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DNR will decide what happens to black bear seen along Highway 17	NEWS	4/5/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - In December 2016, a black bear began approaching cars along Highway 17 just south of Rhinelander. The two-year- old bear was seen approaching was even licking the salt off of them. She was taken to Wild Instincts in Rhinelander to be cared for. Director of Rehabilitation Mark Naniot says the DNR will decide what happens to the bear sometime next week.
Lawmakers push to eliminate license requirement in Right to Carry	NEWS	4/5/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	STATEWIDE - If you talk to folks in northern Wisconsin about the right to bear arms, you'll probably get some passionate responses. By law you are allowed to open carry in places where it's legal. In 2011, lawmakers passed the concealed carry bill with the stipulation that carriers had to get a license after completing a training course. Now, lawmakers want to eliminate the training requirement with a new bill called Right to Carry.
Wild Instincts director reminds public to vaccinate pets; viral disease seen in some wild animals	NEWS	4/5/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Wild Instincts Director of Rehabilitation Mark Naniot says he's seen several animals in the Northwoods with symptoms of a viral disease lately. He wants to remind the public to make sure pets are up to date on vaccinations.  Naniot says every five to seven years, wildlife experts see an outbreak in distemper.
Weekly tornado siren tests start in preparation for spring weather	NEWS	4/5/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:60	RHINELANDER - Spring brings warmer temperatures, but it also means storm season rolls in. Rhinelander started weekly tornado siren testing Wednesday morning. Every Wednesday at 9 A.M., three sirens around the City of Rhinelander will go off. The siren testing is done to make sure they work and people are familiar with the sound they make. Besides, the sirens are only turned on if there is a tornado warning in the city of Rhinelander, not when there are severe storms like in the past.  "We kind of got the cry wolf syndrome, because they were being set off frequently. So we backed it off from the severe storms and they are just set off for tornado warnings, "said Fire Chief Terry Williams.  If the fire department is tracking severe weather like high winds or hail, they can call dispatch and tell them to set the sirens off to keep the city safe.  The loud sirens help warn people who are outside or don't live near one.  "On the outer edges of this coverage areas designed for these siren you probably won't hear it in the house. But the thought process behind that is that people that are in their homes would have the radio on or TV on type of thing and they'd be alerted of storms," said Fire Chief Williams.  If you do hear that real tornado siren, go to the lowest level of your house and stay away from windows.  If you are in your car, try to leave the storm area as fast and safely as you can, or lay down in a ditch a cover your head.

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Funkhouser declines Rhinelander police chief job	NEWS	4/11/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Rhinelander could soon see a new police chief, but it won't be Dave Funkhouser. In a letter sent to Mayor Dick Johns on Tuesday, Funkhouser wrote that he is no longer interested in the position. The city's Police and Fire Commission offered Funkhouser the job last month, about five months after Chief Mike Steffes took a job with the state Department of Justice. Funkhouser wrote, "It has become clear to me that it would not be in my best personal or professional interest to accept employment with the City of Rhinelander."
Three Lakes hosts an art exhibit featuring work by Northwoods students	NEWS	4/9/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	THREE LAKES - Sculptures, paintings, and even jewelry created by middle school students from across the Northwoods filled an art center in Three Lakes. The Regional Junior High Art Exhibit featured work from Crandon, Laona, Elcho, Phelps, Florence, and Three Lakes.
: Rhinelander police give all clear after apparent false alarm sparks major emergency response	NEWS	4/7/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - A large police response Friday night on Rhinelander's west side, which included dozens of officers and the Marathon/Oneida County bomb squad, appears to have been for a false alarm. Interim Rhinelander Police Chief Ron Lueneburg told Newswatch 12 the scene near Davenport Street and Sanns Street was given the all-clear just before 10 p.m. Friday. According to police, no one was injured before or during the several hours-long situation. Lueneburg says initial reports led police to believe there may have been someone wounded from a gunshot and a person being held hostage in a home with explosives.
Few women serve on town boards	NEWS	4/10/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	ONEIDA COUNTY - For many people in the Northwoods, their most local form of government is their town board. "I was born and raised here," said Bette Stillman of the town of Nokomis in Oneida County. Stillman was asked to run and has served as a town supervisor for 10 years. She also runs a food pantry out of the Town Hall, which she calls, "her pride and joy." "I just enjoy trying to keep the town in as good of shape as we can," Stillman said.

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Northwoods gets ready for upcoming spring and summer events	NEWS	4/10/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - The Rhinelander Area Chamber of Commerce plans events and activities for Hodags and tourists in town. The Chamber is preparing for its annual event and getting ready to start a new one. The seventh annual Hodag Hops and Vines Wine Tasting is set for April 22. There will be 22 brewers and four wineries participating in the event.
Spring storm takes down hundreds of trees in Lakeland area, homes and businesses damaged	NEWS	4/10/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	NORTHWOODS - Wind, rain, and hail caused a lot of damage across the Northwoods Sunday night, which meant that a lot of people were busy cleaning up that damage come Monday morning. That wasn't how Neal Anderson planned spend his day. "First day the lakes are open, we could get rocking, start getting our job done," said Anderson. Anderson and his family have owned Northland Docks in Arbor Vitae for 33 years, but instead of putting in docks, he spent his day picking up trees.
Rhinelander delays scheduled Davenport Bridge closing	NEWS	4/14/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Rhinelander residents put up with roadwork and rubble in the downtown area throughout most of 2016. Now, the city is finishing the Streetscape Project with a few more road closings and detours. Road crews were expected to shut down the Davenport Street Bridge next Monday for an entire month of renovations. But Public Works Director Tim Kingman says the closing will be postponed due to a few speed bumps in the planning.
Newbold Town Board starts discussion on whether or not to allow ATVs on town roads	NEWS	4/14/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	NEWBOLD - The town of Newbold in Oneida County could allow ATVs on its roads. A week and a half ago, voters in Newbold narrowly passed an advisory referendum to allow ATVs and UTVs on town roads. The Town Board met Thursday night and discussed where to go from here. Town Board Supervisor Ed Hammer said the board had a lot to discuss.

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Statewide and local police communication helps track down manhunt suspect	NEWS	4/14/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	EAGLE RIVER - Wisconsin manhunt suspect Joseph Jakubowski disappeared from Rock County and was arrested in Vernon County early Friday morning. But even Vilas County here in the Northwoods was on the lookout for him. In fact, sheriff's offices in every Wisconsin county were looking to arrest him. Law enforcement uses a system they call "teletype" to share alerts between different communities.
Rhinelander woman arrested in death of 20-month-old boy	NEWS	4/17/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	ONEIDA COUNTY - A 28-year-old Rhinelander woman will likely face reckless homicide charges in the death of a 20-month-old boy Friday night in Oneida County. Sheriff's deputies arrested Ellen Tran and are recommending second-degree reckless homicide charges.
Rhinelander woman faces reckless homicide charges in stepson's death	NEWS	4/18/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - A Rhinelander woman told police her 20-month-old stepson fell in the shower, causing the injuries that led to his death. But a doctor in Marshfield thought Avery Edwards's injuries looked more like a child abuse case.  Now, 28-year-old Ellen Tran faces reckless homicide charges in Oneida County for Edwards's death. She appeared in court for the first time Tuesday.
NCSS Charter School will close at end of school year	NEWS	4/18/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - This fall, 70 Northwoods students will be forced out of their school and into another.  Monday night, after 13 years in operation, the Rhinelander School Board decided to close the Northwoods Community Secondary Charter School at the end of the current school year.  Rhinelander Superintendent Kelli Jacobi approves of the motion to close the school for several reasons.

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Leaf and brush cleanup in Rhinelander begins early this spring	NEWS	4/20/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - The Rhinelander Public Works Department will pick up leaves and brush a few weeks early this spring.  The warmer weather has meant that everything bagged has been lighter and easier to pick up, which has made the process of spring cleanup a little smoother.  "The lighter they are, the more we can compact them, the more we can carry on a truck, the less loads w'ere making, you know? The less labor it takes [and] the safer [it is]," said City of Rhinelander Street Superintendent Tony Gilman.
Study looks at how chronic wasting disease spreads through Wisconsin	NEWS	4/21/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	MADISON - A study has shed light on how chronic wasting disease is spreading through Wisconsin. Wisconsin Public Radio reports that the study from the U.S. Geological Survey looked at chronic wasting disease data from 2002 to 2014.
Pine Lake ATV/UTV Club asking Oneida County for access to two highways	NEWS	4/24/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - You can get almost anywhere around Pine Lake on an ATV or UTV. But there are two key Oneida County highways that don't currently allow those vehicles. Now, a Rhinelander-area ATV club is pushing the county to change that. The Pine Lake ATV/UTV Club hopes the county will allow access on highways W and C. The club formed about a year ago and got town approval to open access to all Pine Lake roads except for North and West Birchwood drives.
Fire danger "High" in the Northwoods, DNR temporarily suspends burning permits	NEWS	4/24/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	WOODRUFF - Sixty-three Wildfires burned all across the state in the last week.  The DNR suspended burning permits in 44 counties Monday, including all counties in the Northwoods.  The fire danger level ranged from "High" to "Very High" in most counties.  DNR fire crews have been on stand-by all day Monday.  "On days like today we are fully staffed and on high alert. All our stations are pre-positioning equipment. We're taking equipment from one part of the state and moving it to more critical areas. We are definitely on high alert," said Wildfire Prevention Specialist Catherine Koele.

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Three Lakes to give \$900,000 in public money to library expansion; architectural plans to come	NEWS	4/24/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	THREE LAKES - Three Lakes taxpayers will chip in \$900,000 dollars to the remodeling and expansion of the Demmer Library. After years of meetings and votes, that plan became official last week at the town's annual meeting. The money will accompany \$1 million in money from the library's foundation and \$100,000 from the Three Lakes Historical Society.  "The library is excited to be able to develop plans for a library that's going to continue to serve the community for many years in the future," said library director Erica Brewster.
Oneida County Health Department: Four pertussis cases found at Three Lakes Elementary	NEWS	5/4/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	ONEIDA COUNTY - Just after health workers closed their study of whooping cough in Rhinelander, they need to start looking into cases in Three Lakes.  On Monday, the Oneida County Health Department learned there are four lab-confirmed cases of whooping cough, or pertussis, at Three Lakes Elementary.  Health care workers say they are closely monitoring the situation.  They say it's not unusual for the illness to emerge in the spring.  "There really isn't a season for pertussis," said Oneida County Public Health Nurse Rob Deede. "It's one of those bacteria bugs that kind of falls below the surface and then can re-emerge at any given time if someone from the community brings it into the community."  This past winter, both Rhinelander and Northland Pines schools closed for outbreaks.  Even with the Three Lakes cases, health workers consider the outbreak to be over at Rhinelander.
WPS grant provides Rhinelander Police with new equipment	NEWS	5/4/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Wisconsin Public Service provides us with many of our utilities, and now it also helps with our police and fire departments.  Each Rhinelander Police officer now has a pair of needle-stick gloves and a tourniquet holder.  That's thanks to a grant the department received from the WPS Foundation last year.  To get the grant, departments had to show what tools would help them do their job more safely.  "If people are arrested, we will commonly ask them, 'Do you have anything sharp in your pocket? Any needles, knives, razor blades?'" said Interim Chief Ron Lueneburg. "Anything like that because we don't want things like Hepatitis and other communicable diseases passed on to our officers."  Lueneburg said the officers have been using the gloves, but thankfully have not yet had to use the tourniquet holder.  "It's just been a great benefit for our department and we're in debt to the WPS foundation for the funding that they provided for us so that we could have these items," Lueneburg said.  Lueneburg says the department may apply for the grant again for more equipment if needed.
Local businesses prepare for fishing opener	NEWS	5/5/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	ONEIDA COUNTY - You can cast your first line at 12 a.m. Saturday for the fishing opener, and businesses around the Northwoods are prepared.  At The Fishing Hole just east of Rhinelander, owner Gary Mangerson notices his customers are looking for last-minute gear. He has live bait, but he says fishermen wait to buy it so it's fresh.  "It's a lot of pre-stuff," Mangerson said. "Catching a lot of hooks, liters jigs, few binder minnows, leeches, crawlers, worms, beaver tails."  Mangerson says this is his third busiest weekend of the year Memorial Day weekend is always the busiest.  After a not-so-great ice fishing season, he hopes this weekend can help make up for it.  "It should," Mangerson said. "The problem I see is that we have a lot of water. Anyone that's fishing the flowages or the river, it's going to be rough."  Most inland lakes and rivers have a three walleye bag limit.

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Northland Pines student charged for alleged gun threat	NEWS	5/15/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	VILAS COUNTY - An overheard conversation in the school cafeteria led to terrorist threats charges in Vilas County.  Last week the Northland Pines High School principal sent parents a message. It said the school was looking into a shooting threat from a student and called police to handle it.  Now, the Vilas County District Attorney has charged the accused student for the shooting threat.  Prosecutors charged Christopher Berber, 18, with threat to a law enforcement officer and terrorist threatsboth felonies.
Rain halts downtown Rhinelander work on Brown Street, leads to temporary reopening	NEWS	5/16/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Usually "road closed" signs moving out of the way mark good news, that construction is ending. In downtown Rhinelander, it only marks a temporary break in those blocked roads.  Crews moved some of those signs on Brown Street early Tuesday afternoon, but they'll formally clear the way Wednesday morning. Pavers were going to lay the final layer of asphalt during the day, but rain kept them off the job site.  Public Works Director Tim Kingman says moisture can end up cracking and buckling the new roads
Deja vu in Stella: town experiences washed out roads for second time in less than a year	NEWS	5/18/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	ONEIDA COUNTY - Imagine spending nearly \$40,000 to fix a road. Imagine having to do that again less than a year later. That's the struggle the town of Stella is experiencing after the storms on Wednesday night.  One of the town supervisors, Bob Goodin woke up to a phone call at about 6 a.m. this morning. He found out Tenderfoot Road was washed away for the second straight year.  "The damage, the erosion to the road and the shoreline is pretty devastating," said Goodin.
Rhinelander Fire Department trains public works employees on extinguisher use	NEWS	5/17/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - A simple pull of a pin, squeeze, and spray was all it took to pass firefighting training at the Rhinelander Public Works building Wednesday morning.  "That was kind of neat, something different," worker Joe Patrone said.  Public Works employees practiced putting out staged fires under the watch of the Rhinelander Fire department. It turned out to be a fun surprise for Streets workers like Patrone.

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Round two of storms brings flooding concerns	NEWS	5/17/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	WISCONSIN - The effects from Tuesday night's storms leave people worried about round two. The Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company is responsible for keeping an eye on the amount of water going over dams. It also monitors water levels in nearby waterways. Peter Hansen is the Vice President of Operations for the Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company. He said the thunderstorms make some outcomes unpredictable. "You have a plan for what's predicted and when you get more rain, that comes down harder than what was planned then, you have to react pretty quickly," said Hansen.
Weather slows internet project in Oneida County	NEWS	5/19/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	NORTHWOODS - Weather delayed plans for faster internet in some areas of the Northwoods.  Northwoods Connect planned to build more broadband internet towers in Oneida County, but high winds got in their way Friday.  The rural Northwoods makes internet connections a challenge.  Dave Noel works with Northwoods Connect to develop a county wide broadband internet system.  "Because of the lakes and topography of the Northwoods it's really a difficult area to run cable, or fiber or coppers in a typical rural area," said Noel.
Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport debuts new TSA scanner	NEWS	5/18/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - The first steps to board Delta Flight 7414 from Rhinelander to Minneapolis started the same way as usual Thursday morning. But instead of going through the old metal detector, passengers took a new path after some specific instructions.  "We really knew what to expect," Jean Davidson said, on her way to Phoenix, Arizona.  The TSA put air travelers through the newly installed AIT-2 scanner, which went in May 10. The machine runs a full-body scan using millimeter wave technology. It produces a "cookie cutter" outline, which pinpoints any spot where someone might be hiding a weapon or device.
Three Lakes Women's club awards \$6,000 in scholarships Wednesday	NEWS	5/18/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	THREE LAKES - Students often struggle to pay for college. The Three Lakes Woman's Club is doing its part to help graduating high school seniors.  The club hosted a tea party to give out \$6,000 in scholarships to five young women graduating from Three Lakes High School.  President of the club Rosie Obukowicz says the application was quite the process.  "We do look at all aspects of a girl's life. They fill out an application and list the clubs, activities, offices and awards they've been given. This is pretty extensive, they really have to put out an effort to get this," said Obukowicz.

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High winds take down thousands of trees in Oneida County forest	NEWS	5/22/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	ONEIDA COUNTY - Paul Fiene could barely believe his eyes last Wednesday.  "This is by far the most devastating wind storm I've ever seen," said Fiene.  Fiene has been a forester in Oneida County for 22 years.  "We usually get a little patch here, an acre here, and a few trees there," said Fiene. "But never to this extent where 99 percent of the trees are knocked down."  Fiene estimates Tuesday's storm took out anywhere from 30 to 40 acres of pine, hardwood, hemlock, and aspen.
Streets Department on the lookout for overgrown lawns in Rhinelander	NEWS	5/22/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - If you wait long enough, you could see Rhinelander city workers mowing your front lawn. But it's not free, and it's not a service they necessarily want to provide.  Streets Superintendent Tony Gilman has been named "Weed Commissioner" for the fourth year. That means he'll be on the lookout and taking calls for lawns with grass 12 inches or longer. Gilman says he gets dozens of calls from fed-up people each year.
Let's Go Fishing' needs volunteer captains, mates	NEWS	5/22/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Stepping onto a boat and casting a line doesn't come easy for some people.  The Northwoods "Let's Go Fishing" pontoon helps veterans, seniors, the disabled get on the lake for a day of fun.  The Northwoods chapter needs volunteer captains and mates .
Nativity Catholic school leadership quiet, some parents upset over principal's sudden dismissal	NEWS	5/24/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - For the last 15 years principal Shirley Heise guided and led students at Rhinelander's Nativity of Our Lord Catholic school. Late last week Heise learned she was dismissed immediately with two weeks left to go in the school year.  Some parents demanded an explanation and are still waiting on an answer.  "Couldn't have asked for a better partner," Cathy Deede said.

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Forget about what the state says': Oneida County supervisor urges board to defy state law to protect lakes, rivers	NEWS	5/24/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - At least one elected supervisor in the Northwoods hopes his county ignores state law and goes its own way.  It's the latest argument over shoreland zoning rules in Wisconsin.  In 2015, a new law limited counties' ability to make their own shoreland zoning rules regarding issues such as lot size, vegetation, and setback of buildings. Instead, counties needed to follow a zoning law that is less restrictive to property owners. The law applies to the entire state.
Judge rejects Ellen Tran's attempt to throw out stepchild's death case	NEWS	5/25/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - A Rhinelander woman will face another day in court. Ellen Tran is charged with Second Degree Reckless Homicide.  Her step- son Avery Edwards died after Tran gave him a shower back in April.  People from the Tri-County Council and Bikers Against Child Abuse were in the court room on Thursday, wearing pins and buttons to support Edwards.  The defense tried to argue that the state didn't have enough evidence to prove probable cause to charge Tran in her stepson's death.  Edwards was 20 months old when his stepmother, Tran, was giving him a shower on April 14.  In the criminal complaint Tran said during the shower Edwards fell, but Tran said she could not remember how he fell or what he hit.  The Fond du Lac medical examiner later found that Edwards' death was caused by blunt force trauma.
Hodag Farmers' Market ready for season opener in slightly new location	NEWS	5/25/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - You'll need to look in a different place to find the Hodag Farmers' Market when it opens for the season this weekend. But the market's move is all of about 25 yards.  The market shifted to the space where the ice rink used to be at Pioneer Park. Vendors used to set up along the park's driveway.  Market manager Steve Richardson wanted to make the move for the last few years, then got his chance when the city tore the old rink down in 2016.
Gauthier sworn in as 14th Rhinelander police chief	NEWS	5/30/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Lloyd Gauthier thought his swearing-in would be a fairly quiet, small ceremony. But friends, family, and past and future employees had different plans. Dozens of people filled the city council chambers to watch Rhinelander's newest police chief take his oath and take command Tuesday morning.  "It's a surprise and it's really nice to see," Gauthier said. "Heartwarming to see all the people come out to support me."

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Dead end: Oneida County likely won't stand up to state on shoreland zoning	NEWS	5/31/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Oneida County looks unlikely to challenge state law over shoreland zoning.  County Board Supervisor Bob Mott's plan was struck down in a committee meeting on Wednesday. Mott tried to convince the county Planning and Development Committee to stick with its restrictive shoreland zoning ordinances.  Mott knows doing so would break a 2015 state law. But he said it's worth it keep local lakes and rivers clean through more protective zoning ordinances.
Students build a pollinator habitat in Three Lakes Wednesday	NEWS	5/31/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	THREE LAKES - One local science teacher decided to take his students outside, to get a more hands on approach to the class material.  Three Lakes High School Science teacher Al Votis refuses to make his students memorize a textbook.  "Hands on working is so much more important and it gives so much more meaning to what the kids are doing," said Votis.  The students are studying pollinator plants in class.  On Wednesday, students planted sunflowers, bee balm and other plants and flowers that attract bees and butterflies.  High school student John Dominick is more than willing to pick up a shovel instead of a textbook.  "You're able to actually be there with it outside instead of just looking through pictures of it in a book," said Dominick.
WPS asks for "safety first" when enjoying nature near hydro dams	NEWS	5/31/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - You can find a lot of people fishing near hydroelectric dams around the Northwoods. Wisconsin Public Service wants people to enjoy nature near its dams. But high water levels mean safety needs to be top of mind.  The spill gates at the Hat Rapids Hydro Dam near Rhinelander have been fully open for a while now. Storms packing a lot of rain raised water levels well beyond what WPS needs to generate power. That can lead to dangerous undercurrents the service wants people to think about.
Diocese on Nativity principal's non- renewal: "Unfortunate for everybody"	NEWS	6/1/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - We likely will never know what exactly led to a long-serving Rhinelander Catholic school principal's dismissal. Nativity of Our Lord Catholic School principal Shirley Heise's contract was not renewed and she left two weeks before the end of the school year on May 19. Heise had been principal at the school for 16 years.  Newswatch 12 spoke with Superior Diocese Administrative Director Dan Blank this week. He says Father Randy Knauf and Heise had a disagreement over method, style, and vision in leading the school.

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Wisconsin to offer Free Fishing Weekend June 3rd-4th	NEWS	6/2/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	NORTHWOODS - People interested in fishing will have plenty of chances to get out on the water this weekend. Wisconsin is hosting one of its annual Free Fishing Weekends. Each year the state hosts one in the summer and one in the winter. The weekend offers many free opportunities that normally require a fee.  "A lot of things that are normally charged a fee on state areas are free. So there's no state park stickers required for access to state parks and forests. Trail use is free, there's no trail tags or trail stickers required," said DNR Fisheries Supervisor John Kubisiak.  The DNR helps put on events across Wisconsin to educate anybody interested. Kubisiak says those events are perfect for everyone.
Survey considers aquatic center in Three Lakes	NEWS	6/12/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	THREE LAKES - Water surrounds us in the Northwoods.  But sometimes lakes aren't the best place for things like water therapy or swimming lessons.  Those are some of the reasons why some people in Three Lakes want to build an aquatic center.  Dave Kirby, Three Lakes Fire Chief, and Chuck Radtke, a Three Lakes resident, set up an online survey for their idea. They want to see if people are interested.  "We're just looking for information, what people would like to do, how often they would use a facility, and whether they would use it for therapy, leisure or competition, or all of the above," Radtke said.
Rhinelander City Council approves fenced-in dog park at Shepard Park	NEWS	6/12/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - It took 10 years, but it looks like Rhinelander will finally get its dog park.  The City Council unanimously approved Tina Werres' plans for a fenced-in dog area at Shepard Park Monday night.  Werres first brought the idea to the city years ago.  The Petco-owned Doctors Foster and Smith offered a large donation to help pay for fencing around the park.  Alderman Steve Sauer says the city will cut down brush and volunteers will clear it away in the coming weeks.  Werres said in an email Monday night she expects the park to be open by the end of the summer.
Not guilty plea for Eagle River teenager accused of making terrorist threats	NEWS	6/15/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	EAGLE RIVER - An 18-year-old Eagle River man pleaded not guilty terrorist threat charges on Thursday.  Christopher Berber is accused of threatening to shoot up Northland Pines High School and kill a school officer.  Police say other students overheard Berber making the comments in school this spring.  Berber never took a violent action, but police found realistic-looking BB guns at his home. Berber will return to court in August.

There follows some of the significant issues responded to by Station WHOH-FM, RHINELANDER, WI, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period 4/1/2017 to 6/30/2017.

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DNR continues 'Recreation Opportunities Analysis"	NEWS	6/19/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - A few months ago the Wisconsin DNR began the process of trying to improve outdoor recreation activities across the state. The department took another step in that process on Monday by holding a public open house in Rhinelander. The event was held at the Northwoods Banquet Center.  The DNR has used similar meetings in recent months to gather public input. They're all part of the department's Recreation Opportunities Analysis.  "We're trying to gather information and analyze that so that later on when we make planning decisions, we're better prepared to make those decisions because we have more information to draw from," said DNR Parks and Recreation Specialist Cameron Bump.
Local business owners fed up with downtown Rhinelander construction	NEWS	6/19/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - Businesses in downtown Rhinelander knew the last 15 months would be a challenge, as a 22-block reconstruction project tore up streets, sidewalks, and utilities.  However, as the city hits the final stretch of work, many businesses feel it's not ending soon enough.
Case moves forward against Oneida County woman accused in stepson's death	NEWS	6/23/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	RHINELANDER - For the first time on Friday people heard the voice of the woman accused of killing her 1-year-old step-son in Rhinelander.  Avery Edwards died from blunt force trauma earlier this year.  Most preliminary hearings get waived, or you hear from one witness. But on Friday, the court heard from a responding officer, a medical expert, and Ellen Tran herself.  Tran claimed she was trying to protect Edwards.  Prosecutors played recordings from Tran's 9-1-1 call.  "Something's wrong with my stepson, I just got him out of the bath and he's not acting right," said Tran in the call.  Edwards died soon after that call.  Oneida County District Attorney Michael Schiek argued.  Tran changed her story and never mentioned Edwards fell when she first called 9-1-1.  Schiek played tapes of investigator interviews with Tran.
Governor Walker discusses new senate health care bill	NEWS	6/27/2017	6, 7, 8A and 5p	:20	- We won't see a vote on the new GOP healthcare bill until after July 4.  Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Kentucky) postponed the senate vote Tuesday afternoon.  Several Republican senators, including Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisconsin), have said they're not ready to vote.  Gov. Scott Walker (R-Wisconsin) says he supports Johnson on this.  "We've given Senator Johnson some suggestions," Walker said. "I think he wants to vote for it, he made the promise when he ran in '10 and then last year in 2016 that he would vote to repeal it, he wants to do that, he just wants to make sure that the repeal ultimately ends up serving the people of Wisconsin well."