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Rhinelander makes progress for new K9 unit	NEWS	4/3/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	We could possibly meet Rhinelander's new K9 officer this summer. The Rhinelander Police Department chose its new K9 handler last week. The department has been without a K9 unit or handler since the former K9, Drago retired in December after eight years of service. Chief Lloyd Gauthier chose Officer Chad Brown to be the next handler. [Brown has] been involved with our Shop with a Cop, our citizen's academy, so he's a huge component of the Rhinelander Police Department. He's also a Rhinelander citizen; he lives in the City of Rhinelander. So he's very committed to the community. He's a really good fit for our next K9 handler," said Gauthier.
Election - Rhinelander Mayor - Ballots Hand counted	NEWS	4/2/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	The sounds of voting machines rolling off city trucks and down the hallways of the Oneida County Department on Aging signaled the build up for yet another election on Monday afternoon, but Rhinelander City Clerk Val Foley knows Tuesday could be a little more complicated. "It's going to take a while, I think, so people have to have some patience," Foley said. Foley spent her Monday sorting through poll books and 14 different ballot styles, knowing one section in particular will get a lot of attention.
New contemporary church service in Rhinelander	NEWS	4/1/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	A Rhinelander church wants to add a modern twist to its service. Its younger members took charge of steering their church in a new direction to get a more youthful audience through its doors. Some people are used to the usual hymns and verses when they sit in the pew at church on Sundays. However, the Rhinelander First United Methodist Church decided to add a twist with its first contemporary church service. "[It's] another way for people to access their own hunger with their relationship with God," said Pastor Keith Wolf. Wolf said this service meets the needs of what people want in modern day religion. That includes up beat songs, a casual preaching style and a more laid back service. "A lot more exciting and more ways to interact with the community," said 16- year-old Sylvia Dhaseloeer. To keep the church hip Pastor Wolf invited its younger members to show him what's missing. "It's always either older people or really young kids," said 17-year- old Alexis Denny. Denny and Dhaseloeer want to see more teenagers in their services.
Snow delays construction and road repair work in Rhinelander	NEWS	4/4/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	The snow this spring is keeping asphalt and pavement companies from starting their work. This delayed start could push all projects in Rhinelander back. "Currently we're doing nothing," said Musson Brothers asphalt pavement superintendent Tom Loduha. He's worried the recent snowfall and the expected future snow will hurt his business. "If you're not working, you're not making money," said Loduha.

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Election - Rhinelander Mayor	NEWS	4/4/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Between waving hello to passing drivers and shaking a lot of hands to say thanks, Chris Frederickson the respiratory therapist by day needed a minute to catch his breath on Wednesday afternoon. "Two hours of sleep last night and I got up and started making my list," Frederickson said. Frederickson added the job of "Rhinelander mayor" to his list Tuesday night. The write-in candidate beat long-serving Alderman Alex Young by 19 points and Scott Counter by 53 points. All three were vying to replace retiring mayor Dick Johns, who decided not to run after 13 years in that role
Election - Rhinelander Mayor	NEWS	4/3/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Chris Frederickson will serve as the new mayor of the City of Rhinelander. The write-in candidate won 58 percent of the vote. Opponent Alex Young earned 39 percent, and write-in candidate Scott Counter received four percent of the vote. Frederickson has never served in public office before. For the last 20 years he's worked as a respiratory therapist. During his campaign, Frederickson said he isn't a politician with a ladder to climb, but someone who wants to work for the people of Rhinelander. He believes voters were ready to take a new direction, as opposed to candidate Alex Young who had served on both city council and county board positions over the last 13 years.
Forest County voters dismiss five incumbents on county board	NEWS	4/3/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Voters in Forest County threw out five incumbents from the county board on Tuesday. The most prominent among them was Forest County Board Chair Paul Millan, who lost his District 4 seat by 20 points to challenger Scott Goode. Judy Tackes Savard reclaimed a seat on the board, defeating incumbent Jack Matuszewski by 30 points in District 6. Savard has been a consistent advocate for open government in Forest County, attending many board and committee meetings and streaming them via Facebook Live
DNR's Winter Severity Index shows Oneida County deer herd likely to come out of winter strong	NEWS	4/5/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	It might feel like this winter will never end, but as far as the DNR is concerned, it's been a pretty mild winter when it comes to deer survival. The DNR keeps track of a "Winter Severity Index" from December through the end of April. Every day with sub-zero temperatures or snow depth of more than 18 inches counts as a point. Days that feature both of those marks lead to two points.

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Nicolet College hosts "Hire Up" event for local employers	NEWS	4/6/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	On Friday, dozens of business owners came together at Nicolet College to discuss the best ways to hire and retain employees. Hire Up is an annual event hosted by the college. Business owners go to make connections, learn about new methods, and even get to enjoy some breakfast too
Election - Wisconsin Governor - Doolan drops out	NEWS	4/8/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Wisconsin's Democratic race for governor has gotten a little less crowded. Political newcomer Michele Doolan announced on Facebook this weekend that she is ending her campaign for governor. She cited problems raising money but said, "this will not be the last you hear of me." Doolan was part of a crowded Democratic field vying to challenge Republican Gov. Scott Walker this year. Doolan has endorsed former Wisconsin Democratic Party Chairman Matt Flynn in his bid for governor. In a news release from Flynn's campaign, Doolan says Democrats in Wisconsin "need to unite" to defeat Walker, and calls Flynn "the candidate to unite us in November
\$50 million rural development bill fades away in Wisconsin legislature; school safety became bigger priority	NEWS	4/9/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	In January, Gov. Scott Walker announced his plan to create a \$50 million fund to help small businesses in rural communities. But that plan is now dead, despite getting overwhelming support in the state Assembly. It was overshadowed by a focus on school safety after the attack in Parkland, Fla. "This fund will support the development of new businesses and the expansion of small businesses in rural areas," Walker said in his State of the State address on Jan. 24. "It can assist in training more people to fill the positions being created by employers in rural areas."
Recreation - Group pushes for ATV bridge over Wolf River in Langlade; skeptics push back on plans	NEWS	4/10/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	To ATV and snowmobile groups, a new multi-use bridge over the Wolf River just makes sense. It would connect two major trail systems and improve safety. But members of the silent sports community around the crossroads of Langlade aren't ready to support the plan. They're hoping a Langlade County committee blocks a grant application for the bridge project on Thursday. The proposed bridge would span the Wolf River just south of the existing Highway 64 bridge for car traffic. Members of the Red Arrow Snowmobile and ATV Club, based in Townsend, and the White Lake ATV Club have been planning for the bridge for years.

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Recreation - Langlade Co. approves steps forward on controversial ATV/Snowmobile bridge over Wolf River	NEWS	4/12/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Langlade County moved a step closer to building a controversial ATV and snowmobile bridge over the Wolf River on Thursday morning. The Langlade County Forestry and Recreation Committee voted 3-2 to support a grant application for the bridge and connecting trails. Motorized trail groups want the bridge. It would help connect trail systems in Langlade and Oconto counties and provide the only ATV crossing over the Wolf River in the area.
19 years of prison for man convicted in 2011 Three Lakes armed robbery	NEWS	4/12/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	A man convicted for his role in a 2011 attempted robbery will head to prison for the next 19 years. Edwin Hughes, 30, was sentenced in Oneida County Court Thursday afternoon. Prosecutors say Hughes shot a man in the legs while he and Daniel Frausto tried to rob Donald DalPonte in his Three Lakes home. DalPonte, who owned the exotic club "Weasels", survived the shooting.
Nicolet College lands nearly \$1 million in state grants to expand programs	NEWS	4/12/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Students in five Northwoods high schools will earn welding diplomas while still studying in their schools thanks to state grant funding. Nicolet College announced Thursday it received nearly \$1 million dollars in grants through the state technical college system.
Rhinelander thanks retiring Mayor Dick Johns with party at City Hall	NEWS	4/12/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Dick Johns says his wife told him a long time ago to go get a hobby. Fifty-four years later, after terms on the Rhinelander City Council, Oneida County Board, and most recently as mayor, Johns wrapped up his public service this month. Thursday, friends, city and county staff celebrated Johns' retirement from Rhinelander's top post

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Area WI State Politicians hold listening session	NEWS	4/14/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	On Saturday instead of politicians speaking to the voters, the voters had the mics. The Northwoods Friends for Civic Participation held a listening session in Rhinelander. Sen. Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst), Rep. Rob Swearingen (R-Rhinelander), Rep. Mary Felzkowski (R-Irma), along with a representative for Sen. Ron Johnson attended
Broadband Access Expansion	NEWS	4/16/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	A Northwoods group trying to cover almost all of Oneida County with broadband access may receive a \$100,000 dollar grant to help do that. The Oneida County Economic Development Corporation will get the money from a Public Service Commission Grant, pending approval of the preliminary announcement. The group had asked for \$218,000. The original plan was to install 13 new broadband towers and make improvements to others.
Historic April Snowstorm	NEWS	4/16/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	A historic snowstorm impacted the entire WJFW viewing area that set many new precipitation and snowfall records in Rhinelander. the snow began as A light wintry mix Friday evening before transitioning over to snow. the heaviest snow fell late Saturday and continued through much of the day Sunday. With flurries and light snow still in the forecast Monday afternoon, some of the records that were set could still go up. This storm brought blizzard like conditions to areas near Ashland as well as parts of Northeastern Wisconsin which caused sporadic power outages, roof damage, and made many roads impassable at times across the northern and central parts of the state.
Governor to sign bill to expand benefits for Wisconsin National Guard members	NEWS	4/16/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Governor Scott Walker is preparing to sign a bill that would expand Wisconsin National Guard members' benefits. The Republican bill would require the state Department of Military Affairs to pay a guard member injured on state active duty until he or she is able to return to active duty or the active duty assignment ends.

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Local Drug Battle	NEWS	4/17/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Last year, lawmakers gave Wisconsin pharmacists and police a new tool designed to catch people making meth. Last month, Vilas County showed that new electronic system works. Police arrested Scott Schmidt, 33, of Eagle River and Stephanie Wolfe, 34, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, on March 30 for making meth in Schmidt's Eagle River home on Highway 45. "We believe that they were probably making methamphetamine for themselves. They were also believed to be selling some of that," said Vilas County Sheriff Joe Fath. Police started looking into Schmidt and Wolfe after a Vilas County Sheriff's officer was checking local pharmacy logs and felt something didn't add up.
Thick ice on lakes could impact opening day for fishing	NEWS	4/17/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Plenty of ice still remains on many lakes across the Northwoods which could impact the fishing opener. The 2018 opening day for Wisconsin fishing is just under three weeks away.
Rhinelander Mayor and City Council members take oath of office	NEWS	4/17/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Two weeks ago Rhinelander citizens voted for their new mayor and city council members. Tuesday those new leaders their oath of office. Mayor Chris Frederickson spent his first week in office appointing members to committees and learning the ropes with City Clerk Val Foley. "As I'm learning things, I'm enjoying them. I'm enjoying the conversations, the support, the conflicts in all parts of government," said Frederickson. David Holt, Rhinelander District Six, is one of three new city council members elected to join five returning members.
Tax Day 2018: What you need to know for last-minute filing	NEWS	4/17/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	If you waited until today to pay Uncle Sam, your time will run out at midnight. Filing an extension for your taxes is pretty much your last option to file your taxes. That doesn't mean you have extra time to pay, it just means you are getting an extra six months to file, but you can avoid a late filing penalty.

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Oneida County in need of more foster homes	NEWS	4/23/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Oneida County needs more foster care homes. Right now, there are nine licensed foster homes in the area, most of which are full according to the county's social services department. Foster Care Coordinator Rachel Nelson says that in Oneida County there are 24 children currently living in foster homes. The department participated in a statewide foster care recruitment project last fall, and discovered just how great the need is
First-ever positive CWD test in wild Oneida County deer sets businesses, hunters on edge	NEWS	4/23/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Lined with shotguns and rifles while deer mounts dot the wall above, the north wall of Mel's Trading Post in Rhinelander shows how important deer hunting is to owner Mitch Mode, part of his business that could take a hit after last week. "It pretty much puts it right in your face and you've got to deal with it," Mode said. April 20, the DNR reported the first positive test of Chronic Wasting Disease in a wild deer in Oneida County, specifically in the town of Crescent, within ten miles of a positive CWD test in a wild deer in Lincoln County from January. Mode hunts on land not far from the positive test.
Rhinelander interim city administrator resigns	NEWS	4/25/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Interim Rhinelander City Administrator Keith Kost turned in his resignation Wednesday to take effect immediately. Kost took over the position in February 2017 after former administrator Kristina Aschenbrenner was fired in August 2016.
Election - Oneida County Sheriff	NEWS	4/25/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Oneida County Sheriff Grady Hartman wants the job for another term. Hartman submitted his nomination papers to the county clerk's office on Monday

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Three Lakes School District experiments with meditation to teach students life	NEWS	4/24/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Students in the Three Lakes District practice a new form of discipline. Instead of punishments students learn how to calm down by practicing the art of mindfulness. "When you're mindful you're in the present moment," said eight- year-old Brooke Neumann. Students from Pre- K to 6th grade in the Three Lakes School District took a few time outs from life this month. "[They're] learning how to accept life and take life as it comes and enjoy the present moments," said Sugar Camp third grade teacher Ali Pichowski. This time out isn't a punishment. It gives students time to reflect on themselves. The schools wanted a new and effective way to keep kids focused so it brought Mindfulness Practitioner Janele Dupuis in twice a week for four weeks. "They'll share with me, 'my little sister was just bothering me this weekend and I remembered to use my breath'," said Dupuis. Dupuis uses breathing exercises and meditation to show kids different tools to deal with life. They're in control of how they react or respond to something," said Dupuis. The project goes beyond the classroom. "I was able to get angry easily," said Neumann. It's also helped Neumann deal with nagging siblings. "Now I try breathing," said Neumann.
Oneida Co. Emergency Management pushes for all homes to have NOAA weather radios	NEWS	4/26/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	The people of Chetek in northwestern Wisconsin know just how quickly severe weather can change your life. An EF-2 tornado ripped through homes, trees, and fields for 83 miles, killing one and injuring dozens in May 2017. Oneida County Emergency Management knows weather radios can save lives in situations like that. With severe weather season here, Emergency Management wants everyone to have a weather radio in their home.
Drug Take Back Day brings about 50 people to the Rhinelander Police Department to dispose of prescription drugs	NEWS	4/28/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	About 50 people in Rhinelander participated in Wisconsin's Drug Take Back Day. They helped fill about three boxes with prescription drugs. Sergeant Angela Mertz met with people who dropped off drugs at the Rhinelander Police Department Saturday.Mertz said it's great to see the community's appreciation for the event. "People are thrilled that they have a place to take old or unused medication and safely dispose of them. It's something they seem to appreciate and something they participate in," said Mertz.
Wisconsin farmers suffer from effects of low milk prices	NEWS	4/30/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Wisconsin produced one quarter of the cheese in the country last year. In America's Dairyland, farming is an important business. But a recent drop in the milk price is creating problems for dairy farmers and making them reevaluate their futures. Mary and Marty Sosnavske own a dairy farm in Gleason.

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Rhinelander among 22 Wisconsin schools to receive grant funding on 'Fab Lab Day'	NEWS	5/1/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	It looks a little dated compared to an Xbox or Playstation, but Wolfgang Weinfurter's arcade brings him a lot of joy. "[You can play basically] any arcade machine out there, assuming you can find the base ROM for it, you can plug it into this machine and, fingers crossed, it should be able to run it," Weinfurter said of his creation. The Rhinelander High School Senior spent more than six months piecing together the homemade arcade. Along with running the electrical and hardware himself, Weinfurter used wood cut with a CNC machine to build the frame and laser-cut acrylics to line the exterior in his school's fab lab.
The warning signs of a drowning child may surprise you	NEWS	5/4/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	In just a few weeks, people can head to the lakes to enjoy a day of fishing or swimming. However, if parents don't know the warning signs of drowning, a disaster can happen in seconds. YMCA lifeguard Jessie Swearingen said a lot of times parents think drowning is similar to what people see in movies. Instead of flailing arms, she said keep an eye out for panic in someone's face. "Drowning looks nothing like it does on TV. Drowning is very quiet. It happens very fast. I would say one of the best ways [to identify drowning] is to look at someone's face, not what they are doing with their body because usually they're pretty still," said Swearingen.
Tourism - Oneida County ranked 15th in the state for tourism spending	NEWS	5/4/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Oneida County found itself toward the top of an impressive list Friday. It was ranked 15th in visitor spending in the state. The Department of Tourism released its visitor spending numbers for 2017.Oneida County visitors spent \$8 million more this year. Rhinelander Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Maggie Steffens said making the list is a big accomplishment. "It's a two-fold thing in the fact that we're a small community. We're the Northwoods. We don't have the population. So, that means tourism is very valuable to us," said Steffens. Oneida County ranked 16th last year.
Tourism - Ice on lakes causes concern for anglers on fishing opener weekend	NEWS	5/3/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	With the Wisconsin fishing opener just a day away, anglers all have the same question: will the ice melt fast enough? This opening weekend will look a little bit different than in years past, because there is still ice on many of the lakes in the Northwoods. Jeff Smith, the owner of J&J's Sports in Lake Tomahawk says he has gotten a lot of calls this week from people who want to know if the lakes are open

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Three Lakes holds groundbreaking ceremony for renovation work on 'tired' Demmer Memorial Library	NEWS	5/8/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Take a walk inside the Demmer Memorial Library in Three Lakes these days and it doesn't look much like a library. "It was tired," Library Director Erica Brewster said with emphasis. Brewster felt a little bittersweet while showing Newswatch 12 inside the shell of the building she grew up using and working in. The walls have been stripped, lights and electrical wiring hang from the ceiling, and the floor has been stripped. Demolition and early construction started in April.
Rhinelander Mayor casts tiebreaker vote to reappoint Police and Fire Commission President	NEWS	5/14/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	On Monday night, the City of Rhinelander reappointed Todd McEldowney as President of the Police and Fire Commission. But city council members were divided on whether or not he should've kept that title. There's anger between both the Rhinelander City Council and the Police and Fire Commission, especially toward President McEldowney. Some council members think McEldowney acted out of turn when he named Dave Funkhouser as Rhinelander's new police chief last year, only to see Funkhouser reject the city's offer several weeks later.
Oneida County first responders participate in active shooter training	NEWS	5/13/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	This weekend emergency responder teams from all across the area spent time training at the Oneida County Courthouse. This is the first time the active shooter training was held at the courthouse. The Oneida County Sheriff's Department hosts active shooter training about once a year. Law enforcement agencies within the county participated in mock scenarios during the event. This year's focus was on incorporating medics; teaching law enforcement how to get the medics in to start treating wounded patients.
Rhinelander Police Department asks for your help to make a K- 9 unit possible	NEWS	5/17/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	It takes about \$40,000 for a police department to get a K-9, its training, and a K-9 vehicle. Rhinelander Police is asking for your help to make this possible. This glow in the dark "Hodag Table" is designed by Frank Kovac at Kovac Rustic in Newbold. The table will tour several area businesses like Trigs and Shopko before it is raffled off to raise money for a K-9.

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Oneida Co. Health Department pushes for preventative measures to avoid tick-borne illnesses	NEWS	5/17/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Increased numbers of tick, mosquito, and flea bite illnesses sound scary. The CDC reported in early Maythose illnesses tripled over the last 13 years, but a local health department reminds you there's plenty you can do to avoid ending up sick. The Oneida County Health Department always gets more reports of tick borne illnesses in May and June, when people and ticks are more active. You need to be responsible when going in wooded areas: wear long sleeves and pants, put on bug spray with DEET.
Major reconstruction projects in Rhinelander coming this summer	NEWS	5/16/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	People can say goodbye to the potholes, bumps and broken street lights in Rhinelander this summer. The city is working on three major projects to revamp the city's roads. There are multiple stop signs instead of stop lights at the intersection of Courtney and Pelham Street in Rhinelander. The city said that'll be fixed by next week. The intersection isn't the only part of Rhinelander that will get a facelift this summer. About 25 roads in Rhinelander will get work done this season. "We will be going and re-sealing the road which is a different technique. It's a very good technique to prolong the streets life. But it can only be used on streets that are not too far gone," said Director of Public Works Tim Kingman. Kingman said the Premier Resort Area Tax also known as the PRAT provided enough to borrow the \$2.5 million needed for the city's road projects
Increasing meth use in Oneida County forces kids into foster care system	NEWS	5/16/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Ashley and Mike Kurtz first became foster parents in 2012. "We received a call about 11 o' clock at night from the emergency room asking us if we would be willing to take placement for a 2 and a half-year-old little girl," said Ashley. They now have three children, including that 2 and a half-year-old girl, who is now nine. All three were in foster care before Ashley and Mike adopted them. Now, the need for foster homes in Oneida County is rising. A lot of the children see the same unfortunate circumstance.
DNR stations two firefighting planes in Rhinelander amid high fire danger risks	NEWS	5/23/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	As he suited up with a bit of swagger and his aviator sunglasses, all eyes were on Greg Fiss and his airplane Wednesday morning. However, Fiss was quick to deflect the fame on the people watching him. "They're the rock stars, we're just more visible," Fiss said of ground-based firefighters through his thick southern accent. Fiss filled up his single-engine air tanker, or SEAT, with 800 gallons of water to show a group of DNR firefighters at Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport how he can help. The native Kansan has flown a SEAT for 14 years, transitioning from agriculture crop dusting.

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Rhinelander Police Department starts new child safety program	NEWS	5/29/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Rhinelander's Police Chief believes the department could improve their programming for kids, particularly about bullying. That's why Chief Lloyd Gauthier decided to team up with the National Child Safety Council. The council has several materials that teach kids about the dangers of bullying, sometimes with the help of a "Safety Pup" mascot.
Parents get kids car seats checked in Rhinelander	NEWS	6/11/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	Summertime means a lot of road trips for families, but before you take your kids on vacation, you may want to get their car seats checked. On Monday, the Oneida County Health Department held their annual event where parents can get their child's car seat checked for free in Rhinelander. "I really appreciate it," said Patricia Scharbarth. Scharbarth, mother of three, says getting the car seats checked gives her peace of mind.
Rhinelander Police Department with its K- 9 Fundraiser	NEWS	6/14/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	You can help people in the community and the Rhinelander Police Department at the same time this weekend. It takes about \$40,000 dollars for a police department to get a K-9, its training, and a K-9 vehicle. RPD is asking for your help with raising that money. The K-9 Fundraiser on June 15th at People's State Bank. "It is about what we can do to help them to make better decisions, improve their family and the children that live in that house, and then also improve our community because of that," says Chief Gauthier.
Election - Wisconsin Governor - Democratic Forum	NEWS	6/16/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	In just a couple months, the democratic primary will decide which party candidate will run against Governor Scott Walker. On Saturday, five of those candidates spent time in Minocqua answering citizen's questions at a candidate forum. Mike, McCabe, Tony Evers, Matt Flynn, Kathleen Vinehout, and Dana Wachs were all in attendance. The forum had candidates answer audience questions on education, healthcare, the environment, and economy issues. Organizer Jackie Cody said the event was a way to get people informed on each candidate before the democratic primary. "At this particular point we need to have democrats, and independents, and those who are questioning what's going on with answers before the magic date of August 14th, and this provides people with information," said Cody. More than 100 people attended the event.

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Recent law change could bring invasive species into state forests	NEWS	6/19/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	A recent law change made it legal to move firewood but the DNR still hopes people don't. Since 2014, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources banned bringing your own firewood to a state property, unless you live 10 miles or closer to the property. "[The ban is] to attempt to prevent the spread of invasive diseases and insects that can have a detrimental impact on our forests," said DNR State Forest Team Leader Tom Shockley. He says currently, the entire state of Wisconsin in now quarantined for the invasive species emerald ash bore.
Electronic recycling event in Rhinelander	NEWS	6/22/2018	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	People could drop off almost anything with a plug at an electronic recycling event in Rhinelander June 22. Computers, laptops, and TVs filled boxes in the Charter NEX Films parking lot.