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Local Resident to help Red Cross in Texas	News	1/1/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Red Cross volunteers from across the country will travel to Texas to help clean up damage from last month's tornadoes. One of those volunteers is from Rhineland, and this is the 13th time she's volunteered at a disaster. Carol Miller has spent more than 10 years volunteering for the American Red Cross. "I started with Hurricane Katrina back in 2005," Miller says. Since then, she's helped with relief after Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Isaac, and now the Texas tornadoes. "I just have a service motivation," says Miller. Miller is a nurse and volunteers in health care, but she won't know exactly what she'll do to help in Texas until she gets there. "I have either been a staff nurse—which means that I take care of all the volunteers if they get ill or injured— or I do health services, which is to help the victim to replace medications, do hospital visits," Miller says. She has to be flexible about her deployments. "If I'm going to be in a staff shelter on a cot with 300 of my new best friends, or if I'm going to be in a hotel room or, you know, what I'm going to be doing," says Miller. Helping the people who need it is the most rewarding part of her time volunteering. "We go and actually meet with victims of the disasters who've lost a loved one, or we meet people in the hospital and then we follow them when we get home and make sure that they have the things that they need," Miller says. She enjoys catching up with the friends she's made during her many deployments. "I've met people now that I keep seeing again and again on deployments, and that's really fun to touch base with old friends," says Miller. Miller left Rhineland early Friday morning. She'll spend 10 days in Texas. She encourages everyone to volunteer. If you're interested in volunteering, go to the Red Cross's website at the link below or call 877-618-6628 ext. 5822.
Fatal Snowmobile Crash	News	1/1/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A 58-year-old Rhineland man died Friday after a snowmobile accident, according to a news release from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Police got a call about a snowmobile that fell through the ice near the shore of Lake Mildred just north of Rhineland. Rescue teams found Russell Johnson near the snowmobile and took him to St. Mary's Hospital, where he later died. Local law enforcement teams are still investigating the exact cause of the accident and Johnson's death.
Poor Winter Conditions cancels another Northwoods Event	News	1/1/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Another winter event won't happen because of the weather. The Hodag Challenge in Rhineland was cancelled. The Nordic ski race was supposed to take place this Saturday and Sunday. Coaches and students from Rhineland's high school and middle school teams haven't had much time to get out on the trails. Coaches expected about 300 people to compete. "This is a middle school, high school, and a citizen event, so even our citizens are disappointed that they don't get a home race to compete in," says high school Nordic ski team head coach Charil Reis. The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club organizes the race at CAVOC. The club helps fund the schools' Nordic ski teams, with the event act as a fundraiser. "We have to fundraise pretty much all of our funds," Reis says. "The Northwoods Nordic Ski Club is our support club for all of the middle school and high school skiers." The teams spent the first seven weeks of their season on dryland training. Their next competition is scheduled to take place January 9 in Wausau.
Local Employer Looking for at least 10 more employees	News	1/5/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A local employer wants to hire more people. Oldenburg Group Incorporated, which makes products for the defense industry, held a job fair in Rhineland on Tuesday. The Rhineland location hopes to hire at least 10 people within the next year. "We're looking to expand," says HR generalist Gayle Rutlin. "We have a lot of new contracts that we have signed and we need welders, machinists, process people, and just general manufacturing." The job fair was held from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The company hopes to find employees with training. "We prefer that they do have some specialized training," Rutlin says. "It really does help for them to have at least a two-year technical degree. We can train on our less experienced and our more general positions, but it does help to have some sort of degree." Oldenburg's location in Iron River, Michigan, is also holding a job fair Wednesday. It will take place from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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Local 14 year old receives writing award	News	1/7/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Fourteen-year-old Lily Alsteen calls writing just "a hobby." But that hobby just won the James Williams Middle School student a cash prize and, potentially, some national recognition. Alsteen and her classmates entered their poems in the Wisconsin Outdoor News writing contest. She found inspiration for her piece by spending time in the woods behind her house. Alsteen's poem, called "The Walk," was one of 133 entries in the yearly contest. "After we read the other kids' poems, I was like, There's no way I'm going to win this; this is crazy," Alsteen said. "A lot of kids from all over the state entering this, and I'm thinking, Someone from Rhinelander? I doubt it." Alsteen found out Monday she took first place in her division. The achievement came with a \$100 prize, a plaque, and entry into a national contest. Alsteen hopes her poem inspires people to appreciate the beauty of the Northwoods. "Kids who live in a big city, they're not really able to walk into their back yard into a forest," Alsteen said. "They can read about it and think, Wow, I want to take a hike sometime. It makes it a lot more special to me." Alsteen's work appeared in the final 2015 issue of Wisconsin Outdoor News. You can read her full poem below. For more info about the contest, visit the link at the bottom of this story.
Salvation Army surpasses fund raising goal	News	1/12/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Last year, the Rhinelander Salvation Army struggled to reach its fundraising goal during the bell-ringing campaign. This year, the group exceeded its goal by nearly \$10,000. The Rhinelander Salvation Army raised \$39,257. The group's goal was \$30,000. Organizers say the mild winter helped them raise more money. "The weather was so nice and that helped our bell ringing," says Salvation Army District Representative Tom Bremer. "The amount of people we got to come out and do the bell ringing, whether it was here in Rhinelander or Minocqua or over in Phillips, was really up this year." This is the first time the group has ever raised that much. The Lakeland area Salvation Army also did well this bell-ringing season. "They also had a very good year at \$34,000, so you put the two of those together and Oneida County is going to be in very good shape in terms of helping the less fortunate," Bremer says. The money donated last year helped 269 people in the Rhinelander area. Funds go to help people have a place to live, transportation, and food.
Rhinelander Ice Arena looking at expansion	News	1/13/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The people in charge of the Rhinelander Ice Arena believe a new addition can provide an even better experience for home and visiting teams. The building brings in dozens of teams nearly every weekend in the winter for games and tournaments. It also hosts boys and girls hockey on the high school level. Organizers plan to add new locker rooms, a training room, and possibly a weight room. "That'll allow us to just provide a better environment, better atmosphere here," said Rhinelander Ice Arena rink manager Brett Aylesworth. "We're also going to tweak our current locker rooms to make them a little more appealing. We hope to have that done by next fall." The arena plans to break ground on the changes in the spring. A large, anonymous donation kicked off the drive to raise money for the additions. Now, the rink is looking for money from the community. "We're looking for some additional donations to try and finish up the project, and, like I said, do some of the other things, touch up the other part of the rink, and kind of make it one big project," Aylesworth said. Rhinelander Ice Arena generally lays down ice each year in October. It plans to have the addition done by then.
2 Vehicle Crash	News	1/18/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Two drivers didn't need medical help after a two-vehicle crash in Rhinelander Monday. The crash happened at the intersection of Oneida and Kemp Street around 2:30 p.m. Firefighters say no one was hurt. Traffic was diverted for about a half hour as crews cleaned up the crash.

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Education - Extracurriculars in jeopardy of funding if referendum to increase property taxes doesn't pass	News	1/21/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Imagine no high school football games, no high school musicals and no mock trial championships. It's a reality Rhinelander could face next school year if a referendum to increase property taxes to help schools operate doesn't pass. The vote is on February 16, and the School District of Rhinelander has been hosting informational meetings throughout the past few weeks about the referendum. The current referendum expires on June 30, 2016. It garnered \$4 million each year since 2013. Under this, a home valued at \$100,000 paid \$1,099 in property taxes to the district each year for the past three years. Now, the School District of Rhinelander is proposing a \$5 million referendum each year for the next three years. For context that's \$43 more than what a \$100,000 home owner pays under the current referendum. If the district can't pass this new referendum to replace the current one, the school district says they may have to cut teacher positions, the entire extra-curricular program and both of the district's charter schools. District leaders stress the \$1 million increase isn't to expand but to maintain existing school programs. "Definitely the education in our town will not be the same," said School District of Rhinelander Director of Business Services Marta Kwiatkowski. "The purpose of the referendum is to keep the current programs that we have so if the referendum doesn't pass, a lot of things will be on the cut list." Since 2010, Rhinelander tax payers passed referendums to help keep the schools operating. Rhinelander schools have had to rely more heavily on property taxes over the past few years for their operating budget because state aid has been declining. The district proposed similar budget cuts three years ago when tax payers voted on the current referendum. Some people at the meeting said they think the referendums are a good short term solution, but long term they think the funding formula should change. "The referendum is fine for the time being, but as we go forward we need to really doing things that will address the long term situation," said Calvary Baptist Pastor Rod Ankrom, who attended the meeting. "We need to be able to get our funding formula changed. And however we need to get that across to Madison we need to do it."</p>
Downtown Road Construction Project	News	1/26/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Business owners, customers, and people who live in downtown Rhinelander could soon learn what company will work on a major upcoming reconstruction project and how much work will be done. The city will receive bids from construction firms Wednesday, which will start the process for choosing which firm will do the work. Construction is scheduled to begin early this spring and last through the fall. It's work many businesses don't necessarily look forward to, but they just want to get it done quickly. "I can't say we're embracing it, but in the same respect, it's an inevitable thing," said CT's Deli owner and chef Tom Jordens. Construction starts between the Davenport Street Bridge and Courtney Street in April, closing Davenport up to that intersection for 90 days. Then, dozens of street parking spots will temporarily disappear throughout the busy summer months as work moves east. That'll force Jordens and his team to get creative. "The employees will have to park in a further distance away to give the customers room to park," Jordens said. "I think once this is done, I think it will be a much better area for everybody." Right next door, Rhinelander Café and Pub manager Debbie Liebert-Krug knows just how tough the project—and its timing—could be on business. "It's definitely bonus months for everybody in the summer, and if the tourists can't get down here or find it hard to find parking... they'll go elsewhere," Liebert-Krug said. Her employees already have practice parking in remote lots and walking to work. Liebert-Krug says they started asking employees to do so several summers ago. Now in 2016, the Café and Pub will have workers do it again out of necessity. "We don't want anyone to be hurt in downtown Rhinelander," Liebert-Krug said. "We're just starting to pick up businesses and it's starting to grow a little more," Both CT's Deli and the Café and Pub have access to a large parking lot through the back of both restaurants. Both owners say they'll likely allow customers to walk through their restaurants to get to other stores on Brown Street once construction starts. The city has almost 470 parking stalls in city-owned lots it hopes people take advantage of during the project. Those include lots along Courtney Street, Rives Street, Pelham Street, and Thayer Street. "We have available parking that some patrons of the downtown don't use," Public Works Director Tim Kingman said. "They find it more convenient to park out in front of the businesses—I know I would if I could. During this construction period, that's not going to be possible." But there could be fewer parking spots if the city offers storage lots, or staging spaces, to the construction company. Due to the tight quarters downtown, giving crews access to staging spaces would allow workers to store supplies and piping close to work sites. That move could potentially reduce the project cost, although Kingman says that decision would ultimately be up to the construction company. "We see it as everyone working together and getting through a tough time," Kingman said. When finished, the project will also turn the spots on the west side of Brown Street into parallel parking spots instead of angled ones. The east side will remain the same. Regardless, workers like Chef Tom hope businesses work together before, during, and after the construction. "We're all in the same boat, so we'll just embrace it and get through it as a team," Jordens said. The city will analyze bids and then hold a public meeting February 17 before a contractor is chosen in February or March. The time and location of that meeting have not been set.</p>
Rhinelander AD looking to help give the School Spirit back to students at Sports Events	News	1/27/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Rhinelander's Athletic Director Brian Paulson sent out a letter Wednesday reminding students to cheer loudly at sporting events. He has seen a decline in student cheering since the WIAA came out with its list of suggested banned chants, which included "Airball!", "Fun-da-men-tals!", and "You can't do that!" Paulson says that the national coverage of the suggested bans has also made students nervous to chant at games. "The student section is really taken back by everything that's going on in the media," Paulson said. "Hopefully sending this letter out—encouraging our students to be there, cheer proudly for our Hodags—hopefully this is going to be a step for Friday against DC Everest. Let's get this place amped up." Paulson says his students' behavior at games has been respectful since he started in 2014. He believes the community should treasure the school spirit. While Paulson doesn't plan to follow the WIAA's suggestions, there are still some guidelines. "Things I really set forward with our student section and even some community members is that we aren't going to say anybody's name, jersey number, not any derogatory comments towards anybody," Paulson said. "Lastly, anybody's appearance, we would never make fun of." Paulson says the atmosphere his students create has helped the Hodags win three boys Great Northern Conference basketball championships.</p>

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Area Homelessness	News	1/28/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	You may not realize how many people struggle to find shelter. That's why volunteers across the Northwoods spent Thursday morning participating in a national homeless count. The Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness looked for people without a home from 2:30 to 4:30 Thursday morning in Rhinelander. They searched parks, behind buildings, and 24-hour businesses. No one was found Thursday morning, but volunteers did speak with a person near a local laundromat. "He told us that he did have shelter but that he knew about a couple that had been staying in their car and that their heater had gone out, so we talked a little bit more about how could a person get to Frederick Place," said Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing Executive Director Tammy Modic. "Yes, they could just show up at the door if they were having problems." No one has ever been found during a homeless count in Rhinelander. About 10 percent of the residents who have stayed at Frederick Place say they've spent the night before without shelter. Homelessness looks different in the Northwoods. "People think about the person living on the streets with their bags and their shopping carts, and oftentimes that isn't what the vision of a homeless person is in rural areas," Modic said. "Usually, they are in a place, someone else's place, prior to coming to Frederick Place." At least one bed has been filled every night since Frederick Place opened nearly five years ago. Ten people stayed there last night.
Election - WI Supreme Court	News	1/29/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	If current appellate court judge JoAnne Kloppenburg wants to win a seat on the state Supreme Court, she may need every vote she can get. In 2011, Kloppenburg lost a race with current Justice David Prosser by around 7,000 votes out of more than 1.5 million cast. Running again in 2016, Kloppenburg says she's stopped in all 72 counties across the state. Friday, she stopped in Rhinelander. Kloppenburg visited the Tri-County Bar Association's monthly meeting at Holiday Acres after a stop in Merrill. Kloppenburg says voters seem to care about the race, noting that voter ID and open records laws are two big cases the Court has made decisions on recently. "[Voters] know that what the Supreme Court does is important, that its decisions affect their lives and their communities in our state, and they know it makes a difference what kind of justice they elect to the court," Kloppenburg said. Kloppenburg says voters should think of her as independent. She promises to consider every case impartially. "The people who are supporting me are supporting me precisely because they do not know how I will decide any case, and they can see from the hundreds of decisions that I have issued since I've been on the Court of Appeals that I do really approach every case with an open mind," Kloppenburg said. Kloppenburg is running against current Supreme Court Justice Rebecca Bradley and Milwaukee County Judge Joe Donald. The election is set for February 16.
Wildfire Response Team	News	2/10/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Some local people travel all over the country to help put out wildfires. They're part of the Eastern Area Incident Management Team. The group is made up of state and federal wildfire experts from 21 northeastern states, including Wisconsin. Wednesday some of the members met in Rhinelander. Many times the group is dealing with crises other than the initial fire. "Another fire that breaks out in the area—it could be an injury, it could be a fatality, a vehicle accident," says Eastern Area Incident Management Team Public Information Officer Catherine Koele. The team trains to be prepared for any scenario. The annual meeting gives the team a chance to improve. "Go over lessons learned, things that we can improve upon, and also talk about the things that worked really well," Koele said. The team is made up of federal and state employees who deal with wildland fires. There are also many retirees on the team. At Wednesday's meeting, team members went through scenarios that could happen. Experts say when it comes to dealing with emergencies, every person has a role—but one job is the most important. "If communication fails, it typically ends up there's a problem," says Eastern Area Incident Management Team Deputy Incident Commander Steven Goldman. There are 26 people from Wisconsin on the team. The group went to three wildfires last summer. They traveled to Alaska, Michigan, and Montana.
Education - Extracurriculars in jeopardy of funding if referendum to increase property taxes doesn't pass	News	2/15/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Rhinelanders voters will decide Tuesday whether the school district will keep such offerings as Advanced Placement classes, sports, and extracurricular activities. The referendum will replace the one that passed three years ago. Some students, teachers, and administrators are worried about what the cuts could mean for the community if the referendum doesn't pass. If the referendum fails, the district will also cut staff, which would result in larger class sizes and closing the district's charter schools. "If we can't afford to have teachers in the classrooms, we can't afford to have sports and other co-curriculars," says School District of Rhinelander Superintendent Kelli Jacobi. Tuesday's \$5 million referendum vote will replace the \$4 million one that will expire after this school year. If the referendum passes, it would mean a \$43 tax increase for the owner a \$100,000 home. Administrators say they've cut everything they can. "We've cut over \$11 million dollars, \$11.5 million, over the last decade," Jacobi says. One of the biggest employers in Rhinelander is concerned about how they're going to recruit new employees if the referendum fails. "[It's] one of the things that they're going to look at is our school system before they commit to come here," Printpack Plant Manager Pat Marquart says. District administrators estimate that 200 students would open enroll into other districts if the referendum fails. If those students do leave the district, it could result in even more funding cuts. "That's an additional reduction in our aid by \$1.3 million," Jacobi says. Administrators blame the school funding formula for forcing them to rely on referendums. The district has lost more than \$8 million in state aid since 2002. Marquart is worried about what the community will lose if the referendum fails. "I think the whole heritage of Hodag, the Hodag goes away," Marquart says.

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Downtown Road Construction Project	News	2/17/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A major downtown construction project will begin in Rhinelander this spring. The city held a meeting Wednesday for the community and business owners to learn more about what the finished project will look like. Construction should start in April. The project is separated into different phases. Each phase will work on certain streets downtown, and some streets will be closed. "Construction is an imprecise science, but it is also a science of sorts," says Rhinelander Public Works Director Tim Kingman. "So what you go and do is try to identify the best guidelines you can for a starting point. You have to react. We have weather; weather influences this." Most of the construction work will be done this year, but the city will improve how the area looks next year. "We have wider sidewalk and terrace areas so it'll be a nicer walkway arrangement," Kingman says. "With it we'll have angled parking on one side of the road and parallel parking on the other. We will also have nice trees brought in after in 2017." The city hopes to keep Stevens or Courtney street open throughout the construction process. The finished project will cost more than \$9 million.
Oneida County Sheriffs Office trying to keep Special Response Unit	News	2/18/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The Oneida County Sheriff's office wants to keep its Special Response Team safe. The team doesn't go out often, but when it does, it can respond to dangerous situations. That's why the sheriff's office is trying to get EMS workers on the team. The sheriff's office is working with the Rhinelander Fire Department to get two new people on the team. "God forbid something bad happens, you know, they have medically trained staff right as a part of their team to take care of injuries as they happen," says Rhinelander Fire Department Chief Terry Williams. The memorandum of understanding between the departments still needs to be approved by the city council. Adam Johnson is one of the EMS workers who was selected to be a part of the team. "This is one of Wisconsin's ALERT teams, so they cover four different counties, not just Oneida County. And there are other teams throughout the state that, you know, have this present on their team," says Johnson. EMS workers need to go through a test and interview before they can be on the team. They also need to go through special training.
Fatal Crash	News	2/19/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	In December, at a car crash scene near Rhinelander, 21-year-old Randall Lego told sheriff's deputies that he had just killed his best friend. Lego had been driving in a crash that killed 23-year-old Jacob Juedes, according to a criminal complaint. Soon after, Lego was charged with homicide while driving drunk. On Friday, we learned that case probably won't go to trial, and a plea agreement is likely. Lego waived a preliminary hearing in Oneida County Court and pled not guilty. Prosecutor Steve Michlig told us he believes he'll reach a plea agreement with the defense attorney by the next court date. Michlig said the two attorneys will probably ask Judge Patrick O'Melia to follow the recommendation of a Pre-Sentence Investigation. In those reports, the Wisconsin Department of Corrections offers a suggestion for a sentence. Lego will return to court on April 12.

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Pothole Repair underway	News	2/19/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Rhinelanders Street Superintendent Tony Gilman rarely calls in his workers for street repairs over the weekend. But the potholes on Rhinelanders streets have been so bad this winter, he's considering bringing in workers on Saturday. Blame this winter's mild weather. Going back and forth between freezes and thaws makes potholes worse. Warm temperatures and rain on Friday likely won't help. "The weather we're having right now is the worst that we can have, this warm-cold mixture, and this rain, things like that," said Rhinelanders Public Works worker Joe Patrone. Patrone spent Friday morning filling potholes on Lincoln Street in Rhinelanders. Then, his crew moved west of the river to address more potholes. Sometimes, it seems like they never end. "We're out patching today. Right now, we're trying to sweep out the holes first, as best we can, then we fill it in, and hopefully that works," Patrone said. Patrone says he's almost gotten hit by drivers a few times, and he hopes drivers use caution around street crews. On the other hand, he said he heard a few "thank yous" from drivers Friday morning.
Rhinelanders H.S. Dance takes first	News	2/23/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The Rhinelanders High School dance team saw its hard work pay off this past weekend. The team took first out of five teams in the Xtreme USA AmeriCup Dance Championship in Minneapolis. This was Hodags' fifth national title in the hip-hop category. This year the team based its dance after popular-hip hop artists. "We tried to put a Missy Elliot style into it, so we wore jackets and hats like she would wear," said Rhinelanders senior Finlee Saari. The dancers also placed seventh at state earlier this month. The team has been practicing since this summer. "Practice from June until February three days a week, so we start learning competition dances at the beginning of the school year," said Rhinelanders senior Marissa Kaster. The team also received an academic excellence award at the national competition for having a cumulative GPA of more than 3.0.
Bike and Pedestrian Plan under review by city	News	2/24/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The last time Rhinelanders looked closely at its bike and pedestrian access plan, George W. Bush was still in his first term and the iPhone wasn't invented yet. But soon, an entire committee could dedicate its time to improving bike access in the city. The Rhinelanders City Council will vote on a proposed "Bike and Pedestrian" committee at its meeting in mid-March. The committee would be made of two aldermen and three community members. Council Member Alex Young came up with the idea. "For the size of community we have, we have a heck of a group of dedicated cyclists and people who are involved in silent sports in this area," Young said. Young says the committee's first goal would be to update the city's bike and pedestrian plans, which date back to at least 2003. He'd like to see more bike lanes in town, which is something the upcoming downtown reconstruction project might help with. "There is potential in the existing Streetscape plan that at some point down the road parking configuration could be changed on Brown Street to accommodate bike lanes, but that's not going to be in the plans initially," Young said. "I was kind of disappointed by that, but I understand there are other competing uses with parking and things like that." Young says other people have expressed interest in filling the committee's three potential open seats. The Council will vote on the creation of the committee after a public hearing March 14.
Cold Case Update	News	2/29/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A Rhinelanders Police detective spent two years working on a cold 2003 murder case. Detective Josh Chiamulera reopened the case of Kenneth Wells's murder in January 2014. Wells' body was found in the Wisconsin River in July 2003. On Monday, Rhinelanders Mayor Dick Johns gave Chiamulera an award for his work on the case. The detective didn't know he would receive the award until Monday. "I told them not to do anything, because it really was a team effort, that I shouldn't be soloed out on this," says Chiamulera. "It really was, not only the Rhinelanders Police Department, but all the other agencies that helped us." The idea for the award was planned right after the case ended in court. Rhinelanders Police Chief Mike Steffes says it takes a lot of effort to work on a case that's more than 10 years old. "A lot of the evidence is now, you know, gone. The shoreline, the river line, all of those things change; the appearance changes. You're investigating different times of the year as well as witnesses that potentially have clouded memories," Steffes says. Shannon and Latoya Wolf were found guilty for their roles in the murder. Latoya was sentenced to 12 years in prison. Shannon was sentenced to 19 years.

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City under siege with Pot holes	News	3/2/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	You try to avoid potholes on the road, but sometimes it's impossible. That's especially true in Rhinelander. City leaders want to fix and replace roads, and they think they might have a solution in the Premier Resort Area Tax, or PRAT tax. The PRAT would increase sales taxes in Rhinelander by half a percent, and all that money would go directly to road maintenance—if the residents of Rhinelander vote to approve the tax on April 5. "The property taxpayers in the city have had enough," said Rhinelander Alderman Alex Young. "[The PRAT]'s a way of diversifying the cost of maintaining our roads, which I think everybody driving on them can see is an issue." City leaders don't yet know exactly how much money it will cost to fix and replace roads, but they do have estimates. Some city roads simply need to be resurfaced, but others need to be completely ripped up. "The surface work isn't the issue on most of our streets," said Rhinelander Alderman Thomas Gleason. "It's the underground work that needs to be done when we do the streets because we don't want to put a nice new layer of blacktop on the street and then in a year or two tear it up because we have top put sewer and water lines in." However, raising sales taxes might impact local businesses. Some business owners said they wouldn't mind absorbing the tax if it meant better roads. "I'm a bar, so sales tax is included in our prices," said Big Daddy's owner Aaron Schultz. "So it's not really a tax on my customers; it's a tax on me. Anything that helps the infrastructure of this city, I'm in favor of. I'm more than willing to pay that 50 cents for every \$100 so that we make this area, this downtown, as welcoming as possible. Because the only way that that money gets generated is by people coming into the city and spending money."
Armed Robbery	News	3/8/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A would-be robber held a knife to an elderly woman's throat and demanded money Tuesday morning in Rhinelander. She got away unhurt. It happened just after 11 o'clock this morning in the parking lot of the Trig's grocery store. As the woman was putting groceries in her car, a man came from behind her, held the knife to her throat, and told her to drive. She got in the driver's seat, and the suspect into the passenger's seat. Instead of driving, though, she instead ran toward the store for help. The suspect fled before police arrived, and has yet to be arrested. The victim described him as a thin black man in his twenties between 5'4 and 5'6 in height. Trig's is working with the Rhinelander Police Department and going through its security footage.
Potholes	News	3/10/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	If drivers want smooth, pothole-free roads, municipalities need to spend money. But as rough as many Rhinelander streets are right now, the city simply doesn't have the cash on hand to fix them. Rhinelander budgets about \$80,000 each year for road repairs—less than one-fifth of 2015's Lincoln Street project. That comparatively small budget is one big reason city leaders are pushing to pass the Premier Resort Area Tax this spring. The PRAT would raise sales tax by a half-cent on all tourism-related purchases at places like restaurants, gas stations and bars. All of the money generated would go to future road repairs. "This is a very unusual referendum," City Administrator Kristina Aschenbrenner said. "Typically, a referendum will ask the residents to pay more for something. This is actually asking the residents in the city of Rhinelander to share the cost of the roads." The city estimates the PRAT would generate about \$400,000 a year. Rhinelander voters approved a non-binding PRAT last spring by a two-to-one margin. Aschenbrenner is confident this actual referendum will pass too. But if it doesn't, she says there's a good chance roads just won't get fixed in a timely fashion. "We don't have a lot of extra things," Aschenbrenner said. "If we wanted to stop maintaining the parks or reduce fire or police or water services, none of those are good options." Aschenbrenner says another option would be to raise property taxes, but that's not an ideal route. If voters approve the PRAT on April 5, it would go into effect on New Years Day 2017. The city will hold an informational meeting on the tax Monday at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall.
Potholes	News	3/18/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	As quickly as crews fill in potholes in Rhinelander, those holes just keep reappearing. The situation is so bad this season that the city has already gone through 80 tons of cold patch to fill the potholes. The city has about 20 tons of cold patch remaining, and it might need to order more. Rhinelander Street Superintendent Tony Gilman says this is the first time in his 18 years of working for the city that they'll have to go through more than 100 tons of cold patch. "Eighty tons got us this far," he said. "I'm banking on the weather being nice by hopefully May 1 that the patch will stick and we can start getting hot mix asphalt, which is a better product for this kind of stuff." Gilman says the city will have to wait until May for the hot mix because that's when it's produced. He also said the recent rain and snow set them back quite a bit. "You get a rain like you did Tuesday night and that literally washed out 90 percent of the patch we put in over the past five weeks." While the holes are growing, Gilman says his crews are working hard. "I know there's a perception out there that we're not filling holes," Gilman said. "But the truth of the matter is we're actually filling holes every day, and I've even had crews in on weekends filling holes. It's just been a very, very brutal winter." He calls it brutal because of the December and January rain. The city hopes the PRAT sales tax will be approved on April 5 to help address the pothole issue.

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Downtown Road Construction Project	News	3/22/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Even after years of planning and months of meetings, a major downtown reconstruction project in Rhinelander always felt a long ways off. But Monday that project will begin with a big closure. The Davenport Street bridge will close March 28 along with Davenport Street itself leading up to Brown Street. The construction marks Phase One of a project to rebuild century-old infrastructure and make the downtown more appealing. Pat LaPorte, who owns Inside Story on King Street can see where a portion of the project will happen right from her window. "Our downtown area has looked tired for a long time," LaPorte admits. As a member of Downtown Rhinelander, Inc., LaPorte has worked with city and business leaders for two years to make replacing the rundown sewer lines and badly worn streets go as smoothly as possible. "[The project should] give us a fresh new look and give us the appearance Rhinelander's moving forward," LaPorte said. The project won't come without headaches. The upcoming Davenport Street closure, which includes access on Courtney through the intersection, means temporarily losing parking spots and road access. That work should take until the end of June. The city estimates that about 7,000 cars cross over the Davenport Street bridge every single day, which means a lot of traffic getting routed around the project. City leaders encourage people to use the Phillip or Kemp Street bridges to get across. But the city plans to always keep one major north-south avenue open while another is closed, which means Stevens and Courtney Streets will never close at the same time. "People have been pretty much up to speed on what's happening and are ready to charge ahead," LaPorte said of downtown business owners. Rhinelander Public Works Director Tim Kingman has led that charge for years. "We're doing something that hasn't been done in 100 years or so," Kingman said. Kingman says public meetings have been helpful in shaping the \$9.7 million project, which will feature significant aesthetic improvements on the street level when major construction is done. "Not everybody is happy about everything that is happening, yet collectively it was the best answer for everybody involved," Kingman said. Business owners' biggest complaints include a change to parallel parking on the west side of Brown Street (that will allow for wider sidewalks, Kingman says) and the general disruption months of construction will bring. But Kingman says that between temporary walkways and curiosity, people will find a way downtown. "There's an interest with these jobs, and it will actually work toward people being involved with it and wanting to come down and see what's going on here," Kingman said. LaPorte, too, is hopeful. That's a big reason she's ready to put up with seven months of construction. "That's worth all the stuff we have to go through to get it, and ultimately it's the economic impact that will take us to the next level," LaPorte said. You can view the latest on the construction project's progress and upcoming closures via the link below (scroll down to "Downtown Project Update" on the city's main page). You can also view it through the PDF attached to this story. The city is planning a groundbreaking celebration April 5 in the North Anderson Street parking lot.
Downtown Road Construction Project	News	3/28/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Construction in downtown Rhinelander got underway earlier today with a big closure. Crews shut down the Davenport Street Bridge just before 7 a.m. to begin work. Part of Davenport Street leading to Brown Street was also closed. City leaders recommend using the Phillip or Kemp Street bridges to avoid the construction. The work is phase one of a \$9.7 million project. Crews will replace sewers that are pushing 100 years old, utility lines, and pothole-filled streets. Work will eventually extend to Stevens, Brown, and King streets. The city hopes to finish all major construction by fall before putting in the finishing touches next spring, including big aesthetic improvements.
Downtown Road Construction Project	News	3/28/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The day finally came for people in Rhinelander Monday. They'd been waiting--with a combination of excitement and dread--for months. Shops, visitors, and people in town saw the first pavement being broken as the downtown sewer and Streetscape project finally got started. Davenport Street, one of Rhinelander's busiest roads, closed early Monday morning as crews started their work. Customers may find it difficult to access many downtown businesses as the project progresses. Pump's Tire, for example, is inaccessible from the west, north, and east, leaving customers only one route into the shop. "It's hectic, going on around here. Just try and find your best way into the shop," said Patrick Huber of Pump's. "[Customers are] all trying to do what they can to get in here. A lot of them are just saying, 'Well, we'll opt to come in next week.' Next week isn't going to be any better, either." Davenport Street will be closed for several weeks, and the entire downtown will have construction throughout the summer. At Pump's, semi-trucks delivering products or needing tire repair will have an especially tough time getting to the shop. "The truckers are going to have a hard time getting in and out, especially with the Davenport Street Bridge closed," Huber said. "Once that's open, if it is open--when? We don't know." The project will combine a major sewer replacement with downtown a redesign and beautification effort.

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Auto Crash	News	3/29/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>One person went to the hospital following a car crash Tuesday. A semi-truck and a car were driving east on Highway 8 in Rhinelander Tuesday afternoon when the truck rear-ended the car. "It was a two-car accident between a semi and another passenger vehicle," says Crescent Fire Department Chief Jacob Lobermeier. "There was one injury and they had to be transported. Both vehicles were disabled, so they had to get towed." First responders say the person's injuries were not life-threatening. The crash was cleared up by Tuesday evening.</p>
See Description of Program Column for details of announcements	News	3/30/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Getting around Rhinelander on your bike will get a little easier—and more scenic—in just a few months. The DNR awarded the City of Rhinelander more than \$135,000 in grant money after an application process that took more than a year. The city will use those funds to build about 1.2 miles of bike and walking trails along Boyce Drive and Kemp Street. The city must match the state's money to make the 50-50 grant work. Alderman Alex Young says the project wouldn't have been possible without the grant. "I think we had a good chance going into it," Young said. "Until you see it on paper, it's always—you hope it's going to come through, but now it's on paper... Like everything else, it's a long, drawn-out process to get anything done, but I think we've had enough meetings on it and talked to you enough about it that we've finally gotten around to actually breaking ground pretty close here." The trails help connect bikers with hotels along Kemp Street and an area near Shepard Park along Boyce Drive. The city hopes to develop what used to be the old wastewater treatment plant into an attractive spot for bikers and outdoors enthusiasts alike. "In the long term I think this is a big investment that the city's making in that area," Young said of past and future projects. Those include tearing down most of the old treatment plant and placing a new boat landing on the Pelican River. "But I think it's a good investment, and it ties together some other things the city's done in that little area." Contractors will bid on the project in May. The city hopes to start construction in July. If work begins on time, the trails should be ready by fall.</p>