium in Las Vegas. The Oakland Raiders are

					<p>scheduled to move there in 2020. Merrill Steel in Schofield is providing and installing the steel for the one-point-nine-billion dollar project. The state-of-the-art facility will hold up to 72-thousand football fans at games played by the Raiders and the University of Nevada Rebels.</p>
<p>Roundabout could be coming to Rhinelander</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/7/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The date for a public meeting hasn't been set yet but the Department of Transportation supports building a roundabout at the intersection of Hwys 8 and 47 in Rhinelander. According to a DOT news release that intersection had 28 crashes from 2012 to 2016 with one fatality. Half of them the result of a left turning vehicle into oncoming traffic. The meeting will take place this spring with construction planned for 2019.</p> <p>First degree murder charges</p>

were formally filed against 69-year old Robin Mendez of Minocqua. He's accused of killing his wife, Barbara at the Park City Credit Union where she worked in 1982. The 36-year old case was re-opened by investigators who again questioned people who knew the couple. He's jailed on a \$250,000 cash bond. Both Oneida County judges have recused themselves from the case as they had both prosecuted his earlier sexual assault trials. A new judge has yet to be appointed and no court date set.

Marshfield Clinic Minocqua Center's Radiation Oncology department is making major upgrades to its cancer treatment technology. The Center will soon feature a new, state-of-the-art linear accelerator that will significantly

					<p>decrease the length of radiation treatments. Once installed, it will shorten the length of time needed for therapy by half. In other news, audiology services are being added to Ascension Medical Group's Merrill clinic. Beginning next week services will include hearing testing and evaluation, prescribing and fitting of hearing aids, prescribing assistive and adaptive devices, hearing loss prevention programs and consultation, balance assessment, and rehabilitation. Clinics in Tomahawk and Rhinelander provide similar services.</p>
Harley Davidson is recalling motorcycles	News	2/7/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Harley-Davidson is recalling nearly 175,000 motorcycles because the brakes might fail. The recall covers more than 30 models from the 2008 through 2011 model</p>

years. Harley says deposits can form on brake parts if the fluid isn't changed every two years as specified in the owner's manual. That can cause a valve in the antilock brake control unit to stick. The U.S. government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating problems in July of 2016 after getting 43 complaints including three reports of crashes and two injuries. Documents show Harley wanted to do a field service campaign instead of a recall, but the government refused. Dealers begin the work on Monday.

The case against 20-year old Tyler Schaul will proceed. The Rhinelander man was in Oneida County Court yesterday on charges of felony mistreating animals after two dogs were found dead at his home. He remains in jail on a \$3000

					<p>cash bond and is back in court on the 26th. Officials at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin say they will ban visitors under the age of 12 from any in-patient care areas, starting Thursday -- unless the child has a doctor's appointment. The move comes in response to what the hospital calls one of the most severe flu seasons seen in years. The restrictions are being put in place to limit the potential exposure to the virus by those most vulnerable. A formal statement from Chief Medical Officer Mike Gutzeit indicates similar precautionary steps have been taken at children's hospitals across the U-S.</p>
<p>Suspects in death receive felony charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/8/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The five suspects arrested in connection with the death of Wayne Vallierie, Jr. of Lac du Flambeau now face felony charges.</p>

Investigators say Richard Allen, James and Joseph Lussier, Evan Oungst and Curtis Wolfe were all party to the murder in December. Valliere's body was found near Hurley on New Year's Day, beaten and shot eight times. The men face charges of first degree intentional homicide and hiding a corpse and life prison sentences if convicted.

A 65-year old Merrill man is back in Lincoln County court next week to be charged with the sexual assault of a child. Mark Welch is jailed on a \$50,000 cash bond. No other details were available. Chris Frederickson is still waiting on a decision from the state's attorney on his appeal to have his name reinstated on the spring ballot for Rhinelander mayor. He

and Scott Counter were removed when the city clerk determined their nomination papers were not filed correctly, acting on a complaint from the third candidate, Alex Young. The election is April third.

For the first time, a bill making Wisconsin's OWI laws consistent is getting a public hearing. At issue is a loophole that fails to lump together offenses for drunk operation of ATV's, UTV's, snowmobiles, boats and cars. Each is treated differently. Statistics show nearly 30% of those arrested for drunk boating in the North the last two years also had arrests for drunk driving. More than half had third and fourth OWI offenses on their records. Lawmakers say there is bi-partisan support for the measure

<p>Man arrested in Wausau for trying to kill child</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/8/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The majority leader in the state Senate says the federal government is offering one-and-a-half-trillion dollars for infrastructure -- and, if Wisconsin is to get its share, toll roads might be the only answer. Republican Senator Scott Fitzgerald says that seems to be the only way the state can come up with the necessary matching funds. Governor Scott Walker indicated he's open to raising the fuel tax to pay for road needs, as long as there are matching cuts elsewhere. Fitzgerald says there's no support in the Senate for higher gas taxes or vehicle registration fees, but some lawmakers are willing to talk about open-road tolling. Wausau police arrested a 33-year-old man, accused of trying to use a</p>
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prescription drug to kill his unborn child. Jeffery Smith was arrested last week after a brief investigation. Officers say a pregnant woman told them she thought the father of her child, Smith, had put something in her water bottle. She said he had tried to convince her to have an abortion. When she found residue in the bottom of the bottle she called police, they sent it to the State Crime Lab for testing and it was found to have a drug present which is used to terminate pregnancies. The mother and baby weren't hurt.

Officials with one of the biggest ice fishing tournaments in Minnesota are investigating whether several winners cheated. The three, from Ohio,

					<p>finished first, third and 98th, qualifying for top prizes. An estimated 12,000 anglers took part. The event has raised more than \$3.3 million for charities since its founding.</p>
<p>More info coming to light in death of 36 years ago</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/9/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>More information is coming to light in the investigation surrounding the death of Barbara Mendez in Minocqua 36 years ago. Monday, her husband, 69-year old Robin Mendez was arrested, charged with her murder in April of 1982. Officials with the Oneida County Sheriff's department and district attorney's office credit the TV show Cold Justice, who provided a homicide investigator and experienced prosecutor. The two Mendez daughters proposed the idea several years ago and the sheriff's</p>

				<p>office reached out to the program and coordinated with the Cold Justice Team to assist. Sheriff Grady Hartman said the team was an integral part of the success of the investigation. Robin Mendez is jailed on a \$250,000 cash bond. Construction on the new Marshfield Clinic Hospital in Minocqua will be this spring. The Oneida County Board of Adjustment in December sided with the clinic in an appeal by the Ascension Howard Young Medical Center, just across the road from the planned Marshfield expansion. They will no longer contest the project, focusing instead on their own plans to expand and renovate which are already in progress. Marshfield will build a \$35-million, 12 bed facility adjacent to their existing clinic off Town Line Road.</p>
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					<p>If you're looking for a way of the frigid weather, you may want to take in the 6th annual Deer and Hunting Expo in Wausau. The three day event at the Expo and Convention Center in Rothschild, opens this afternoon features hundreds of vendors and exhibits, shooting ranges for the kids and shows from archery trick shot artist Frank Addington, Jr.</p>
<p>Low spending school districts</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/9/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Legislature's Joint Finance Committee is directing an additional seven-million dollars to low-spending school districts. The bill would let low-spending districts raise property taxes without a vote. There is additional state aid available to districts with 745 or fewer students enrolled and a membership density of less than 10 students per square mile. The budget-writing</p>

panel passed the legislation with backing of Governor Scott Walker. The Department of Public Instruction says more than 120 school districts would qualify next year and 200 would qualify over the next six years.

Democrats in the Wisconsin Legislature are taking potshots at a plan announced by Governor Walker and Assembly Republicans. It would provide a 100 dollar-a-child tax rebate in July and a sales tax holiday the first weekend in August. Noting the August 14th primary election is just a few days after the tax breaks would be handed out, Assembly Democratic Minority Leader Gordon Hintz called the move an "election year bribe." Senate Republicans haven't approved the deal yet and leadership in that chamber

					<p>hasn't indicated what its chances are. Transportation officials say the addition of three daily round trips between Milwaukee and Chicago would serve the massive Foxconn presence as its plant begins operations in Mount Pleasant. Foxconn announced plans earlier this week to buy a seven-story building in downtown Milwaukee for its Wisconsin headquarters. Details of the expansion plans were on the table yesterday for a meeting involving the Public Transportation Review Board of the Milwaukee Common Council, along with the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.</p>
<p>Snowmobile operator killed over the weekend</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/12/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The operator of a snowmobile on Buckatoban Lake in Conover was killed</p>

early Saturday morning. The Vilas County Sheriff's Department reported the crash shortly before two near Bauer's Dam Resort. Investigators say high speed caused the loss of control when the machine struck a tree.

The State Patrol is investigating an accident west of Rhinelander Saturday night that killed an Irma man. 31-year old James Reichelt died when he collided with another vehicle driven by 87-year old Lila Cirilli of Rhinelander on Hwy 8 and County C. She was taken to Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk with non-life-threatening injuries. The report indicated he was not wearing a seat belt.

A 20-year old woman is in custody in Wausau following

an argument with her boyfriend Saturday that had her leave, hitting his house with her car, losing control and running into another home across the street. Police say one house sustained significant damage. She's held on potential charges of battery, disorderly conduct, bail jumping and several traffic violations.

Several fire departments responded to the call of a garage fire yesterday afternoon around 2:00. The structure on Duck Road just south of Lake Tomahawk on Hwy 47 was ablaze. No one was home at the time and the home wasn't damaged since the building was detached.

After we get through today's colder temperatures things will get back to

					normal for the rest of the week, for the first time in quite a while. Wednesday's high could be flirting with 40-degrees. However, those temperatures will be tempered by the winds.
Forest Co. judge issues temporary order from sex offender moving into the county	News	2/12/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A Forest County judge granted a temporary restraining order to keep a convicted sex offender from living in the town of Blackwell. 52-year-old Jeffrey LeVasseur was to live in a rented house there -- but Judge Leon Stenz countered that. Residents living nearby had filed a civil suit against the property owner, arguing the neighborhood doesn't allow rentals.</p> <p>Snowmobilers, ice anglers and others traveling on the waters of the Eau Pleine Reservoir south of Wausau should be aware the primary aerator system begins Wednesday. It's</p>

				<p>located in a narrow stretch of the reservoir adjacent to the Big Eau Pleine county park. The aerator creates unsafe ice conditions and open water. Warning signs will be posted at area landings and rope barriers with flags and reflective signs will mark the area. The aerator helps maintain adequate oxygen levels in the water for the fishery. It was the end of an era for the Rhinelander High School mock trial team this past weekend at the Marathon County Courthouse in Wausau. For the first time in 32 years, the RHS Hodags lost the regional championship, and with it, the right to compete in the state tournament. The regional title was won by D.C. Everest. Since 1983 the team has amassed 31 regional titles, 17 state championships and a</p>
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					<p>national title. A familiar face will be greeting travelers to Minocqua on Hwy 51 into the city with the arrival of Snowmy Kromer. Tomorrow and Wednesday volunteers will build the 30-foot snowman in front of the chamber office, placing his super-sized Stormy Kromer hat on his head.</p>
<p>State wide alert is out for suspected killer</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/13/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A state-wide alert is out for the fifth suspect in the death of a Lac du Flambeau man in December. 19-year old James Lussier from Woodruff is wanted for being party to the killing of 25-year old Wayne Valliere, Jr., who was last seen December 22nd and whose body was found in Iron County New Year's Day. Lussier is described as 6-2, 263 with brown eyes, black hair and numerous tattoos. Four other men have already been charged in the case.</p>

				<p>A documentary film maker was confronted by hunters in Forest County and had his equipment confiscated by police. Joseph Brown, a Marquette University professor was embedded with the Wolf Patrol, an activist group documenting hunting activities. Poaching was the topic of the film. Law in Wisconsin prohibits lawful hunters from harassment and from being photographed. Whether it was a legal hunt or not remains to be determined. The equipment, worth over \$10,000 was returned but officials kept the camera cards as evidence.</p> <p>A 65-year old Merrill man is jailed, charged with first degree sexual assault of a child. Mark Welch had indecent contact with the child earlier this month. He's back in court next Wednesday.</p>
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					<p>DNR Secretary Dan Meyer announced two high level appointments yesterday. Ed Eberle, the current asst deputy secretary now has the deputy secretary's role and Patrick Stevens is the new asst. He was the administrator for the agency's environmental management division. The moves were prompted by the departure of Deputy Secretary Kurt Thiede, whose taking a position with the EPA in Chicago.</p>
<p>Marathon co. judge has held Marshfield woman over on trial for 1st degree reckless homicide</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/13/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Members of the Wisconsin Assembly are scheduled to vote today on a bill which would waive tuition and fees for foster children wanting to attend college. Wisconsin would become the 29th state with some form of post-secondary tuition help on the books for foster children. The legislation is said to have bipartisan support. It would eliminate</p>

tuition and fees at University of Wisconsin System schools and state technical colleges for state residents who meet the criteria. As many as 46-hundred people could qualify for the program.

A Marathon County judge has held a Marshfield woman over for trial on a first-degree reckless homicide charge. Twenty-seven-year-old Cassandra Staab is suspected of supplying the fentanyl-laced heroin which killed a Spencer man last year. The judge ruled yesterday prosecutors had presented enough evidence for him to order the trial. Twenty-two-year-old Thomas Bychinski died January 31st, 2017. Witnesses told investigators Staab was their dealer when they bought heroin. Wisconsin's Scott Walker was one of a few Republican governors meeting with

					<p>President Trump at the White House yesterday. They were talking about the president's plan to leverage 200-billion dollars in federal funding to produce one-and-a-half-trillion for the nation's infrastructure needs. Walker calls plans for the one-point-six-billion dollar Interstate 94 project a good example of cooperation between federal, state and local governments. Money for that work is already in the Wisconsin state budget and Walker thinks it can be fully funded through the help from the federal government.</p>
Rhinelanders mayoral candidates in the news	News	2/14/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Following up a challenge to their nomination papers, Rhinelanders City Clerk Val Foley ruled Scott Counter and Chris Frederickson's candidacy for mayor were invalid. That left Alex Young</p>

				<p>as the only name on the April ballot. Counter immediately said he'd be a write-in but Frederickson appealed the decision to the state election commission and this week received an eight page explanation upholding the clerk's decision. He, too has mounted a write-in campaign because of community support and will make it official tomorrow. He said he expects a lively race between the three. A bill recognizing Tribal identification cards is on the Governor's desk. The measure, authored by Republican's, assemblyman Jeffrey Mursau of Crivitz and Senator Jerry Petrowski of Marathon, allow the cards to be used for a variety of state purposes including voting, picking up medications and making certain purchases.</p>
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					<p>A 49-year old Wausau man is in Marathon County Court today, charged with second degree reckless homicide in the death of his 15-year old son. Robert Glazner is accused of not giving his son Bryden the proper care for his diabetes. He was found unresponsive by police at his home on Parcher Street last August. Members of the state Assembly unveiled a bipartisan plan to overhaul the state's juvenile corrections system. The bill includes aspects of a plan the governor called for last month in his State of the State Address, and would close the state's troubled Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake youth prisons by July of 2020. Most young offenders would be housed at county-based facilities.</p>
<p>A bill moving through the state would close the</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/14/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A bill moving through the Wisconsin Assembly would</p>

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close the state's youth prison facilities in Irma by the middle of 2020. There is said to be bipartisan support for legislation which would move the inmates into new state and county facilities. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says getting the bill passed before the legislative session ends next month would be what he calls a "heavy lift." A three-year investigation by federal agents has focused on allegations that guards abused young inmates while they were held there in the Irma prison.

Wausau Police are still investigating, but suggest the death of a 44-year-old man may be the result of an overdose of prescription drugs. The man had just moved to Wausau from Milwaukee a few days before he died and was staying with a person he

					<p>had just met. No names have been released. An observant neighbor is being given credit for helping save a family's home from burning to the ground. He saw ashes blowing in the wind earlier this week and followed them to find a fire. The man ran back home, got his fire extinguisher and knocked down the flames as much as possible. He returned home, told his wife to call 9-1-1 and grabbed a shovel so he could put snow on the fire until firefighters arrived. Ashes in a garbage bin had started the fire, which spread to a second container, then to the garage. Things could have gone south quickly, because there were gas cans and propane containers in the garage.</p>
Investigation into death of LacDuflambeau man	News	2/15/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	As the investigation continues into the death of

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Wayne Valliere, Jr of Lac du Flambeau, the five suspects charged with the murder and the victim were gang members. Vilas County authorities confirmed there were affiliated with the Native Soldiers or the Sovereign Nation Warriors gangs. Both have ties to the Lac du Flambeau area. Valliere was last seen December 22nd of last year and his bullet riddled body was found New Year's Day in Iron county. One of the five suspects, James Lussier, remains at large. One lane of eastbound Hwy 29 near Hatley was closed several hours after a two-vehicle crash. Investigators with the Marathon County sheriff's office said it happened around 2:45 yesterday near the intersection with White Birch Circle when a semi and small SUV collided. Both

				<p>drivers were hospitalized with minor injuries. A reward is being offered after fire destroyed a building at the Mr. Olympus Theme Park yesterday in Wisconsin Dells. Federal officials are now assisting in the investigation that has been ruled arson. Two other fires destroyed property the last couple of months. Yesterday's near record temperatures were a boon to car washes but didn't help snowmobile trails across the area. Trails maintained by the Neillsville/Granton Trail Busters have been closed in Clark County. Across the North, trails for the most part are in rated good to very good but worn areas down to dirt are being reported because of the mild weather. Area clubs advise riders to use caution going into corners since icy conditions have developed.</p>
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Crandon parents and students are demanding answers in dismissal of well like school principal

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Governor Scott Walker told legislative leaders it is important to pass a major overhaul of the state's juvenile corrections system this year. Senator Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald questioned whether that could be accomplished by the time the legislative session ends in mid-March. Walker said he is still optimistic. He wants the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls to be closed, with inmates moved to smaller facilities around Wisconsin. The youth prison in Irma has been involved in several federal lawsuits. There have been allegations of abuse of inmates and unsafe working conditions for staff members. Parents and students in the Crandon School District are demanding answers about the departure of a well-liked principal. After 20 years with

the district, Andy Space resigned January 26th and questions are being asked, but no answers have been forthcoming. The school board voted to accept a resignation agreement with Space earlier this week. The principal had been told his contract wouldn't be renewed last month. Two-and-a-half weeks later he left. School officials say they can't legally share details about a personnel decision. There has been no indication of any wrongdoing by the veteran educator.

The state Assembly passed a bill allowing some low-spending school districts to raise property taxes without a vote. The legislation would apply to districts where voters have not rejected a property tax increase in the past three years. The bill would also

					increase the maximum qualifying low-spending districts can spend on a combination of local property taxes and state aid per student.
Rhineland woman arrested in kill for hire incident	News	2/16/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Rhineland Police arrested a woman for solicitation to commit first degree intentional homicide of her husband. 27-year old Megan Danielczak met with an undercover agent from the Wisconsin Department of Justice Wednesday and made a down payment with the agent, posing as a hit-man, to kill her husband soon. The balance would be paid when she was told he was dead. Danielczak is in the Oneida county jail and has court appearance today.</p> <p>Minocqua Police will patrol Lakeland High School today after threats of a shooting</p>

were found yesterday. Two notes were found in a ladies restroom stall near the auditorium. School is in session and officials said if investigators don't find the source of the threat today, a scheduled pep rally and dance tomorrow may be cancelled.

The Minocqua man charged with the murder of his wife in 1982 is back in court a week from today. 69-year old Robin Mendez is jailed on a \$250,000 cash bond for the murder at the Park City Credit Union of his wife Barbara. Their two daughters have worked to bring the case to light, resulting in the arrest last week. Because both Oneida County Judges prosecuted Mendez on previous cases they withdrew and a Forest County Judge has been appointed.

					<p>The state Assembly will vote next week on a measure to overhaul the juvenile justice system. The bi-partisan bill will close the troubled Lincoln Hills prison in Irma in two years and send inmates to state and county run facilities. Lawmakers say they'll work with counties on costs and other concerns.</p>
<p>Food stamp recipients would be able to buy junk food with the stamps</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/16/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Food stamp recipients wouldn't be able to use their benefit to buy junk food under a bill passed by the Wisconsin Assembly and forwarded to the Senate. It's likely the state would need to get a federal waiver to put the prohibition into place. Opponents say the restriction won't improve the health of those who use food stamps and would increase the cost of food. The Wisconsin Grocers Association is against it. If it passes, the state would list food and drinks which lack</p>

nutritional value and prohibit the use of FoodShare benefits to buy them. The Assembly also approved legislation to allow developers to fill some wetland areas without a permit. The bill would apply to smaller wetland areas under state control – primarily those near urban areas under an acre in size and under three acres in rural areas. Republicans contend the changes are needed to simplify a process that can delay development and tack on thousands of dollars in extra costs. Critics maintain the bill would negatively affect wildlife habitat. It now heads to the state Senate.

A former mayor of Superior spent a night in the Douglas County Jail after losing control while driving and hitting a tree. Sixty-one-

					<p>year-old Herb Bergson is charged with resisting and failing to install an ignition interlock device. Based on a prior conviction, Bergson was supposed to have the device on any car he drives. Authorities say he had left the wrecked car and walked to his cabin on Lake Nebagamon. Bergson also served as mayor of Duluth.</p>
<p>5th suspect in murder case found in Oshkosh</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/19/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The fifth suspect wanted in the death of a Lac du Flambeau man has been arrested in Oshkosh. 19-year old James Lussier of Woodruff, along with four others are facing homicide charges in the death of Wayne Valliere, Jr in December. Lussier originally turned himself in two weeks ago but ended up walking away</p>

while left unattended.
The five are in Iron
County court in two
weeks.

A snowmobile accident
yesterday in
McNaughton severely
injured a woman. The
crash, about 8:30
yesterday morning
happened near Fawn
Lake Road and Hwy 47.
The 32-year old woman
lost control of the
machine and was
thrown off after hitting a
tree. A male passenger
suffered minor injuries.
She was airlifted to
Wausau for further
treatment.

Weekend activities were
cancelled at Lakeland
High School in Minocqua
after the discovery of
threatening graffiti was

discovered last Thursday. Daily activities are back to normal this week. In a related matter, there has been an arrest involving an online photo circulated threatening the safety of the school. No details are available due to the suspect being a minor.

Meanwhile, the mass school shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School has prompted students, teachers and parents to organize a nationwide walkout next month to urge lawmakers to pass tougher gun laws. The event, planned for March 14th already has nearly 20,000 people taking part. Students will walk out of school for 17

					<p>minutes, to honor the 17 lives lost in Florida. Organizers say much more than tweets and prayers are needed in response to gun violence.</p>
<p>Many schools across the state closed today because of winter storm</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/19/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Many schools were closed across central Wisconsin this morning because of freezing rain and a winter weather advisory is in effect until six tomorrow night for all of our broadcast area. Up to 3-inches of snow is expected along with a tenth of an inch of ice.</p> <p>Fourteen people will be cited for underage drinking after Lincoln County authorities broke up a large party early yesterday morning in the Town of Birch. A 25-year old Tomahawk man was arrested after admitting he was out on bond on drug charges and</p>

was restricted from drinking. He's charged with felony bail jumping. A 19-year old Rhinelander woman will be referred to the district attorney, after sheriff's deputies found a drug pipe on her. Partiers ranged in age from 19-to-20.

Wisconsin is following national trends as 2017 had the fewest bankruptcy filings in a decade. The U-S Bankruptcy Court handled 16-thousand-769 cases last year, down 66 from the year before. A majority of the cases were Chapter-Seven, giving the person filing a chance to restart by eliminating debt like medical bills and credit card balances.

The U-S Energy Information Administration reports Wisconsin has some of the highest electricity rates in the country, despite the fact

					<p>residents don't use as much power as other states. The average household pays 10 cents-a-kilowatt in Wisconsin -- well above the national average. Despite the high rate, the same average household uses less than 700 kilowatts each month, resulting in an annual electricity bill which is 10th-lowest among the states.</p>
<p>Schools and businesses closed today due to winter weather</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/20/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Schools and services across Central Wisconsin are closed today due to an icy winter storm passing through. Widespread hazardous travel conditions are expected to continue most of the day with freezing rain and drizzle. The morning commute will be especially difficult when driving on untreated roads. You can check this station's website for the up-to-date closing information. The chance for snow returns Thursday night</p>

into Friday morning which again could create some travel problems. The storm also has election officials concerned as there's a primary for the Supreme Court race and a host of local elections.

Speed and weather conditions may have been factors in a snowmobile fatality last night in Land O Lakes. The Vilas County Sheriff's office reported the accident shortly after 8 last night along North Helen Creek Road. The operator of the machine was killed when it struck a tree. The name of the victims has yet to be released.

Shawano County Circuit Judge William Kussel is handling the civil case in Forest County that's keeping a sexually violent man from being released into a home

					<p>in Blackwell. Kussel continued the temporary restraining order, supporting the homeowners association's action to keep Jeffrey LeVasseur out. The suit claims the new owners of the home where the convicted sex offender was to live violated neighborhood covenants against renting. The Department of Health Services disputed the original order but was denied the appeal. LeVasseur was supposed to have been placed last week. A motion hearing in the case is set for Thursday.</p>
A state gun bill introduced	News	2/20/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A Republican state representative is introducing a gun bill in response to last week's shooting at a Florida school which left 17 people dead. Republican Jesse Kremer's legislation would let people licensed to carry concealed weapons bring</p>

				<p>those weapons inside private schools. Under current law, it is a felony to bring a firearm onto school grounds or school buildings. Kremer maintains gun-free zones like schools concentrate vulnerable targets. He says teachers, administrators and parents should be able to carry a weapon for self-defense and the protection of their children or classroom. A Neillsville couple is held in the Clark County Jail as they wait for a first court appearance. Police and sheriff's deputies report they found meth, marijuana and a hand grenade when they searched the home where the 45-year-old man and 32-year-old woman lived with four children. No names have been released. The Marathon County Bomb Squad had been called to the home last Friday to</p>
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					<p>handle the grenade. After it was removed, officers searched the residence and found the drugs. The children, ages two-through-13, were removed from the home and turned over to county social workers. The Wisconsin Elections Commission says today's primary vote won't be interrupted by Mother Nature. Despite a winter storm bringing ice, heavy rain and flooding to much of the state, local election officials were worried about keeping polling places staffed. The state Supreme Court race and many local elections are part of the spring primary. Polls must remain open until 8:00 P-M and can't be closed due to foul weather.</p>
<p>Rhineland Auto Center to do audit to determine how much money was taken by former employee</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/21/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Rhineland Auto Center plans an audit to determine just how much money was taken by an</p>

employee. 41-year old Anna Petersen was in Oneida County Court yesterday charged with felony theft in a business setting. She allegedly cashed checks totaling nearly \$30,000. She admitted to investigators the money was used to pay bills, fix her roof and pay her daughter's college expenses. Peterson was released on a \$10,000 signature bond and is back in court Monday.

In April of 2016 two students leaving the prom at Antigo High School were shot by a gunman headed into the building. Antigo Police officer Andy Hopfensperger was there and stopped the assailant. His swift actions undoubtedly saved many lives and brought much praise but nothing like what happened yesterday in

Washington as he was one of a dozen emergency responders receiving the Medal of Valor from President Trump. Hopfensperger said there are no words to describe the feeling.

Sauk County Circuit Judge Michael Screnock and Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Rebecca Dallet easily advanced in Wisconsin's Supreme Court primary. The outcome sets up an April 3 election between two justices.

Rural economic development projects in Wisconsin would get a \$50 million annual boost under a bipartisan bill the Assembly unanimously passed yesterday. The money would only be available to the 56 most rural counties in the state. Counties or groups of counties could come

					<p>together to apply for grants for revolving loans under the programs. The measure now heads to the Senate. The Assembly also approved a bill creating a program to help schools pay for armed guards.</p>
<p>Wausau police treating death of man as a homicide</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/21/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wausau Police are treating the death of a 77-year old man found in his garage as a homicide. A woman told police she found her father at his home on the 1000 block of Kickbusch Street yesterday morning. Investigators say initial observations at the scene point to the suspicious circumstances in the death. No other information is available.</p> <p>A measure passed by the Assembly last night moves to the state Senate and if passed would create a grant program to help</p>

schools pay for armed guards. The vote comes six days after the school shooting at a Florida high school that left 17 dead. The bill would provide grants from the state justice department for three consecutive years, with declining percentages to pay armed security for schools with grades 5-12. There are no specifics as to how large the grants would be or where the DOJ would get the money. During debate Assembly Democrats unsuccessfully pushed for a vote on legislation that would have required background checks on all gun purchases in Wisconsin.

The Department of Justice has filed the first charges as a result of the Wisconsin Sexual Assault Kit Initiative. That's a statewide program

					<p>developed to address the decades-long accumulation of untested sexual assault or rape kits held by local police or hospitals. Twenty-nine-year-old Aaron Heiden of Eau Claire was charged with two felony sexual assault counts based on a 10-year-old case. Charges against Heiden were filed yesterday. D-N-A evidence from the victim's sexual assault kit hadn't been tested since it was collected in 2008. It matched Heiden.</p>
<p>Tomahawk man pleads insanity of death of friend</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/22/18</p>	<p>653a,753a,853a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Accused of shooting and killing his friend in Tomahawk, 32-year old Eric Moen the insanity plea in the death of 52-year old Charles Ramp. He was killed in his driveway last November. Moen is held on a million dollar cash bond on charges of first degree intentional homicide and back in court March 29th.</p>

The victim of a Vilas County snowmobile crash Monday night has been identified as 57-year old Michael Wilson of Indiana. His machine struck a tree off a road near the state line.

Wausau Police identified the 77-year old man discovered dead in his garage on Kickbusch Street Tuesday morning. Lyle Leith was found by his daughter, who notified authorities and are treating it as a homicide.

While no suspects have been identified or arrests made, police did pick up a man in Florence County on domestic violence charges yesterday and say it may be connected.

One person died in a fire that gutted a downtown Ironwood building. Officials reported the blaze about four yesterday morning to the building that housed upper apartments and

					<p>businesses below. Several people were rescued from windows with one pronounced dead at the hospital. Firefighters were not aware if anyone else was inside.</p> <p>Wausau area high school students expressed their support for the victims and survivors of last week's mass shooting that claimed 17 lives. Students and staff from DC Everest, Newman Catholic and Wausau East and West wore the school colors, maroon and silver, of Marjory Douglas Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida. They also wrote letters, sharing the message of love, hope and support.</p>
<p>Gov. Walker to sign bill to close state youth prison by 2021</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/22/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker says he will sign a bill that would close the state's juvenile prison by 2021. He may or may not get that chance. The Assembly</p>

				<p>passed it unanimously yesterday, but Republican Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald has been non-committal about its prospects in the Wisconsin Senate. The governor says he has urged Republican senators to support the measure which would shut down the Lincoln Hills facility. The legislation authorizes 80-million dollars in state borrowing to build or renovate new state and county juvenile locations. A student in the Waterloo School District is accused of sending a Snapchat to other students that read: "wonder if I could score more than 17?" Classes in the district were canceled yesterday due to the threat. Police say the suspect has been arrested and charges have been filed. School district officials say police recommended they cancel</p>
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				<p>classes and other activities. The regular schedules resumed today. A similar incident at Lakeland High School in Minocqua led to an arrest as well. Marshfield Police arrested a 42-year-old man for threatening his former girlfriend and leaving a suspicious device in her yard. Investigators say something similar to a pipe bomb was discovered filled with fireworks January 11th. Jacob Boushack is also accused of threatening to use a stun gun on the 44-year-old Marshfield woman. Boushack was apparently jealous over a recent breakup. Officers say another man was present at her home when the potential explosive device was found. Streets were closed and some nearby residences were evacuated until it was determined it was</p>
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					harmless.
Threats found at Lakeland High School	News	2/23/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Last Thursday two threats were found in a girl's restroom at Lakeland High School, prompting an increased law enforcement presence. Yesterday, Minocqua Police arrested a juvenile female who now faces charges of making a terrorist threat, intimidation, disorderly conduct, criminal damage to property and obstructing an officer. The matter has been referred to the Oneida County Department of Social Services. Because the suspect is a minor, no other details are available. There's also no new information about the arrest a week ago of another student who allegedly circulated a Snapchat image of a threatening nature.</p> <p>The Shawano County judge assigned the case of</p>

placing a violent sex offender at a home in Blackwell ruled it's not going to happen. Jeffrey LeVasseur was to be released into the community earlier this month when residents of Bear Lake Shores filed suit, citing an association covenant that homes cannot be used for commercial use. The Department of Health Services would have been renting it. Judge William Kussell granted a preliminary injunction keeping LaVasseur from living there. They're back in Forest County Court April 10th to see whether the ruling stands.

Another snowmobile accident yesterday afternoon had the operator airlifted for treatment. Hwy 47 just south of Walter Drive was closed about an hour as police worked at the

				<p>scene around 4:00. A group of sleds were traveling on a bumpy trail when one of them was thrown off. The man's injuries are not known.</p> <p>No one was home when a chimney fire damaged a Town of Stella home about 1:30 yesterday.</p>
<p>A fire in Ironwood found suspicious</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/23/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>The fire in downtown Ironwood Wednesday that killed two people is now being called suspicious. Federal authorities have joined the investigation of the blaze in the building that had businesses on the main level and apartments above. One of the victims was pulled from the fire and died later at a hospital. The second was discovered in the ruins. Their identities have not been released. An Antigo man returns to court in Marathon County next week to face charges he killed his girlfriend's dog</p>

during an argument. Investigators say Matthew Newton confronted his girlfriend when he found messages she had been sending to another man in Madison. While they were arguing, she says he snapped the neck of her Yorkshire terrier and threw it against the wall. He's been charged with mistreatment of an animal causing death and disorderly conduct. The state Assembly burned the midnight oil last night trying to wrap up work for the current legislative session. They gave approval to the governor's proposed 100-dollar-a-child tax rebate and an August sales tax holiday. Another bill passed includes 350-million dollars in borrowing to pay for a new adult prison.

A total of 560 high school wrestlers are competing in three divisions at the W-I-A-A

					<p>state individual wrestling tournament at the Kohl Center. Competition started yesterday and runs through Saturday. Semifinals in all divisions start tonight at 7:00. Championships will be determined tomorrow beginning at 5:00 P-M. Burlington leads Division One with 11 qualifiers, Luxemburg-Casco has eight in Division Two and Stratford has nine in Division Three.</p>
<p>Tomahawk woman dies from fire in her home</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/26/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 77-year old Tomahawk woman died as the result of fire at her home. Lincoln county dispatch got the call of a structure fire at the Clear Lake Condos on Hwy A shortly before 8:00 last night. She was able to get out of the building but died a short time later at Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital. She was the only person in the home. The cause is unknown and the name of the victim has not</p>

yet been released.
A Manitowoc man, reported missing since last week was found safe in Eagle River Saturday. 46-year old David Mellstrom was last seen around 10 last Thursday night. In issuing the alert, local police said he may be in danger. No other details of the incident are available.

A snowmobiler was rescued after his machine dropped through thin ice near Rhinelander. According to Pine Lake Fire & Rescue, a call came in about 2:30 Saturday of a man laying on the ice near open water by the bridge on Hwy W near Birchwood Drive. Officials were able to get a rope to him and get him to safety. Northern Wisconsin businesses having trouble finding employees are hoping to lure retirees back into the workforce or keep

					<p>people nearing retirement age on the job longer. Reports find economic development experts saying low unemployment rates, a lack of new workers and a growing number of people ready for retirement have created a major demand for workers and companies may turn to automation since the worker shortage isn't expected to end anytime soon.</p>
<p>Paul Ryan predicts Republicans will emerge victorious in Nov. general elections</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/26/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>House Speaker Paul Ryan predicts his Republican Party will emerge victorious in the general elections in November. Ryan spoke to Waukesha County Republicans Saturday night. He says Republican successes like the tax cuts will carry the party, even though mid-term elections are often difficult for a president's party. Ryan expanded on previous</p>

comments about the mass shooting in Florida, saying 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz "slipped through a whole bunch of cracks." In recent history, the party controlling the White House has lost an average of 32 seats in the House of Representatives. Republicans currently have a 24-seat majority.

A 54-year old Manitowoc man was injured Saturday when his snowmobile struck a tree. The unidentified driver was on a trail in the town of Bradley when he lost control and went into the woods. He was taken by private car to Ascension Sacred Heart Hospital in Tomahawk, treated for non-life threatening injuries.

A bill to close the state's troubled Lincoln Hills youth prison appears to be on shaky ground. It passed the state Assembly last week on a unanimous vote, but

					<p>Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says he has “a ton” of questions and concerns. It’s now up to Senate Judiciary Committee chair, Senator Van Wanggard, to try to address those concerns. He said, “I think once the Senators see what is in this bill, I think they’ll have a better understanding of what we’re trying to accomplish”. The bill would close Lincoln Hills by 2021, with less violent offenders moving to county-run residential care centers.</p>
Tomahawk officials looking into house fire	News	2/27/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Investigators with the Tomahawk Fire Department are still looking for the cause of the fire that killed a 77-year old woman Sunday morning. She’s been identified as Sharon Bender. She was able to get out of the house at the Clear Lake Condos Trailer Park in</p>

Bradley but died later at the hospital.

A four month investigation into drug trafficking in Forest County led to five arrests. Multiple felonies have been leveled against 22-year old Mackenzi Megeshick, 20-year old Marcus Morris, 23-year old Rhonda Rachal and 24-year old Shawna Rachal all of Crandon and 28-year old Xavier Teller from Neopit. Several others have warrants out for their arrest. Charges range possession and delivery of Heroin, Cocaine, Methamphetamine and other narcotics, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a drug trafficking house and bail jumping.

School safety remains a hot topic following an announcement by Green Bay Police to propose having armed security

					<p>guards at schools in that district. While the Green Bay superintendent supports the idea at an estimated cost of \$3.5 million a year, they're looking at how other agencies and school districts nearby feel about it. Several surrounding districts, some of which don't want to comment on what another district might do, also believe it's a conversation worth having.</p> <p>A Glidden man may be charged with forgery and bail jumping, accused of passing counterfeit 20-dollar bills. Police in Park Falls say 44-year old Keith Kerfoot tried to use the bills at a gas station and they failed the test with a marker. Charges have been recommended to the Price County DA.</p>
<p>Tax cut bill not doing as great as thought of</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>2/27/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A package of tax cut bills which swept through the Wisconsin Assembly isn't doing nearly as well in the</p>

				<p>state Senate. Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says Republicans won't even hold a hearing on the one-time sales tax holiday legislation. He says he thinks he has the votes to shut down the plans for the troubled state juvenile prison in Irma. Fitzgerald has called the 52-million dollar sales tax holiday a gimmick which would simply change when consumers make their purchases, rather than boost economic activity. The 100-dollar child tax credit rebate would return an estimated 122-million dollars to Wisconsin parents. Two Wisconsin labor unions are suing, saying Governor Scott Walker's collective bargaining law violates their free speech and free association rights. Locals 139 and 420 of the Operating Engineers of Wisconsin represent more</p>
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				<p>than 10-thousand workers in the state. Act 10 was the law passed during Walker's first term which curtailed collective bargaining rights for most Wisconsin public employees, including teachers. The lawsuit was filed last week in U-S District Court in Milwaukee. A Walker spokesperson says Act 10 will be upheld, as it has been before, and it is constitutional, adding it doesn't violate the unions' First Amendment rights.</p> <p>The annual sturgeon spearing season on Lake Winnebago has come to a close, the third year in a row its run the entire 16-days. 654 fish were taken from the big lake with another 297 from the upriver waters. Lack of water clarity was blamed for lower totals. Officials said more than 50 sturgeon weighed over 100</p>
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Lincoln Co. fire destroys duplex	News	2/28/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A Lincoln County fire yesterday morning leveled a duplex in the Town of Pine River. 911 dispatch got the call on Grant Wood Court just before 11:30. One side of the structure was already engulfed in flames and collapsing when officials arrived. Several departments responded and the Red Cross is providing aid to the two families displaced by the fire. A nine month old puppy died from its injuries at a nearby animal hospital. The cause of the fire is unknown.</p> <p>Marathon County Judge Jill Falstad will now hear the Oneida County case against Robin Mendez for the 1982 murder of his wife, Barbara. Mendez asked for a new judge last week. The</p>

body of Barbara Mendez was found at the Park City Credit Union in Minocqua where she worked 36 years ago. The Two Mendez daughters worked to bring the case to court.

Wausau's controversial Thomas Street construction project will move forward. The City Council, on a 6-5 vote, approved the design plans last night that will widen the well-traveled road from the Wisconsin River Bridge to 4th Avenue and redo the infrastructure. Area residents have protested the project for a number of reasons, mostly soil contamination and the fact some homes will have to be removed. The city and residents have been back and forth on the issues for years. Construction could begin in May of next year.

Wisconsin Elections

					Commission interim administrator Mike Haas plans to leave the agency to pursue other opportunities, and urged commissioners to appoint a new interim administrator when they meet this Friday.
Ashland police have several leads after man dies in his home	News	2/28/18	1230p,530p	1:30	With former critics like the Wisconsin Counties Association and two groups representing the state's sheriffs now in support, a key Republican says the juvenile justice overhaul bill could pass the Senate. Republican Alberta Darling says senators need to feel they're involved in the process, are comfortable with the 80-million dollar cost, and are convinced the approach will reduce recidivism and improve public safety. A hearing on closing the troubled Lincoln Hills juvenile prison was held Tuesday. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald has

expressed concerns with the legislation -- but also said it could win Senate approval. Police in Ashland say they have a person of interest and several leads after finding a man dead at his home. Officers forced their way into the house Sunday night after getting no response to knocking and discovered the victim. The death is being treated as a homicide.

Dick's Sporting Goods will immediately end sales of assault-style rifles in its stores and won't sell guns to anyone under 21 years old following the school massacre in Parkland, Florida. Dick's Chairman and CEO Edward Stack said after the shooting the company "felt it needed to do something." Stack says the gunman, Nickolas Cruz, had purchased a gun at a Dick's store, but not the one

					used at the school shooting, even though all existing rules were followed. Stack says that the system that's in place won't stop sales to dangerous people and said lawmakers must do something. He said Dick's is prepared for any potential backlash, but will not change its policies on gun sales.
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Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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Florida school shootings maybe changing the way guns are sold	News	3/1/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Large retailers are examining their handling of firearms in the wake of the Florida school shootings. Yesterday Dick's Sporting Goods announced they'll stop selling assault-style guns and high capacity magazines and ban the

				<p>sale of all guns to anyone under 21. Now, Walmart plans to raise the age to buy firearms and ammunition to 21. A company spokesman said they will update processes as quickly as possible to implement the change. In a statement, Walmart noted the chain ended the sales of modern sporting rifles, including the AR-15, three years ago. The company will also remove items from their website resembling assault-style rifles, including nonlethal air soft guns and toys. Meanwhile, Governor Scott Walker says he opposes training teachers to carry guns, but he's talking with lawmakers about a comprehensive school safety agenda. He may even recall the Assembly to take up the bills. More than six percent of</p>
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deer tested last year for chronic wasting disease were infected. According to the DNR study, 593 of 9685 animals tested came back positive. The testing period ran from April of last year to February 10th. The highest percentage since the disease was discovered in 2002 was 9.4% in 2015. Another Democrat will challenge Representative Sean Duffy in the 7th Congressional District. Brian Ewert, a former doctor and past president of the Marshfield Clinic announced his candidacy yesterday. Also running are Chetek native Kyle Frenette and Polk County attorney Margaret Engebretson. The Mercer area Chamber of Commerce has a new executive director. Beth Wetzler, formerly with the Minocqua Chamber, begins the new job on

					Monday.
Foxcon road funding	News	3/1/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The Legislative Fiscal Bureau reports paying for road-building near the new Foxconn electronics manufacturing plant could reduce available funding for the rest of the state by 90-million dollars. The Bureau included that estimate in a memo forwarded to Democratic lawmakers yesterday. Minority Leader Gordon Hintz says that means the governor is giving the Foxconn project priority over fixing roads in the rest of the state.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Supreme Court reversed lower court rulings on employee unions in the state fighting de-certification. The unions argued the state's Employee Relations Commission over-stepped its authority when it de-</p>

certified two locals. The Act 10 state law, backed by Governor Scott Walker, requires annual re-certification elections for state and municipal employees. The two unions missed a yearly deadline by one hour. The high court determined the commission does have the power to decertify collective bargaining groups if they don't file election work before the deadline.

Public hearings on Wisconsin's proposed 2018 waterfowl structure come up this month. After collecting public comments the final season rules will be set up by the Natural Resources Board at their April 11th meeting. Hearing locations include LaCrosse, Rice Lake, Appleton and Pewaukee.

The Oneida County Land & Water Conservation

				<p>Department's Aquatic Invasive Species Program was awarded a grant to support their work into 2019. The \$25,615 AIS Education, Prevention and Planning grant comes from the DNR to help manage the spread of invasive species across Oneida County's lakes, rivers and wetlands. The AIS program also announced 18 individual lake associations and partners were award grant funding totaling over \$429,000.</p>
<p>Sugar Camp home damaged in fire</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/5/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>A home is Sugar Camp was badly damaged in fire yesterday morning. The dispatch to several volunteer departments came just after 9:00 to the home off Indian Lake Road. The cause was pinned to a wood fire. No injuries were reported.</p> <p>An investigation into the disappearance of a murder</p>

suspect led to resignations and disciplinary action by the Vilas County Sheriff's Department. 19-year old James Lussier was wanted in the death of a Lac du Flambeau man last December. Early last month he walked into the sheriff's department to turn himself in. After being left unattended, he took off. To be found nearly two weeks later and charged in the death, along with several others, of Wayne Valliere, Jr. Two corrections officers have now resigned, another demoted and suspended without pay and two more could be disciplined in the incident. The five suspects in the case are all in Iron County Court today.

Visitors to the Rouman Cinema in Rhinelander can now vote for their favorite

					<p>cartoon creation after this weekend's annual CANTastic event benefitting the food pantry. The theme this year is TOON into Hunger with teams creating characters made of canned goods. Five teams have their efforts on public display for two weeks. Nearly 3000 canned goods will go to the food pantry and the end of the event.</p> <p>A strong winter storm system will track across the state tonight bringing several inches of snow to most of the broadcast area. The heaviest snow should fall in the northwest corner of the state before tracking to the east.</p>
Marshfield bus driver arrested	News	3/5/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A Marshfield bus driver is accused of touching a teenage girl inappropriately. Fifty-three-year-old Herbert Andres is accused of hosting an</p>

underage drinking party and making unwanted sexual advances on the 17-year-old girl. She says he tried to kiss her. Andres is charged with sexual assault. Investigators say he drives the bus which is ridden by at least one of the people who attended the illegal party. The conditions of his bond release prohibit Andres from having contact with anyone under the age of 18.

Reaction to President Trump's call for tariffs on imported steel and aluminum is drawing harsh criticism from a number of major employers, from breweries to boats.

MillerCoors was one of the first to weigh in, saying, "While we won't know the details for a week, the Department of Defense recently reported that

aluminum does not cause any national security issues." They believe the move will impact the 2-million jobs dependent on America's beer industry. The National Marine Manufacturers Association came out equally as strong against the tariffs saying it will drive up the cost of aluminum used to manufacture pontoon and fishing boats, two lines that make up more than 43% of new powerboat sales each year. The group says the American jobs to build boats, engines and components are in jeopardy. Stock prices of major car manufacturers fell on the news that vehicles will become more expensive at a time when many thought prices would be falling. The nation retail federation the proposal is actually a tax on American

					Families.
Bond continues for men accused of the death of a local man	News	3/6/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Bond was continued at a million dollars each for four of the five men charged in the death of Wayne Valliere, Jr of Lac du Flambeau. His body was found in the woods of Iron county New Year's Day beaten and shot several times. Appearing in court yesterday were 27-year old Richard Allen, 26 year old Joseph and 19 year old James Lussier and 27-year old Evan Oungst, each facing felony counts of first degree intentional homicide and hiding a corpse. A fifth defendant, 26-year old Curtis Wolfe has his initial appearance Monday.</p> <p>Also in court yesterday, 27-year old Megan Danielczak. The Rhinelander woman is charged with solicitation of</p>

first degree intentional homicide after attempting to hire a hitman to kill her husband. She made a not guilty plea and is free on a \$15,000 cash bond and back in Oneida County court May first.

A Forest County homeowners association won in court to keep a violent sex offender from living there. 51-year old Jeffrey LeVasseur was to be placed last month but the association sued because properties could not be rented. Substitute Judge William Kussel made the determination yesterday. Now, LeVasseur may join another sex offender, 62-year old Ronald Stewart, and be placed in a neighborhood outside of Plover next week. However the location has children within 1500 feet, which is

					<p>illegal. Stewart was convicted of child sexual assault in in 1982 and again in 1990. Legislation is working its way through Madison addressing the issue by giving local counties and governments more say in where to place convicted criminals.</p>
<p>UW Stevens Point to scale back on class offerings</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/6/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point says declining enrollment and less revenue from tuition is forcing it to make some changes. The university plans to cut 13 programs, including English, History and some languages while adding or expanding another 16. Leaders say the school is addressing a four-and-a-half-million dollar deficit by shifting its resources to areas with growth potential. U-W-Stevens Point says it is increasing its focus in areas where there is a higher demand for</p>

qualified candidates. Job opportunities are growing in technology, environmental studies, and business.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development reports 110 workers at the Foremost Farms plant in Rothschild will be impacted by the sale of that facility. Foremost Farms U-S-A has notified the state it is selling the plant to Kerry Biofunctional Ingredients, Incorporated. The Foremost Farms website says the company supplies cheese, dairy products, and ingredients to national and international markets. It hasn't been made clear how the sale will impact those workers yet. It is expected to close in May. After months of questions, Gander Outdoors in Rothschild is now open. The former Gander Mountain was closed in August when

					<p>the parent company filed bankruptcy, eventually being acquired by Camping World. The official grand opening is Saturday.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Board of Control voted to discontinue the state summer baseball tournament series following the 2018 season. Running since 1965, the projected number of schools offering summer baseball for next season will be less than 30. At its peak in 1990 there were 110 schools.</p>
Former Crandon principal may sue the school	News	3/7/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Crandon School Principal Andy Space suddenly resigned last month and now says he may sue the district, a place he's worked for nearly three decades. Initially no reasons were given for his leaving, but now</p>

				<p>accusations of not working well with female staff and mishandling an incident with weapons led to his dismissal. He says they're not true. Space allegedly called women by demeaning names and failed to follow up an incident at a football game last year where a student was threatened with a knife. The information came in a four page letter to Space from Superintendent Dr. Doug Kryder, detailing his actions. The Crandon International Off Road Raceway along with Bark River in Michigan and Minnesota's ERX Motor Park have withdrawn from the off road racing championship or TORC series. Crandon President Cliff Flannery said recent business developments led the three facilities to take a different direction to ensure</p>
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					<p>the future of short-course off road racing. The Midwest track owners plan to release additional championship information as well as the 2018 season schedule as soon as possible. The Crandon track pumps millions of dollars into the Forest County economy, drawing upwards of 50,000 race fans to the track.</p> <p>A Horace Mann Middle School student may face charges after writing a threatening note, prompting emergency action. Wausau Police determined it was a prank yesterday but remind parents matters like this are taken seriously. School officials are not releasing the details of the note nor the identity of the student involved.</p>
Gov. Walker makes stops In the state	News	3/7/18	1230p,530p	1:30	Governor Scott Walker made stops in Janesville

and Oshkosh yesterday y to share his concerns about President Trump's plans for tariffs on steel and aluminum imports. This is one of the rare times the Republican governor opposed the president's point of view. Business groups and other Republicans warn about the threat of a trade war, bringing with it economic and political consequences. Trump is pushing a 25 percent tariff on steel imports and 10 percent on aluminum from other countries. Internet service is still slow in northern Wisconsin despite promises and hundreds of millions of dollars in federal subsidies. Leaders in Superior and surrounding Douglas County are getting impatient. They say their neighbors are paying the same rate for internet

service as customers farther south in Wisconsin, but the speed hasn't improved. CenturyLink is the regional main internet service provider. It got 332-million dollars from the F-C-C's Connect America Fund. The company says it is meeting federal requirements and it plans to expand broadband service in Superior over the next several years.

Wisconsin farmers who want to grow industrial hemp can now apply for a state license. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection began accepting applications Friday. The deadline to apply for the upcoming growing season is May 1. Federal drug law doesn't differentiate

					<p>between hemp and its cousin marijuana, but Congress in 2014 began allowing states to conduct research pilot programs and Wisconsin lawmakers lifted a ban on the crop last fall. State Bureau of Plant Industry Director Brian Kuhn says farmers still face challenges in finding a market.</p>
<p>Two state sex offenders still without housing</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/8/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two violent sex offenders are still without housing. Earlier this week we told you about the Forest County case involving 51-year old Jeffrey LeVasseur being denied living quarters in a residential area of Blackwell. He was then to live near Plover with another convicted criminal, 62-year old Ronald Stewart. The owner of the property</p>

where the men were to be placed informed the Wisconsin Department of Health Services they're withdrawing the offer. A meeting with area residents and the Portage County Sheriff's Department last night was cancelled because of that decision.

Merrill Fire Chief Dave Savone resigned yesterday. He'd been with the department over five years and was reportedly under evaluation by City Administrator Dave Johnson. While no specifics were given, Johnson said Savone did nothing illegal and no complaints were filed. Battalion Chief Scott Krause will fill position until a replacement is named.

A wood stove is blamed for a fire that destroyed a Town of Wausau home yesterday.

Firefighters were called to the house on the 5900 block on Mathie Road about 1:20. Two people were home and no one was hurt.

Firearm and drug charges are leveled against two men. The US Attorney's Office news release stated 32-year old Joel Holding of Tomahawk and 25-year old Valerie Flores of Wausau were charged with possessing marijuana with intent to deliver. Holding was also charged with possessing handguns to facilitate a drug trafficking crime. The Grand Jury indictments stem from an investigation by the Marathon County Special Investigations Unit, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and Wisconsin State Patrol.

Well known Minocqua man
is killed in accident

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A well-known Minocqua man died in a Michigan accident yesterday. Tom Handrick drowned in Thousand Island Lake in Watersmeet when his skid steer broke through the ice. Rescue teams were able to get him out of the water and he was flown to Eagle River Memorial Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Handrick was involved in many aspects of Lakeland area life, from being a business owner, coach, Lions club member and volunteer for a host of activities. He was 55-years old.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports the number of emergency room visits for opioid overdoses more than doubled between July 2016 and September 2017 in Wisconsin. That's the biggest increase in 16

states. Wisconsin had more than 34-hundred visits to its emergency rooms. E-R visits rose by about 30 percent nationwide when patients sought help for suspected opioid overdoses. The C-D-C says the trend shows the need to enhance mental health services, treatment for addiction and distribution of overdose-reversing drugs.

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald doubts the governor's plan to close the youth prison in Irma and overhaul juvenile corrections will pass without changes. The powerful Juneau-based Republican calls the process to draft the legislation "horrendous." Fitzgerald says he hasn't been given enough information about how it would work for him to support the plan. He does think there are enough

					Senate votes to close the youth prison only. Governor Walker and Senate Republicans were meeting yesterday to talk about the plan, school safety and passing a 100-dollar per child tax credit.
Pearson woman being charged in car death	News	3/9/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	First degree reckless homicide charges are pending for a Pearson woman. 30-year old Heather Grisius is free on bond in a previous drug case, but the Forest County Court issued a bench warrant for her arrest, accused of selling the drugs that ended up killing a Crandon man. Police are searching for her now. A plea deal was reached for an Antigo woman, convicted of interfering with child custody. 37-year old Cathy Jo Brown will be in prison two years after taking her children out of state

and staying out of contact with her ex-husband in December of 2016. She was arrested in January in a South Dakota hotel. Trig's grocery stores wrapped up their 8th annual stuff-a-truck drive to benefit local food pantries by raising over \$17,000 and filling a semi-trailer with food to feed thousands of families and delivering to organizations in Eagle River, Minocqua, Rhinelander, Stevens Point and Wausau. Walmart employees in the state are getting cash bonuses this month. They join nearly 900,000 others receiving a share of more than \$560-million from store performance and recent tax changes. Wisconsin employees get about \$12-million of that. In a news release from the company, workers also get an annual pay raise, expanded

					<p>maternity and parental leave benefits and a one time cash bonus for eligible employees up to \$1000. A new adoption assistance benefit of \$5000 per child went into effect last month. And in sports, the Crandon girls lost to LaCrosse Aquinas in state semi-final basketball last night, 75-38.</p>
<p>Foxcon activists are asking questions about the business</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/9/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Environmental activists and people living near where the Foxconn Technology Group plans to build a huge electronics plant are speaking out against plans to pull water from Lake Michigan. Wisconsin made a lot of concessions to get the 10-billion dollar project and its 13-thousand jobs to move to the state. The latest round of questions concern the plan to use seven-million gallons of Lake Michigan water each day as it builds thin screen monitors. The Department</p>

of Natural Resources is currently in the public comment period until March 21st. Some speakers at a public event in Sturtevant earlier this week questioned the company's environmental record in China and Taiwan. They're in the same party, but Wisconsin Republicans like House Speaker Paul Ryan, U-S Senator Ron Johnson and Governor Scott Walker are speaking out against the president's plan to add tariffs to steel and aluminum imports. The high-profile politicians say the move could start a trade war and hurt Wisconsin agricultural and manufacturing industries. Democratic U-S Senator Tammy Baldwin is asking President Trump to exempt European trading partners while doing more to target cheating by China. Trump

					<p>has already excluded Canada and Mexico from the tariffs, but he's moving ahead with his plan. Senator Johnson says he's not sure there are ever any winners in a trade war. The Rhinelander High School Key Club with the social studies department and League of Women Voters are sponsoring a school board candidates forum next week at the school. The Thursday forum runs from 1:40 to 3 in the Superior Diesel tiered classroom.</p>
<p>Schools across the state are bracing for student walkouts</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/12/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Schools around the country are bracing for a series of student walkouts to protest gun violence. Since 17 students and staff members were killed in a school shooting in Parkland, Florida, last month, demonstrations have sprung up all over the country. But the first large-</p>

scale, coordinated national demonstration is planned for March 14, when organizers of the Women's March have called for a 17-minute school walkout. School administrators are scrambling to figure out how to let thousands of students exercise their First Amendment rights while not disrupting school and not pulling administrators into the gun control debate. Some schools have taken a hard line, threatening to suspend students who participate. Others are setting up on-campus locations where students can remember the victims of the Florida shooting and express their views.

A fire last night destroyed a barn and killed eight animals in the Marathon County community of Emmet. Officials said the structure was engulfed in

					<p>flames when crews arrived and the cause is believed to be electrical because heating lamps were in use. The exact cause is still under investigation.</p> <p>A new University of Wisconsin study suggests using menthol cough drops excessively can worsen a cough. The report is published this month in the Journal of the American Board of Family Medicine. U-W researchers surveyed 550 patients and found for most of them too many cough drops - especially menthol - made coughs more severe. The study also showed the cough lasted 12-and-a-half days for cough drop users and nine-point-eight days for non-users.</p>
Rhinelanders city council meets tonight	News	3/12/18	1230p,530p	1:30	Governor Scott Walker is out of character in pointing to a big Democratic win in

a state senate special election in a district that Donald Trump easily won in 2016. He said it's s sign voters are unhappy and Democrats are motivated. Walker, once the voice of a Midwestern conservative revolution is now a voice of concern for the party. He's seeking a third term by moderating his own tone and making overtures to Democratic-leaning voters with efforts to bolster health care and education.

Walker gained a national reputation after his 2010 election by moving quickly to dismantle public employee union bargaining rights, a move that sparked mass protests and an unsuccessful drive to recall him from office.

Rhinelander's City Council meets tonight and will take in a presentation by the management group now

operating the Northwood Golf Course. Green Golf Partners is taking over the course, which opened in 1989 and over the last decade has been in financial trouble. The group has promised to start over providing a new operation with a new look. The council will hear the proposed rates for the coming season as well as the new budget.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation advised the maintenance on the Hwy 51 bridge over State Hwy 64 has restricted traffic to one way. They've installed a four way stop on 64 at the bottom of the northbound on and off ramps. The work is expected to be completed before the Memorial Day weekend.

And in sports, Marquette hosts Harvard Wednesday

					<p>night in the first round of the NIT.</p>
<p>Two area school boards are facing tough decisions</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/13/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two area school boards are dealing with big decisions in the near future. In Rhinelander, it's handling the overcrowding at the elementary level. Despite work in the past on Crescent and Pelican schools, the buildings are full. Last night, the board discussed the possibility of purchasing the St. Joseph's Church property for early childhood and 4K programs. The attached school already has about a dozen classrooms and the church itself could be reconfigured for more. Those discussions may come in the near future. Meanwhile in Crandon, angry parents packed the board meeting last night calling for the dismissal of administrator Dr. Doug Kryder. Not only complaints</p>

				<p>from the public, but students and staff centered on morale, decreasing enrollment, poor test scores, an unsafe environment and poor leadership and communication from Kryder. He's also blamed for the dismissal of middle and high school principal Andy Space, who resigned last month and is considering suing Kryder and the district for wrongful termination. No action was taken by the board. The fifth suspect connected to the death of Wayne Valliere, Jr of Lac du Flambeau was in Iron County court yesterday. Curtis Wolfe, along with Richard Allen, James and Joseph Lussier and Evan Oungst are held on a million dollar bond, charged with first degree intentional homicide and hiding a corpse. Valliere was killed</p>
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					<p>December 22nd and his body found near Mercer New Year's Day. Vilas County Jail Sgt. Kristine Lovas and Corrections Officer Anthony Mugnaini both resigned over their part in allowing James Lussier to walk out of the Vilas County Jail last month. Three other officers were disciplined.</p>
<p>Schools face student walkouts tomorrow</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/13/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Schools across the nation will walkout of classes tomorrow morning to remember the 17 people killed in Parkland, Florida and protest gun violence. Rhinelander High School will be among them. Emma Hjella is a junior, president of the student council and one of the organizers whose taken to social media to draw</p>

attention to the event. She's already meet with school officials and administrators who'll support the students and monitor the events as they move outside the building for 17 minutes for the observance.

Tomahawk Police say a 17-year-old girl told them she wanted to kill the man she was stabbing. Teenager Francine Reinke has been arrested after stabbing the victim several times. A witness disputed her story when she told police she was trying to defend herself. Reinke faces a charge of attempted homicide, substantial battery, battery to a law enforcement officer, resisting and recklessly endangering safety. The teen is accused of kicking

an officer in the groin while she was being arrested. She's being held in the Lincoln County Jail.

Governor Scott Walker says Democrats should be ashamed of excluding female candidates from a forum held last month. The forum for gubernatorial candidates sponsored by the Construction Business Group included five men, but left out Kathleen Vinehout and Kelda Helen Roys. Democrats accuse the governor of lying when he claims their party excluded the two female candidates. The C-B-G says it invited only the top-five Democratic fundraisers to its forum. The Wisconsin Democratic Party says it didn't sponsor the forum and didn't choose the candidates.

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Some school districts could see more state aid

Wisconsin would see increased state aid under a new bill signed Monday by Governor Scott Walker. The maximum that a qualifying low-spending district can spend by combining property tax revenue and state aid would go up by 300-dollars to 94-hundred for next school year. That limit would increase by 100-dollars-a-year for the following four years. The legislation also increases the amount of sparsity aid from 300-to-400 dollars-a-student. One-hundred-44 Wisconsin school districts qualify by having 745 students or fewer and a membership density of less than 10 students-a-square-mile.

Newbold and Hazelhurst departments assisted Lake Tomahawk firefighters yesterday at a house fire on

South Bluebird Road. The call came in just before noon and when the first crews arrived the wooden structure was already engulfed in flames. The home was a total loss and the cause is still unknown.

A first for Wisconsin hunters this year as the DNR announced a managed elk season this year. Herd estimates put the number near 200 and only 10 tags will be available for a bull only hunt running from October 13th through November 11th. An additional nine days will open in December. Applications will be available online beginning May first for the area of Ashland, Bayfield, Price and Sawyer counties.

And in sports, the Packers opted for youth and speed

					<p>at wide receiver, signing former Saint and Seahawk Jimmy Graham to a three year deal and releasing fan favorite, 10 year veteran Jordy Nelson, also a favorite target for Aaron Rodgers, amassing nearly 8000 yards in his career in Green Bay.</p>
<p>Charges filed against Lena man for firing at officers</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/14/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Charges have been filed in Oconto County Court, against a 50-year-old Lena man accused of firing at officers during a Sunday standoff at his home. Prosecutors say Thomas Benser choked and threatened to kill his ex-girlfriend Saturday. She allegedly called police the following day, saying Benser sent her a voicemail where he threatened to kill himself and any officers who tried to arrest him. Officers say Benser fired at them, with the standoff lasting roughly ten hours. Benser faces 14 different charges, ranging</p>

from five counts of Attempted First Degree Intentional Homicide, to disorderly Conduct.

A 32-year-old Wausau man has been arrested for operating while intoxicated after an incident when he stopped for food at a Hardee's restaurant. Workers told police Nathan Loose was intoxicated when he ordered food at the drive-thru, then became belligerent. Officers arrived to deal with him at about 4:30 A-M Sunday. Loose reportedly admitted he had been driving, saying he had consumed five-or-six beers. A breath test revealed he had a blood-alcohol content level of more than double the legal limit.

Dodge County authorities believe the dangerous

					<p>chemicals found in an apartment building in Beaver Dam can only be safely eliminated by burning that structure to the ground. The controlled burn planned for today has been delayed one day because officials were worried about high winds. The chemical found in that apartment after a fatal explosion last week has been identified as T-A-T-P, a volatile explosive that can't be removed safely. T-A-T-P was used in the bombs in the 2015 attack in Paris.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders students walked out of class yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/15/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>About 200 students at Rhinelanders High and James Williams Middle Schools walked out of classes yesterday in response to the February 14th shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.</p>

				<p>The demonstration was orderly according to school officials, with law enforcement blocking the streets at both the buildings for safety. Students returned to classes after the 17 minute observance. At DC Everest High School in Wausau, students were kept inside the building as authorities investigated a threat. The gym was used as the rally location. Police determined the potential threat was unsubstantiated. Some parents kept their children home. Wausau Police warned people of an active situation yesterday around noon in the area of N 8th Street and Augusta Avenue. Authorities attempting a welfare check ended up in the pursuit of a 35-year old man who ended up at his residence. As officers</p>
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approached they heard a gunshot from inside.

Several homes in the area were evacuated as SWAT teams responded. Upon entering they discovered the man dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. No other information is available.

Snowmobile trails across the North are beginning to deteriorate with most locations reporting fair to good conditions as of this morning. In many spots trails using plowed roads should be avoided and in Price County, logging operations are hampering access. Riders are urged to use caution in swampy areas due to breakup and corners are reportedly icy. Some trails in parts of Lincoln County will be closing for the season beginning tomorrow.

	News	3/15/18	1230p,530p	1:30	A Republican state senator
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State senator says investigation into Lincoln Hills has finished

From Racine, Van Wanggaard, says the F-B-I tells him its three-year investigation of the Lincoln Hills School for Boys is finished. U-S Attorney Scott Blader has said the work is ongoing but hasn't confirmed that the F-B-I has wrapped up its work. At the same time, a split between Republicans in the Assembly and members of the same party in the Wisconsin Senate may mean the plan to close the troubled facility is dead. A lead author of the bill says Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald is behind changes that gutted the legislation. Representative Michael Schraa says his bill could have been transformational to juvenile justice in Wisconsin. After a woman's two-year-old child was spotted wandering -- naked -- in a

nearby road, she was charged with child neglect. Tezarah Hoepper is scheduled to make an initial court appearance in Chippewa County next week. Stanley Police say their first contact with Hoepner was last summer. They found her asleep on a couch next to a two-month-old baby. Eight children were in the home at the time, four of them hers and four more which were the children of other family members. A home inspection determined it was unsafe for children to live there.

This morning we told you the condition of snowmobile trails are rapidly deteriorating. Langlade County will be now be closing section B of their trail system tomorrow morning at 8. In Lincoln County zones 2 and 3 close

					tomorrow to snowmobile and winter ATV use as well.
Crandon suspends superintendant of schools	News	3/16/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>The Crandon School Board last night suspended superintendent Dr. Doug Kryder, now the subject of an internal investigation. Kryder has been under fire since releasing a four-page letter that led to the resignation of middle and high school principal Andy Space last month. Concerned parents organized into the, "Citizens United for Education", blaming Kryder for the dropping enrollment, poor test scores and an unsafe environment for students and staff. At this point little is known about the investigation but Kryder is suspended with pay pending the result. School is in session this morning in the Tomorrow River School District in Amherst but there are no</p>

morning activities. Officials are taking a threat made yesterday seriously. The Portage County Sheriff's department and local police will be at the school as student's bags will be checked and only certain doors will be used. Dispatchers confirmed a Code Red alert was sent out over the threat, which is being investigated.

Meanwhile, Governor Scott Walker called for a special session of the legislature next week to address his plan designed to keep schools safe in the state.

The closing of some snowmobile trails already this morning signals the end of the winter recreation season across the North. While trailering to some access points is now recommended, clubs for the most part have stopped

					grooming unless there's a significant snowfall. Decisions to close could begin next week. It's also time to remove ice shacks from the lakes and that's this Sunday. The DNR reminds people to clean up the areas as well.
Minocqua man's arraignment has been set	News	3/16/18	1230p,453p	1:30	Marathon County Judge Jill Falstad set April 19 th for the arraignment of Robin Mendez, the Minocqua man accused of killing his wife at the Park City Credit Union in 1982. The family's two daughters have been working to bring the cold case back to light that first found him only as a suspect in the beating death of their mother 35 years ago. He was formally charged last month and remains jailed on a quarter million dollar bond. Wisconsin Senate Minority

Leader Jennifer Shilling says the governor is ignoring student pleas for gun control. Governor Scott Walker released a series of bills aimed at school safety yesterday. The legislation imposes no new restrictions on guns. Shilling's news release says the bills do nothing to enhance background checks or keep domestic abusers from buying guns. The governor ordered lawmakers to convene in a special session to take up the measures -- which are expected to pass.

A state Senate panel passed a scaled back version of a bill that would close the troubled Lincoln Hills youth prison. Insiders said the Republican side does not feel comfortable just pushing a bill through without them having any

					<p>input into what that bill was. The Assembly unanimously passed a bill last month that would close Lincoln Hills and pay for new state and county-run facilities to replace it. But the Senate version of the plan removed the funding. That action essentially kills the bill, because Assembly Speaker Robin Vos will not call the chamber back to vote on the Senate version.</p>
<p>Wisconsin leads the nation in elderly car crashes</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/19/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A recent study find Wisconsin has the highest rate of fatal crashes involving elderly drivers in the country. A national transportation research group found 26% of those crashes involved someone 65 or older. The DOT said that's an alarming statistic and a serious problem but noted drivers that age typically have good driving</p>

skills and few accidents. They also travel fewer miles. The report recommended improving road safety by having larger lettering on signage, lengthening merge lanes and hosting education and training programs for older drivers.

A 48-year-old Rhinelander man was arrested for his 4th OWI offense Saturday night. Richard Whitford was stopped by the State Patrol on Airport Road near Hwy 8 about 9:45. Initially stopped for speeding the trooper detected the odor of intoxicants coming from the vehicle and administered a field sobriety test, which led to his arrest.

DNR Wardens arrested an Amery man for allegedly trapping raccoons then letting them loose for his dogs to attack. Jason Armbruster is charged with

					<p>10 felonies in Polk County including mistreating animals and instigating fights. He's in court next month.</p> <p>An environmental organization and the U.S. Forest Service are working together to harvest timber in northern Wisconsin. The 2014 Farm Bill allowed the two groups to enter into a stewardship agreement. The conservancy will hire loggers, sell timber and use the proceeds for projects the Forest Service can't afford to do. Forest Supervisor Paul Strong says the Forest Service's budget has been stretched by efforts to fight wildfires that have become more frequent and more intense.</p>
<p>Weekend car accidents left several Merrill residents injured</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/19/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Weekend traffic accidents left several people injured in the Merrill area. A 49-year old Merrill woman was</p>

seriously hurt in a one vehicle crash Saturday afternoon on County C and Anna Road. She was last listed in fair condition and no other information is available. Two people were hurt in another accident just north of Hwy C on Hwy 51 later that day when their vehicle left the road and rolled. The Minocqua couple refused medical treatment on the scene and traffic was slowed for about an hour and a half as the scene was cleared.

Just a year after the U-S Fish and Wildlife Service updated its 10-year comprehensive plan for the Upper Mississippi River, the feds are proposing some changes. Recently-released draft rules would impose new fee schedules, but limit the amount of money fishing floats and

					<p>commercial hunting, fishing and wildlife guides would have to pay. Fees for wildlife observation guides would be capped at 300 dollars-a-year. Fees for the other professionals would be limited to 500 dollars-a-year.</p> <p>Wisconsin lawmakers have been trying to eliminate the office of state treasurer for decades, but always fell short. This time, enough support was generated to put the question on the statewide ballot April 3rd. The position has existed since Wisconsin was a territory, but Republican legislators say it's not necessary anymore. Most of the duties of the office have been eliminated over the last 10 years. Defenders of the position say the state treasurer is a needed check on executive powers.</p>
	News	3/20/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Hwy 8 west of Rhinelander

Hwy 8 closed for some time yesterday due to an accident

was shut down nearly an hour yesterday afternoon following an accident. Two people were hurt in the crash that happened as one vehicle was turning into Roberts Repair shortly before 1:30 when it was struck from behind by a pickup. At least one person was transported to the hospital. No other information is available. Helping control the growing methamphetamine problem takes the whole community. That was the message last night in Langlade County as DA Elizabeth Gebert and Sheriff Mark Westen hope engaging the public will help find a solution. The brainstorming session was open to all ideas, no matter how simple or unorthodox. Westen said meth use has been on the rise and it costs the county in real dollars.

He feels together, with support, there's a way to end that.

A plea deal for 33-year old Matthew Christenson of Crandon will avoid a jury trial. He's accused of horrific physical and sexual abuse of children, pleading guilty to four felony charges with 10 others dismissed.

He'll be sentenced in Forest County Court May 14th.

Governor Scott Walker was joined by Attorney General Brad Schimel crossing through central Wisconsin yesterday, promoting his \$100 million school safety plan. The funds would be used on a number of programs to increase safety. But some lawmakers say the plan doesn't go far enough on gun control.

Democrats also say it does nothing for mental health issues. Walker is confident the measure will pass as he

					convenes a special session of the legislature beginning today.
Merrill school officials remain optimistic about upcoming school referendum	News	3/20/18	1230p,530p	1:30	A stalemate in the Wisconsin Legislature among Republican leaders is threatening to derail several of Gov. Scott Walker's priorities as the Senate plans to convene for its final day in session. Hanging in the balance today are Walker's \$100 million school safety plan, an \$80 million juvenile justice overhaul that includes closing the troubled Lincoln Hills prison and a \$100 per-child tax rebate. The bills must pass both the Senate and Assembly in identical form. But the Senate is expected to vote on different versions of each of those proposals before ending its work for the year tonight. That puts the pressure on the

Assembly to return and vote on Senate versions of the bills, something Assembly Speaker Robin Vos has repeatedly said will not happen.

School officials in Merrill remain optimistic about a \$2.5 million referendum coming up in two weeks. Another community forum was held last night for people to hear the plans to maintain buildings, programs and staff. The estimated impact to taxpayers is \$6 per year for each \$100,000 of property value. If it fails the school board is ready to eliminate teachers and consolidate the district.

After 28 years as Manager of the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport, Joe Brauer is retiring. Running the facility since 1990, Brauer helped lead a number of

				<p>major improvements while fighting at times to keep carriers servicing Rhinelander when the industry was struggling with smaller, regional airports. His last day is May 15th. The Airport commission announced Rhinelander native Matt Leitner will take over the position.</p>
<p>Mine in the U.P. has drawn complaints from the EPA</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/21/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>A proposed open-pit mine in the UP has drawn fire from the Environmental Protection Agency. Aguila Resources, Inc., a Canadian company, now has to answer questions about a wetlands permit application. The EPA and other federal agencies gave company 90 days to respond to concerns the application lacks key information about how the mine would affect wetlands and the river among other things. Aquila has three of the four necessary permits</p>

to mine gold, zinc and copper near the Menominee River on the Wisconsin-Michigan line. At least one Indian tribe filed a lawsuit to block the project.

The Wisconsin Senate last night passed Governor Scott Walker's school safety proposal, making \$100 million in grants available. The Assembly is expected to sign off tomorrow. The bill creates a new office of school safety under the state department of justice, which would be in charge of the grants. Walker and supporters of the measure say schools can use the money for security enhancements, similar to how airports tightened restrictions following the 9-11 terrorist attacks. But democrats and other advocates say the key issue of gun control was ignored.

					<p>They've been calling for universal background checks and reinstating the 48-hour waiting period for purchasing firearms. The Senate also unanimously approved the \$80 million juvenile justice overhaul plan that would close the troubled Lincoln Hills prison by 2021 and replace it with smaller, regional facilities. Again, the Assembly is expected to concur, sending it to the Governor for signing. Federal investigators have been looking into allegations of inmate abuse at the facility for three years.</p>
Wisconsin DOC settles lawsuit	News	3/21/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Corrections settled a federal lawsuit by agreeing to give a former youth prison inmate almost 19-million dollars. State officials announced the settlement</p>

				<p>with Sydni Briggs yesterday. Briggs tried to commit suicide by hanging herself in her cell at the youth prison near Irma two-and-a-half years ago. Guards managed to save her, but she suffered a brain injury and needs around-the-clock care. The Briggs family filed the suit last year claiming the prison staff ignored signs she was thinking about suicide and failed to take the necessary steps to protect her. Meanwhile, the Wisconsin Senate unanimously approved a juvenile justice overhaul bill without debate last night. The measure would close the Lincoln Hills youth prison in Irma over the next three years and replace it with smaller regional facilities. The Assembly is expected to approve the bill tomorrow, sending it on to the</p>
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					<p>governor for his signature. The F-B-I has been investigating reports of inmate abuse at the hands of guards for the last three years. Governor Scott Walker had urged lawmakers to pass the juvenile justice plan before they adjourn for the year. The City of Rhinelander Water Utility announced the water credit system successfully minimized the freezing of pipes this winter season. That means the after this week running water credit will no longer be allowed for metered water supplies. Based on seasonal warming trends already observed, it will no longer be necessary to run water to prevent freezing in the public water system.</p>
<p>Forest Co. inmate found unresponsive yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/22/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A male inmate in the Forest County Jail was found unresponsive by staff yesterday morning.</p>

				<p>Lifesaving efforts were performed but the man was pronounced dead by suicide. The incident is under investigation.</p> <p>Effective March 30th the entire state of Wisconsin will be under quarantine for the emerald ash borer. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection announced 48 of the state's 72 counties have been affected.</p> <p>Firewood restrictions remain on state and federal lands while businesses moving regulated items out of state must work with federal authorities for proper inspection and other interstate items.</p> <p>With Crandon School Superintendent Dr. Doug Kryder suspended, the parent's group, Citizens United for Education now has its sights set on recalling the school board, saying</p>
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they're unresponsive. Administrative officials are under fire for a number of reasons adversely affecting the schools, including the dismissal of principal Andy Space last month.

Hundreds of students, faculty, alumni and community members packed the UW-Stevens Point campus yesterday afternoon to protest [proposed cuts to different majors](#). The school proposed cutting 13 majors mainly in the humanities and social studies.

Gov. Scott Walker wants to create 120 "Economic Opportunity Zones" in Wisconsin, a designation allowed under the new federal tax law designed to spur development. Walker released the recommended list he is sending to the U.S.

					<p>Department of Treasury which will make the final designation. The zones are in 44 counties across the state, including urban, rural and tribal areas. The program creates a tax incentive for businesses and individuals to invest in the zones.</p>
<p>Eighteen year old Waupaca woman going to prison</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/22/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An 18-year-old Waupaca man is going to prison for 10 years for shooting his friend while they were playing "cops-and-robbers" last summer. Austin Hovarter told police he thought the gun was unloaded. He says he and 15-year-old Jacob Peglow were looking at guns in his home in the Township of Farmington July 26th, 2017. He was in Waupaca County Court Wednesday for a sentencing hearing on the charge of first-degree reckless homicide. Hovarter will be on probation for 10 years after he gets out of prison.</p> <p>The 7th U-S Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed with a lower court's decision to dismiss a lawsuit in the so-called John Doe investigation. The conservative John K. Maclver Institute had filed a federal suit against investigators and former state officials who were involved. The appeals court confirmed that the group's rights were not violated under federal law. Federal Judge John Conley had originally ruled search warrants for Maclver emails had been properly obtained as a part of the investigation into Governor Scott Walker's 2012 recall campaign.</p>

					<p>Tens of thousands of people have received a pleasant surprise from Wisconsin state government. The Department of Revenue reports it has returned more than nine-million dollars through the unclaimed property matching program. The department mailed almost 37-thousand checks worth four-million dollars and nearly 500 letters about property worth another five-point-nine-million. The state uses tax records to find the owners of unclaimed property. If it has a value of more than two-thousand dollars, instructions are sent on how to recover the property.</p>
<p>A Woodruff home destroyed by fire yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/23/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Assembly approved a plan yesterday that would lay out \$100 million in grants for school security upgrades and require annual school safety drills. The Senate passed that legislation Tuesday. It goes next to Gov. Scott Walker for his signature. The Assembly also passed two more school safety bills. One would require the state Department of Justice to conduct background checks on long-gun buyers. Right now the federal government conducts</p>

those checks but Assembly Republicans said the DOJ would consult more state databases in its checks. The other bill would allow school boards to share surveillance camera footage with police. Both bills call for establishing an online hotline for reporting bullying and prohibiting attackers from profiting off their stories.

A Woodruff home was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The structure was nearly gone as firefighters arrived at the scene on Mid Lake Road around 1:30, closing it for several hours. No one was home at the time and the cause is still unknown.

A 36-year-old Tomah man is expected to enter a guilty plea at a hearing next month in Marathon County. Adam Radek was

					<p>shot by a Wausau police officer after refusing to comply with police commands in August 2015. He is charged with possession of a firearm by a felon and possession of heroin with intent to deliver. The Wisconsin Department of Justice determined the officer's actions were legal and no charges will be filed against him for the shooting. Six criminal cases will be consolidated as a part of the plea deal.</p>
Gov. Walker to sign bill	News	3/23/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker is expected to sign the 80-million dollar juvenile justice overhaul plan approved by the Wisconsin Assembly yesterday. The bill closing the prison near Irma by 2021 got unanimous support in both the Assembly and Senate this week. The</p>

Lincoln Hills youth prison will be replaced by smaller regional facilities. The troubled prison has been investigated by the F-B-I for the past three years as agents have been tracking down reports that guards there abused inmates.

A Dane County Circuit judge ruled Walker has to call a special election to fill two vacant seats in the Wisconsin Legislature. The judge appointed to the bench by Walker four years ago ruled yesterday Walker has a duty under state law to let voters choose replacements for two former lawmakers who have joined his administration in December. Judge Josann Reynolds said the voters who sued the governor have a right to vote for somebody to represent them. The seats would be

					<p>vacant for more than a year.</p> <p>A 67-year-old Stevens Point man is in custody on \$100,000 cash bond for attempting to meet a 15-year-old for sex. The ad was posted by law enforcement. Leo Pelot was charged with trafficking of a child, attempted second degree sexual assault of a child and child enticement. Investigators said he responded to an online ad and drove to a hotel to meet who he thought would be the teen. The alleged offense happened Tuesday. Pelot is expected to learn Tuesday if his case will head to trial.</p>
Man in jail in Wis. Rapids	News	3/26/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>One man is in custody facing homicide charges in Wisconsin Rapids after a deadly incident Saturday afternoon. Police are</p>

investigating the death of a man found at the Higher Grounds Bakery and Coffee House on Eighth Street south. No names have been released but police say both men knew each other.

Governor Scott Walker will sign a bill to improve school safety today. The measure, passed last week establishes a \$100 million grant program for all Wisconsin schools for security upgrades and requires annual school safety drills. Walker plans to make the bill law at the signing at an elementary school in Kaukana.

A new study from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows 1 in 4 Wisconsin residents binge drink at least once a month. The study defines binge drinking as when a woman

has four or more drinks or a man has five or more drinks during a short period of time. Study co-author Dr. Robert Brewer says the goal was to determine how many people binge drink and how much they drink when they do. Brewer is the head of the CDC's alcohol program. The study found Wisconsin binge drinkers had an average of almost 490 binge drinks per year. That exceeds the national average of almost 470 drinks. Brewer says the state needs to focus on reducing alcohol consumption.

Very low relative humidity and gusty southeast winds will result in an elevated fire danger in the grassy areas of central Wisconsin. Also rainfall and snowmelt will cause minor flooding of rivers by midweek.

Drug arrest made in
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Students are marching more than 50 miles from Madison to House Speaker Paul Ryan's office in Janesville. This is an extension of Saturday's "March for Our Lives" rally backing survivors of the Florida school shooting. The students are asking Ryan to support a ban on military-style weapons, another ban on accessories like bump stocks, and increased regulations on buying guns, like stricter background checks, raising the legal age to 21 and inserting a four-day waiting period. The trip is expected to take four days.

The Barron county sheriff's department suspect homicide after finding skeletal remains last December. A forensic exam showed the man was shot in the head. The remains were found in a

wooded area south of Barron and had been there at least a year.

Four people face drug charges following a traffic stop Saturday night. A state patrol trooper made the stop near Hwy 8 and asked that a K9 officer assist, finding drugs. A 20-year old Rhinelander woman, two 18-year olds and a 20-year old Merrill man were charged with offenses ranging from possession of marijuana to bail jumping.

A Tomahawk woman received a phone call last week in what's being called the "grandma scam" and Lincoln County Sheriff Jeff Jaeger reminds people to never give information or send any money without verifying the source. The scam involves someone getting a call from a person who sounds in distress, pleading for money

					because something happened to them on spring break. If you get a call you're asked to contact law enforcement.
Wis. Rapids man to be charged with 1 st degree homicide	News	3/27/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	A 59-year-old Wisconsin Rapids man is expected to be charged with first-degree intentional homicide next week. Police say Gary Bohman shot a worker at a bakery to death Saturday afternoon. He made an initial appearance in Wood County Circuit Court yesterday. Bohman is accused of shooting 39-year-old Christopher Race. Responding officers originally thought Bohman was a witness, but he was carrying what is thought to be the murder weapon. A spokesperson for House Speaker Paul Ryan says the Wisconsin Republican is not resigning. The comment was made shortly after

Nevada Republican Congressman Mark Amodei said rumors indicate Ryan will resign in the next 30-to-60 days. The future for the Janesville politician has been a topic of discussion while Republicans jockey to keep a majority in the House.

State officials have given Enbridge Inc. permission to install 22 more anchor supports along twin pipelines at the bottom of the waterway linking Lakes Michigan and Huron. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality issued a permit last week allowing the supports for Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac. Enbridge says it's a "proactive" step to fasten the pipelines to the lake bottom and keep them in place when currents erode dirt beneath them. The underwater

					<p>pipes are part of a line that carries 23 million gallons of crude oil daily between Superior, Wisconsin, and Sarnia, Ontario. Mlive.com reports that the underwater segment already has 128 support anchors. Environmentalist groups that want the 65-year-old pipelines decommissioned say the extra supports won't make Line 5 safe or prevent a catastrophic spill.</p>
<p>A fatal accident causes Hwy 2 to be closed for several hours yesterday</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/28/18</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A fatal accident on Hwy 2 in Iron County closed the road for several hours early yesterday. A logging truck and a car collided just before 4:00 near Saxon, killing the driver of the car. Both were taken Aspirus Ironwood Hospital. The logs on the trailer spilled onto the highway, which was reopened about 12:30. The name of the victim has not yet been released. The Rhinelander</p>

Professional Police Association is expected to announce endorsements for mayor and city council today after a candidate forum last night. Alex Young and write-in Chris Frederickson attended, along with District 4 alderman candidates Tom Kelly and Kyle Rodgers. Another declared write-in for Mayor, Scott Counter, was not there. This was the first forum ever sponsored by the association that wanted to have some input for these city positions. Two flights out the Central Wisconsin Airport were delayed and the facility evacuated early yesterday after a grenade was found in checked luggage. The Marathon County Bomb Squad determined the device was inert and disposed of it. Wausau's stalled riverfront

					<p>project will have new financial backing and co-developer. Illinois-based Rainy Investments will join developer Mike Frantz in the first phase of the RiverLife Village Development. Phase One includes, a commercial mixed-use building and a multi-family building at an estimated cost of \$27 million. The project was delayed after Frantz bought Quantum Ventures, LLC, whose owner was involved in a fraud scheme and is still paying restitution to those who lost money. The project completion is expected next year.</p>
Flu season isn't done in the state just yet	News	3/28/18	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin isn't finished with the flu season yet. The Wisconsin Department of Health says a second round of flu is hitting the state, just as it seemed one of the most severe flu seasons in decades was ending. The</p>

				<p>latest threat comes from influenza-B. It is less severe than influenza-A was, but it's still a concern for young families. Doctors say it is hitting young people harder than the older population and more children are being hospitalized. The health department says it could be a month before the threat is eased.</p> <p>Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker still has to call two special elections by tomorrow. Dane County Circuit Judge Richard Niess rejected the governor's request for an extension of his deadline until April 6th. The Wisconsin Legislature will likely insert itself into the discussion when it votes next week on a bill changing the state's special election law. The proposed change wouldn't allow Walker to order those two special elections this year.</p>
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					<p>The governor's attorneys argued there's no reason to call the special elections because lawmakers will take a vote barring them from being held. Niess stood by his earlier ruling yesterday.</p> <p>Several northwoods communities were named by the governor as economic opportunity zones. These areas are targeted for incentives for investment and include Antigo, Eagle River, Lac du Flambeau, Merrill, Park Falls and Rhinelander. A total of 120 areas were announced. Nothing is final yet however since the US Treasury Department has the final word on making the official designations.</p>
Rhinelander police Assoc. backs candidates	News	3/29/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Earlier this week the Rhinelander Professional Police Association hosted its first ever election forum in the city with mayoral and</p>

alderman candidates taking questions. Yesterday the union members put their support behind Chris Frederickson, a write in candidate for mayor and incumbent councilman Tom Kelly. A spokesman for the group said their having a voice in the community is important, as is being part of the political process. Frederickson is running against incumbent councilman and Oneida county board supervisor Alex Young. Kelly, an alderman for 10 years faces newcomer Kyle Rogers. The elections are Tuesday and voters in Langlade County will find little to do with no contested races. 17 county supervisors are running unopposed and four seats have no candidates at all. Governor Scott Walker signed 41 bills into law

yesterday, including one placing sexually violent offenders on supervised release back into their home counties. He did however veto a portion of the measure allowing criminals to live within 1500 feet of a school, child care facility, park or church, giving local communities more control. Lawmakers say there's still work to be done on the matter. He also signed a bill increasing penalties for legally buying a firearm only to give it to someone barred from having one.

Meanwhile, Police in Wausau report the convicted sex offender who removed his ankle monitor and took off last week is back in custody. 26-year old Dominick West was found after an anonymous online tip yesterday. He was convicted for his part in

					a child sex trafficking ring.
<p>A preliminary hearing in men charged in death of LacDuflambeau man to be held next week</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>3/29/18</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A preliminary hearing for five men accused of conspiring to shoot a Lac du Flambeau man to death will be held next month. Wayne Valliere Junior's body was found on New Year's Day, 10 days after he went missing. He had been shot eight times. The group of suspects may have thought Valliere was a police informant. They had argued with him over a meth pipe. Either motive may have led to the killing. Richard Allen, Joseph Lussier, James Lussier, Evan Oungst and Curtis Wolfe are each charged with two felonies. Deputies with the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department say a 20-year-old man is being held for stabbing his father. Gary Butler the Third was arrested yesterday morning. Deputies had</p>

been called to a home in Sand Lake where they found 38-year-old Gary Butler Junior with stab wounds to his chest and hand. He was taken to a Duluth hospital for treatment. The younger man is facing a charge of attempted first-degree intentional homicide. His father's medical condition hasn't been released.

The Friends of the Boulder Junction Library awarded a \$15,000 grant to the library to supplement their 2018 budget. The funds will go toward purchasing print, audio and video materials, plus help with equipment maintenance and programming costs. The money was raised through a number of local fund raising initiatives.

Unsettled weather moves into the area bringing chances for rain and snow

					tomorrow. A quick inch could accumulate across the North but Saturday it could be up to six inches.
Heavy snow is expected across the northern part of the state tonight	News	3/30/18	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Heavy snow is expected across part of the North tonight as a late season storm sets in, bringing winds over 30-mph and anywhere from 6-10 inches of snow. A winter storm warning is in effect for Ashland, Iron and Price counties until 1:00 tomorrow afternoon. And a winter storm watch until that same time in Forest, Oneida and Vilas. Travel late tonight and early tomorrow will be extremely dangerous. Snowfall rates of over an inch an hour are expected.</p> <p>Rhinelanders' public works department will make permanent repairs to a water main that broke beneath the Davenport Street Bridge. The leak had gone unnoticed Tuesday</p>

until downtown businesses and residents reported problems with low pressure and stained water. City officials don't know what caused the break in the line that's just a few years old. They said more than a million gallons of water could've dropped into the river if they hadn't been notified.

Meanwhile, the Langlade County Highway Department has closed several roads due to high water from the spring thaw. That list is posted on their Facebook page.

Marathon County has started its new uniform address project with public notices already going out. Nearly 20,000 new addresses were assigned across the 41 communities taking part. The towns of Plover and Harrison will be the first to have the new

					address signs installed. The change addresses emergency safety problems within the county. Nearly 600 duplicated road names were changed in the process as well that will take most of the year, although no timeline has been set.
Winter storms are predicted for tonight	News	3/30/18	1230p,530p	1:30	This time of year spring is only on the calendar as a late winter storm will hit the area. Winter storm warnings are in place until 1:00 tomorrow afternoon for Ashland, Florence, Forest, Oneida, Price and Vilas counties. As much as 10-inches are likely to the north while 6-8 is expected elsewhere. Winter weather advisories stretch into central Wisconsin. The storm is packing winds in excess of 30 mph and road conditions will deteriorate rapidly as it passes through. Officials say it's also the wet, heavy variety which

may cause tree branches to fall, possibly onto power lines. Easter Sunday is expected to be clear and cold.

One candidate is out of the race for governor. Bob Harlow announced the end of his candidacy through a press release. Harlow cited the difficulties with fundraising in his decision to withdraw from the race.

Harlow thanked his supporters in the release. Special elections for two vacant Wisconsin legislative seats are now scheduled for June 12th. Governor Scott Walker called for the special elections yesterday after being ordered to do so by three judges last week. The elections will fill seats vacated by Senator Frank Lasee and Representative Keith Rip, who both resigned to take jobs in the Walker

					administration in December. Also, the state Senate is not returning for a special session. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald the Senate will not be taking up a bill to delay calling special elections now that Governor Walker has announced they will be going forward.
Interview	Phone	03/22/18	737a	3 min.	Talked to Stevie Sheppard from Lakeland High School about the annual "empty bowls" event to raise money for the food pantries