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Area Tesla Owner compares new technology to when gas engines first came to market	News	5/20/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	When Tom Rulseh fills up his car, he sort of turns into a time traveler. "You feel like the other cars are part of history now and this is the future," Rulseh said. You won't find a tailpipe, oil pan, or gas tank on his car. Instead, Rulseh's Tesla Model S runs entirely on electricity. But Rulseh's piece of the future brings a few challenges with it. "If the car runs out of electricity, you can't pick up a battery and bring it to the car like you can with a can of gas," Rulseh said. As an avid biker who wants to preserve the environment, Rulseh bought the car last fall. He charges the battery through solar panels on his garage. But there aren't many other places across the Northwoods to fill up. "A hundred years ago it was a similar thing with gasoline," Rulseh said. "You had to really pay attention, is there going to be a gas station where I'm going to end up in the Northwoods? Now we have gas stations in every community." A gas station doesn't help, but a stop at another "liquid" establishment now can. "Let's build it now," said Three Lakes Winery co-owner Mark McCain. "That's kind of what the philosophy was." McCain put in the Northwoods' first Tesla electric car charging station over the winter. He emailed Tesla asking for help, and the company offered to pay for 80% about \$10,000 of the total cost. There are four "pumps" & "three for Tesla models and one universal plug. The winery owner added a second electric meter so electric motorists can fill up as much as they want, with McCain picking up the tab. "Now we have a facility that people can see and can understand that this is where transportation is eventually going," McCain said. Some gas stations seem to be catching on to the electric car concept. The Kwik Trip in Rhinelander has had an electric car charging station since it was built in 2014. But the manager says it's been slow going so far. He hasn't seen many people use the station just yet. Kwik Trip corporate told Newswatch 12 via email that every new station they build has a charging port, although the plugs only provide 110 volts about as much power as a standard wall outlet. The company says those stations will be easy to upgrade "when demand for electric vehicles rises." "The technology is there," McCain said. "We have the technology to do these things. It's a matter of adopting it and being willing to change." Change could take time. The U.S. Energy Information Administration says there only about 120,000 purely electric vehicles on the road. That's less than 1/10 of 1 percent of all U.S. cars. But McCain and Rulseh expect that number to grow. "Keeping the air clean and the water clean, that's all part of it," Rulseh said. "And an electric vehicle is a big assist in that direction." Futuristic vehicles getting a boost from a decades-old business, hoping to see more "time travelers" like Tom stop by to fill up. The next closest Tesla charging station is in Wausau. But McCain says he's already thinking of adding a dozen or more charging stations to his parking lot in the next five years. McCain's current setup allows motorists to charge their cars with enough power to drive them about 30 or 40 miles. The fill-up takes about an hour and costs about \$1.30 in electricity.
Potholes	News	4/4/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Brian Diel looks at the pothole-filled Brown Street in front of his Rhinelander business with disgust. "It's pretty horrible," Diel said Monday afternoon. The insurance agent knows he isn't alone. "We have one really nice stretch of Lincoln Street, but other than that we pretty much have problems everywhere else," Diel said. All across Rhinelander potholes lurk, just waiting to maim axles, struts and tires. It's a growing problem with a potential fix: approval of the Premier Resort Area Tax on Tuesday. The PRAT would raise sales taxes on tourism-related businesses by a half cent. If the PRAT gets voter approval, all money raised must go toward road repairs. The state Legislature approved Rhinelander's request to put the measure on April 5's ballot. Gov. Walker signed the measure as part of the 2016-17 state budget. "By voting 'yes' on this [Rhinelander residents will be] voting to help themselves," alderman Alex Young said. Young who, like many city leaders, is in favor of the tax says the PRAT could generate at least \$400,000 a year. That money would come from everyone who shops in Rhinelander, including thousands of visitors each day. "With the property taxes the way they are now, I think that it's difficult to balance that cost on the backs of the city homeowners who have been taxed enough, in my opinion," Young said. The city says it has plenty of major thoroughfares it would love to fix, like Boyce Drive, the western portion of Lincoln Street, and Kemp Street, among others. But many of those projects have been put on hold due to lack of funding. With the PRAT, the city says it could start those projects much sooner. Public Works Director Tim Kingman says those potential projects add up to about \$2 million, which far surpasses the \$100,000 to \$300,000 the city can spend on actual road construction each year. That total doesn't include the approximately \$80,000 the city spends each year on "band-aid" patching and temporary road repairs. "We're treating the symptoms of the roads that are going to failure, and the worse you see the potholes, the worse the failure that's occurring," Kingman said. State Senator Tom Tiffany co-sponsored an Assembly bill allowing the PRAT anywhere in 2015. The measure passed an Assembly committee 14-0, but it never got a vote this session. Five Wisconsin communities currently use the PRAT, including Lake Delton, Wisconsin Dells, Bayfield, Eagle River, and Stockholm. The bill's failure has frustrated many people, including Brian Diel, who'd also like to see the PRAT expand to all businesses instead of just tourism-based ones. But that frustration doesn't match Diel's exhaustion from looking at and driving on bumpy roads. "If the state's not going to help us with this, we're going to have to help ourselves," Diel said. Rhinelander voters will see the measure on their ballots Tuesday. A "yes" vote is in favor of the PRAT, a "no" opposes the measure. It passed on a 2-to-1 margin in a non-binding vote during April 2015.
Rhinelander Soccer Player to continue Play at Saint Marys	News	4/5/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A Rhinelander soccer player will head to a college in Minnesota to continue his soccer career. Mitchell Modic signed his letter of intent this week to play at Saint Mary's University of Minnesota in Winona. Modic says he got the offer after playing in a college showcase in Iowa for his Stevens Point club team. The defender can't wait for the opportunity. "It's still creeping up on me," Modic said. "I haven't accepted it as reality yet, but I'm sure once I get on campus, I'm sure it will be quite the blast." Modic will major in music industry. He hopes to work with the sound for movies and video games one day. "I'm really excited because there's no end to the possibilities of what I could do," he said. "There will always be more movies, more entertainment stuff that will need sound and music because, if you were to watch a movie without music, you would lose more than half of the emotion." Modic will head to Minnesota in August.

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Man one day away from finishing probation lands back in jail	News	4/6/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A man just one day away from finishing his probation sentence for drug charges landed back in jail this week, accused of selling drugs. Andrew Yungerman, 30, served 1,094 out of 1,095 days of probation without getting caught doing anything illegal. But Monday morning, April 4, a state trooper pulled Yungerman over for a burnt out tail light. According to court documents, Yungerman pulled out in front of the trooper from his home on Highway 8 only moments before getting pulled over. The trooper stopped Yungerman after noticing that a rear brake light was out and that Yungerman was not wearing a seat belt. The trooper smelled marijuana coming from Yungerman's Jeep. The incident report says Yungerman laughed nervously and "at inappropriate times" during the stop. The trooper ran Yungerman's name through a drivers license check and saw Yungerman was on probation. The trooper asked Yungerman if he had any marijuana on him, Yungerman admitted he did, and the trooper searched the car. The trooper found about two ounces of pot along with nearly \$3,700 in cash. The trooper asked Yungerman why he was upset. Yungerman admitted he was headed to his final meeting with his probation officer. Yungerman said he smoked the pot to celebrate finishing his probation. Yungerman was convicted of trying to ship about \$100,000 in cash to Washington state to purchase marijuana in 2013. He reached a plea deal in that case, pleading no contest to a felony drug charge. In exchange, Yungerman received six months in jail with work release and avoided extended jail time. He was placed on three years probation starting April 5, 2013. Monday, after officers took Yungerman to the Oneida County Jail for processing, they obtained a search warrant for his home near an auto repair shop on Highway 8. Inside, they found drug-related evidence including more marijuana, digital scales, sandwich bags, cocaine, and marijuana concentrate. With the new drug charge, Yungerman could get 3 1/2 years in jail. The prosecutor from Yungerman's 2013 case tells NewsWatch 12 the defendant could get an additional 3 1/2 years in jail for violating his probation. Yungerman is in the Oneida County Jail on a \$2,500 cash bond. He's due back in court April 11.
Arbys is moving	News	4/6/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	You may have noticed some changes to the Arby's in Rhinelander. Luckily for fast food fans, the restaurant isn't closing it's moving. The Arby's on Lincoln Street is closing, but a new location will open up in the coming weeks. Arby's will open at the Hodag Mobil, replacing the McDonald's that closed last year. The building underwent a \$500,000 renovation in for the Arby's relocation. Franchise owner Jennifer Ostrowski says they have been planning the move for about six months. She hopes being located right off the highway and next to Menards will help drive traffic into the store. As of now, nothing is set to replace the Arby's on Lincoln Street. The grand opening for the new location is planned for April 20.
Citizens Police Academy	News	4/8/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Everyday, police officers keep our community safe. But it's not every day the general public gets to experience police officer training. A group of people from the Rhinelander area are getting that opportunity. Sara Sammons couldn't pass up the opportunity to take part in the Citizens Police Academy. "I just wanted to learn more about the daily life of a police officer," Sammons said. "I wanted to find out and learn a little more about our community as a whole, and as a mom I also wanted to learn a little bit more about how to protect my family." For the last nine years, everyday citizens have gotten a chance to learn more about being a police officer. The Rhinelander Citizen's Police Academy teaches students about a wide range of topics. "Our goal is to forge a positive relationship with the community, to have the community really understand what it is police officers do, but also have them be safer when they are interacting in the community," said Rhinelander Police Chief Mike Steffes. Thursday night, students learned about deadly force and basic firearm training. Then, they put those skills to the test. "What does it look like from an officer's perspective?" Steffes said. "Because they know what it looks like from the person being stopped perspective, but what does it look like from an officer's perspective?" The staged home invasion teaches students about judgement calls. "I think it's just understanding it at a deeper level," Steffes said. "You know a lot of people have an opportunity to see reports about law enforcement, or they see a squad car driving down the street, and they just get a little glimpse of what's going on." But what does Sara find most interesting? "Really the amount of knowledge that it takes to be in this profession is tremendous," Sammons said. "I had no idea at all. And all the different aspects whether you're involved in the drug task force, whether you're part of the K9 unit, maybe you're just a patrol officer each one has its own specialty and uniqueness to it." The final week of the academy starts next Thursday. Graduation is set for April 21.
Park Improvements	News	4/12/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Downtown Rhinelander won't be the only part of the city going through some changes. Some parks will be getting improvements too. Grant money will help pay for about 80 new lights downtown as part of the Streetscape project, which means the old lights can be used in other places, like Hodag and Pioneer parks. "We have some great parks in Rhinelander that we need to take advantage of, and we have some long walking paths and driving paths in both of those parks and by being able to put the lights along those paths it'll open it up for more evening hours," said Rhinelander City Administrator Kristina Aschenbrenner. The new lights downtown will be energy-saving LEDs. Converting the old lights to LED is also a possibility. "We would be looking at replacing the lights that we currently have with an LED component," Aschenbrenner said. "The price on LEDs has been dropping dramatically to a point where it just makes financial sense to put that in and have the cost savings." The city won't know how many lights can be reused until the old ones are taken down and refurbished.

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Area Factory adding 90 feet to height of its stack	News	4/12/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>The Rhinelander skyline will look a little different soon. Expera Specialty Solutions obtained permission Monday from the City Council to extend one of its stacks by almost 90 feet. The company will increase the height of one stack from 209 feet to 296 feet. The increase will meet the minimum set by the EPA and the DNR to ensure acceptable air quality. The DNR told the company that the current stack needs to be extended to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions. Rhinelander mill manager Jeff Verdoorn says they have been working with the DNR for several years to decrease air pollution. "It'll improve air quality for sure," Alderman George Kirby said. "Because, being higher up, you're going to get the westerly pull of the wind and that's going to dissipate it away from the downtown area more so. And you're talking 90 more feet that's quite a ways up in the air." The company will extend the northernmost stack in the coming months. However, the other two stacks will remain unchanged. "This is the only one that's got to be changed because this is where they are laying their new boiler system, and the other stacks don't need that type of rules and regulation," Kirby said. While the stack will be extended to meet the 296-foot requirement, it must stay below 300 feet per FAA regulations. Expera says the upgrade will cost about \$3 million and should be finished by the fall.</p>
Rhinelander to get improved cell service	News	4/13/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Rhinelander could get better cellphone service and a new, high-reaching structure pending city approval. On March 18, SBA Communications and Verizon Wireless submitted an application to build a 100-foot monopole cellphone tower in the city. That's about 40 feet shorter than the AT&amp;T flag pole in downtown Rhinelander. Verizon's tower would mount antennas at 90 feet, then add a five-foot lightning rod, making the full tower 105 feet. The proposed site sits behind the Hobby Lobby and Shopko complex on Lincoln Street. Verizon's application says "no existing or approved towers within two miles meet the needs of Verizon's Radio Frequency" needs." The letter says there would be space on the tower for up to three other providers in addition to its transmitters. The property is owned by Concord 6, LLC, which owns the East Pointe Center. Concord 6 sent a letter to the city authorizing Verizon, SBA, and its consultant group to represent it at city meetings. But all final land documents need to go through Concord 6 for approval. Before any construction could happen, the city needs to approve the project. The city Plan Commission will meet Tuesday, April 19, at 4 p.m. The plan also needs full council approval. The meeting at City Hall is open to anyone who wants to voice support or opposition to the tower. As of Wednesday night, Plan Commission members had not yet received info packets for Tuesday's meeting. None were able to comment at this time.</p>
Rhinelander HS Athlete first to play in DI in 10 years	News	4/13/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Rhinelander High School will see an athlete play at the Division I level for the first time in nearly 10 years. Katie Detert signed a letter of intent Wednesday to play hockey at St. Cloud State. St. Cloud plays in the WCHA, the same conference as Wisconsin and Minnesota. She'll be attending the school on a partial athletic scholarship. Detert played for Northern Edge during her high school career, where she was known for her goal-scoring ability. Detert plans to take her Northwoods work ethic to St. Cloud. "Well, my work ethic in coming from a small town, you have to work and all the workouts there's are so intense, you almost can't fall," Detert said. "So doing all those and keeping up with my school work I think I'm going to have a lot of success there." Detert scored the second most goals in Wisconsin girls hockey this year. She hopes to be a goal scorer at St. Cloud. "On the Northern Edge I was a center/forward goal scorer," Detert said. "They're looking for goal scorers, obviously, at the higher level. I'm going to be probably playing forward I don't know about center but definitely scoring all those goals over there." Detert hopes to study either accounting or elementary education.</p>

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Local Man qualifies for Boston Marathon	News	4/14/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Two thousand and sixteen miles in 2016. One Rhinelander man set his running goals high for this year. But right now, his focus is on a different goal: running the Boston Marathon. "It took me two years to qualify," said Dan Jerzak. "You run five, six days a week, then your long runs, you build up to doing 20-mile runs on a Saturday and 10-mile runs on a Sunday," But the time, miles, and hard work don't bother Jerzak. "I've tried to qualify," he says. "I fell short, but you just keep going." He wasn't always a marathon runner. "I've always been a part-time runner, and then I was asked to run a 5K with my daughter-in-law, and it just escalated into marathon running," said Jerzak. But last year, Jerzak finally met his goal. To qualify for Boston, he had to run under a specific time based on his age. "In my case, I'm 60 years old and had to run under 03:55:00," said Jerzak. "I was fortunate enough. I ran a 03:41:00." Jerzak actually qualified for the Boston Marathon twice. The first time was in the Milwaukee Lakefront Marathon in October and again in Sacramento a few months later. While it's his first time running in the world's oldest annual marathon, Jerzak says this journey wouldn't be possible without the support of his family. "I know it's a long wait at the finish line, if you're running over three hours, but to know they're there, without them, I wouldn't be here," said Jerzak.
New Law signed by Governor to help logging industry	News	4/14/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	As the son of a timber professional, Jaden Streu knows just how important the logging industry is to him. "It's just one of those things, it's in my blood, I enjoy doing it," Streu said. Streu's family traveled to Ponsse North America in Rhinelander Thursday to watch Gov. Scott Walker sign legislation that should benefit them. "If it wasn't for logging, there wouldn't be much else around here," Streu said. Walker signed changes to the state's Managed Forest Lands program (MFL), which gives tax breaks to enrolled landowners, in front of lawmakers and timber service professionals. The new law allows timber producers to double the land they can close off to public access (160-acre cap went up to 320 acres), giving them greater control over their own property. The lengthy bill also reduces the fee for withdrawing from the program early and lets property owners lease out their land for activities like hunting. "If we manage and harvest this well, this is a sustainable economic and environmental source for us for generations to come," Walker said. "It's good to see both parent and child because it's a good reflection we're in this for the long haul." Representative Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz) and Senator Tom Tiffany (R-Hazelhurst) worked for multiple sessions to get the bill passed. Mursau says changes which send 80 percent of closed acre fees to local governments instead of the DNR helped the bill pass both chambers after nearly four years of work. "Being able to get those dollars going back from the closed acreage fees back to the communities is huge for the community," Mursau said. "I don't think I'll ever give up on working for the forest industry that's so important to everybody that is in my district." "I title it more wood, less red tape," Tiffany said. "That's really what we've tried to do. Streamline the cutting notice, bring money back from the state DNR to local units of government, there s a lot of good things in this bill." But not everyone loves the new law. Some opponents worry the increased land caps mean less public access to private lands. Mursau sees it doing the opposite, closing loopholes where landowners once encircled open lands with closed acres. "Consequently, people could not get to those properties, so in this bill it specifically says that they have to leave an access to those properties so people can get in, so that's going to open up more property," Mursau said. About 50,000 plots of land across the state Republicans say will be better set to help the people who rely on them for a livelihood. "It is a key part of our heritage for sure, but a lot of people outside the north don't realize it's also a key part of our future," Walker said. "It means a lot and I take it to heart," Streu said. The bill passed the state Assembly mainly on a partisan vote, but grabbed two Democratic votes in the Senate, with Sen. Janet Bewley (D-Ashland) and Sen. Julie Lassa (D-Stevens Point) voting in favor of it.
Former Mayor Passed Away	News	4/15/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A former Mayor of Rhinelander died this week. Mary Kinnunen passed away late Wednesday night from ALS. She was 58 years old. Kinnunen had been elected Mayor of Rhinelander in the year 2000, after earlier serving on the city council. A celebration of Mary's life will take place at ArtStart, 68 S. Stevens Street, Rhinelander. The date and time have not yet been determined. The family is asking that donations in Mary's memory be made to causes she supported, like ArtStart, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Wisconsin or the Rhinelander District Library Foundation. Carlson Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

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Severe Weather Prep	News	4/21/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>The National Weather Service wants you to be ready for severe weather. It's in the process of hosting a series of seminars on the topic. "This is the time to prepare and be reminded that, yes, we can get tornadoes and straight-line wind events and large hail and flooding rains," says National Weather Service meteorologist Jeff Last. The latest storm spotter training class was held in Rhinelander today. Nearly 60 local residents attended the event. "Spotter reports kind of act for that confirmation. When we are watching storms move through an area on radar," says National Weather Service meteorologist Todd Shea. Participants were impressed by the presentation and took away something new. "I found out that I do not know near as much about the weather as I thought I did. Or, about the shapes of the clouds," says class participant Caddie Bill. "Even though I was a pilot for years, this is totally different than the weather reports I'm used to." Absolutely nobody here runs the other way when they see lightning or hear thunder. "Whenever there is a storm I always go outside and watch it and stuff, or when I go outside and it starts thundering and lightning and whatnot," says Susan Adams, who attended the conference. "My first thought is, 'Eyes to the sky.' The information learned here is important and serves a purpose. "The most important thing that citizens can do is to be informed and be prepared, and attending a class like this gives people the information they need so they can make an informed decision," says Oneida County Emergency Management Coordinator Dawn Robinson. Portage County wants to protect it's campers from severe weather. In 2013, the county installed a voice activated storm warning system that alerts campers of dangerous weather conditions. "When you are out camping, you're not thinking about having a radio on or a TV on listening to the weather," says Portage County Parks Director Gary Speckman. "Campers usually don't know what's going on, so we put in the voice-controlled storm warning system. It activates by the Sheriff's Department, warns people." The system is loud very loud and was intended to alert the surrounding areas as well. "It's very loud, you can hear it from many miles away," says Speckman. "It also warns the residents that are in the surrounding area to so it was kind of a dual-purpose grant that we got from the Emergency Management to do this." The county also fortified some of its restrooms and shower facilities. They now also serve as storm shelters in the event of bad weather. "We have cement buildings in all four campgrounds," says Speckman. "They are usually our shower facilities, that type of thing. Anything that is cement block or solid concrete walls are our storm shelters, like this building here behind us." If you are interested in becoming a trained storm spotter, the next training class is in Oshkosh on April 26 at the EAA Air Museum.</p>
Library gets a financial boost	News	4/21/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>It takes a lot of money to keep close to 90,000 library materials up to date. That makes the \$104,017 of library-specific funding that the School District of Rhinelander will get a welcome sight. The district learned this week that it would receive its largest Common School Fund payment ever. The state Board of Commissioners of Public Lands funds the program and distributes money once a year based on student population. The money must be used for library materials such as books, e-books, and online databases. "This is like the life force of the library," said Library Media Specialist Ellie Rumney. "Without this money we wouldn't be able to have the robust collections that we have, the robust resources that we have, the online databases, the e-books. Without this money, our kids wouldn't be able to get the access that they need." The district's fund total is the largest it has ever received. Rhinelander usually distributes its share based on size the high school has the district's largest library. But if one school's collection is getting especially old, the money often goes toward refreshing those books. "Library books, they have a limited life span," Rumney said. "They don't live forever, and so we have to continually update and find new materials." Rhinelander invests a lot in e-books at the beginning of the year, but a majority of its collection consists of hard copy books. In total, the state distributed \$37.7 million in library aid, which is up \$2.2 million from last year.</p>
Rhinelander to get improved cell service	News	4/21/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	<p>Verizon customers got another step closer this week to finding better cell service around Rhinelander. The city plan commission voted unanimously Tuesday to approve plans for a new tower. Verizon proposed building the 106-foot-tall tower on the city's east side. It would stand directly behind the Hobby Lobby along Highway 17. City council president George Kirby says the landowners were willing to let Verizon in, which helped make the process easier. "The main reason though was because of its location to be the feeder/repeater tower situation, so it's going to be an asset for anybody using Verizon," Kirby said. "Also, I'm sure Verizon will sell tower space." Verizon's plans would allow space on the tower for up to three other cell company antennas. Kirby says the tower is designed with a pivot point half way down. That would prevent the tower from damaging other buildings in the event of a severe storm knocking it down. "When it bends, no way would it touch or damage anything near the trailer park or Hobby Lobby or any of the buildings right there," Kirby said. With the tower clearing the plan commission, it must pass the full city council May 9. Kirby thinks, pending that approval, Verizon could have the tower up by this fall.</p>

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Earth Day Fair	News	4/22/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A group of Rhinelander students didn't just celebrate the earth Friday they designed projects to save it. Students presented their ideas at the Sustainability Northwoods Earth Day Fair. The annual fair brings environmentally conscious organizations and businesses together. The goal is to educate the community about sustainable alternatives in the Northwoods. For the second year, local high school students had the opportunity to present projects aimed at saving the environment. "I have a pump in this tank here, which will pump up into a tube and will go through here watering the plants and will end up going back into the tank," said eighth-grader Dylan Eggett. The students attended the fair during the school day as a chance to show off their products and learn from the other participants. They also used their projects to educate others. "I'm here to explain what can be done and what future objects, such as solar particle glass, can be created, just by an idea," said 11th-grader Seth Bowen. This is the sixth annual Earth Day fair.
Earth Day Recycling Event	News	4/22/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Rhinelanders residents took part in Earth Day by recycling electronic devices at Pioneer Park on Friday. Rhinelander City Works was on hand to help unload items into the dumpsters. A steady line of cars came through the park to drop off used electronics and other household items. "What we're doing is just an Earth Day cleanup," said Rhinelander Street Superintendent Tony Gilman. "We had one several years ago and it was very successful for the city. This one is a little different where we're accepting electronics. We're accepting TVs, printers, computer stuff." The items will be taken to a facility in Madison to be properly disassembled. The event was welcomed by the residents who took part. "We were able to use this for the city of Rhinelander residents to help them get rid of some of the stuff they have laying around and help clean up our city somewhat," said Gilman. Some electronics can be dangerous to the environment, so having an event where the materials will be properly disposed of is important to the city. "It's important for a couple reasons," Gilman said. "One, e-cycling is the law. You're required to recycle electronics appropriately. And two, periodically we find these items on the side of the road, be it in a township or in city limits, and by offering a service like this to city residents, we're hoping to eliminate that possibility." The City of Rhinelander has offered similar programs in the past, but this is the first year where electronics such as TVs and computers were accepted. The city will also offer another Earth Day opportunity for residents on Saturday. "They will be meeting at Pioneer Park in front of the logging museum historical," said Gilman. "We're encouraging people that want to help out. It's from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Bring some rakes, bring some gloves, wheelbarrows if they choose." The city hopes to have Hodag, Pioneer, and West Side parks cleaned up ahead of the summer activities.
Rhinelanders Downtown Reconstruction	News	4/22/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	When your commute requires walking past huge machinery moving big pieces of pipe, you might grow a little tired of the noise and disruption. But for folks like David Walters, who lives and works on Brown Street, downtown Rhinelander's major reconstruction project hasn't been so bad. "It's been going pretty smoothly, other than the building vibrating every 10 minutes," Walters said with a laugh while standing outside the Northland Music Center Friday morning. Crews started work on Rhinelander's nearly \$10 million dollar reconstruction project March 28. They closed Davenport Street, the bridge, and parts of Courtney and Brown Streets to replace utility lines that were nearly a century old. "Looking at all those layers of history in those giant holes is pretty, pretty interesting," Walters said. Most sidewalks have stayed open, but workers have needed to shut off water and power temporarily at times. "It's not as scary as it looks," said Michele Baumgartner, owner of Bath and Body Creations. Baumgartner has a front-row seat to the work from her organic product store in the Brown Street Mall. She says business has stayed strong and progress has been fun to watch. But navigating the work can be a bit intimidating. "The signage for pedestrians is kind of bad," Baumgartner said. "You don't really know where you can walk and where you can't, so it's a little confusing... But I think once you come down it's pretty accessible." The project's next step is to shut down the stretch of Brown Street from Davenport to Rives Street. That work starts Monday. But businesses say if that stage goes as smoothly as the first one has, it shouldn't be much of a problem. "With a project like this, there's countless hiccups," says Public Works Director Tim Kingman. Kingman admits that the first 25 days of construction have seen a few surprises, including the discovery of a few unexpected boulders and an accidental water shut-off. But by and large, work has gone smoothly and the fixes for those sorts of problems can be made within an hour or two. "We've had some very good weather," Kingman said. "The contractor's on task every day, doing good work... We like for it to be as manageable as possible for the public to use, and we're doing our best." Making that experience manageable includes keeping materials off the sidewalk so pedestrians can still get where they're headed, whether that destination is a restaurant, a shop or simply back home from work. "I'm sure there will be headaches as we go along, but the crew they've got doing the job is really good, and they're keeping it organized and moving it along quickly," Walters said. Most of the major construction work is on track to finish in October. The above-ground Streetscape portion will finish in 2017.

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Charter School	News	4/25/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Students at Northwoods Community Elementary School in Rhinelanders spend a lot of time working on projects. Teachers at the charter school come up with projects based on what the students are learning, and once those projects are finished, students present them to friends and family. Last week students presented their science projects. Each classroom has a different theme. "In my classroom we were working on e-cycling, which is finding technology products that are no longer in use and creating something new from them, so some kids took the keys off of keyboards and made Eiffel Towers, pencil holders," says NCES teacher Michelle Flohr. Some of the other projects included magnets, recycling, and creating a battery-powered car. No matter what subjects the projects cover, all students are excited and proud to show off their hard work. "Wonderful that parents come out here to see the children's work--and they visit the different classrooms, so it's not only seeing their own child's work, but it's also seeing the whole work of the school community," Flohr says. The school hosts the project day four times a year.
Shooting at Antigo Prom has area schools on alert	News	4/25/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The shooting in Antigo caused other schools to look over their security plans. The School District of Rhinelanders has been working with the Oneida County Sheriff's Office to make sure its security plan for this weekend's prom will keep everyone safe. "We obviously did contact the school and speak with them about, obviously, the upcoming prom," says Captain Terri Hook of the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. "Obviously, all of law enforcement is aware of what happened this weekend so they're going to be alert to these types of issues." The district didn't want to reveal what changes it has made to its plan, but the district superintendent says the school will have additional security measures in place.
Vets can receive care at Ministry	News	4/27/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Since March, veterans in the Northwoods can receive care from Ministry Health Care. The CEO of Ascension visited veterans at Saint Mary's Hospital in Rhinelanders on Wednesday to see how well the program is serving them. The Veterans Choice program allows veterans to receive healthcare at participating hospitals if they are facing long wait times or must travel more than 40 miles to the nearest VA hospital. The feedback from veterans has been largely positive. "I'm really pleased to hear from the veterans that our caregivers here, all of our caregivers, are really treating them with respect, dignity, and compassion that they deserve, not only as a human being, but also as a veteran," said Ascension CEO Anthony Tersigni. Ministry Health Care is part of Ascension, the largest nonprofit healthcare system in the nation. Tersigni said that helping veterans is part of Ascension's mission to serve. "Our commitment is to take care of all persons, with special attention to those living in poverty and those who are vulnerable," said Tersigni. "And, quite honestly, today I met with some veterans who are vulnerable. And our hope is to really improve the quality of life for them and their families." The Veterans Choice Act is still expanding across the state and country.
Food Pantry Fund Raiser	News	4/29/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Making sure nearly 400 families get enough to eat each month takes a lot of resources. That's why the Rhinelanders Area Food Pantry hopes a new spring fundraiser will help. The Garden Fresh Salad Bowl will offer a luncheon, raffles, and silent auctions. It's an idea the food pantry and Leadership Oneida County got when the Northwood Turners offered to make wood bowls. The food pantry's executive director, Guy Hansen, says every little bit of money raised helps. "We have a budget of between \$150,000 and \$200,000 a year, so we need to raise that amount of money somehow, and mostly it's by donations from people in the area, but we have now a couple of major fundraisers during the year: the Harvest Hoedown in the fall, along with NATH, and this brand-new one in the spring, which we're seeing how is going to work," Hansen said. Tickets for wooden salad bowls are sold out, but you can still enjoy 11 different salads from area restaurants for a donation. Garden Fresh Salad Bowl will be held at Holiday Acres Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Rhinelanders Downtown Reconstruction	News	4/29/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Large machinery moved north and parking spots disappeared on Brown Street in Rhinelanders this week. The city's \$9.8 million downtown reconstruction project continued its push, closing down Brown Street from Davenport to Rives Monday. Some businesses have seen steady traffic, while others have taken a bit of a hit. At The Brick, restaurant owner Tracy Harmon says her regulars have still found their way in all week. Crews worked on storm-, sanitary sewer and water main construction right in front of her restaurant. Harmon says the noise and dust hasn't been too bad. "Whenever they have the pounder come in then the dishes and the bottles and everything in the building starts rattling and people are, like, freaking out just a little bit, but it needs to be done," Harmon said. "The streets need a lot of work." A couple doors down the street, Diane Dodge's Frame Shoppe has had a different experience. Dodge says her customers are used to parking right in front, especially when carrying heavy pictures. In that way, the construction has contributed to a double-digit drop in sales through the beginning of 2016. "I'm going to stay open no matter what," Dodge said. "I have to be here and hopefully customers will keep coming in.... But I think people will come back down and see how good of a job they did, and for future generations it's things that need to be done." Work on the Davenport-to-Rives section of Brown should be done in mid-to-late May. The next stage will involve closing Brown from Rives north to Frederick. That construction is scheduled to start May 9.
Careers on Wheels	News	5/5/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	At a young age, many of us dreamed about becoming pro athletes, rock stars, or actors. But, earlier today, kids in Rhinelanders got to check out some other careers and the vehicles they use. More than 300 elementary students from Central Intermediate and Northwoods Community Elementary Schools got to experience Careers on Wheels. The event was organized by Rhinelanders Partners in Education. "We've got our sixth annual Careers on Wheels program for fourth- and fifth-graders," said Careers on Wheels organizer Mike Cheslock. "We've got 21 businesses from throughout the community that bring their vehicles in to show the students their vehicles, but also talk a little bit about their careers and the educational background and training background that goes into what they do for a living." It will be several years before these students need to make their career choices. But teachers and administrators believe it's never too early to educate them about the opportunities they may have not known about. "We think it's important at this age, especially for fourth- and fifth-graders, to start thinking about what they might want to do when they grow up," said Cheslock. "And they might not be aware of all the different opportunities we have in the Rhinelanders area, the Northwoods, and really everywhere." The goal of the event is to help spark interest in a wide range of career fields for students. "Whether its law enforcement, medical, public service," said Pine Lake firefighter Jeremy Shaltis. "It gives them a wider variety instead of just saying, 'I want to be an athlete' or the normal stuff that kids do." Workers say that the students' reactions make the time and effort all worth it. "Just seeing the smiles on the kids' faces I think is really important," Cheslock said. "It shows that they are really interested in and that they like this event and that they're learning a lot about the different careers." The event has featured many of the same businesses in past years, but organizers are always looking to expand. If you'd like to participate in future Careers on Wheels events, you can email Mike Cheslock at chesmik@rhinelanders.k12.wi.us
Aquatic Invasive Species	News	5/5/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Many boaters will spend this weekend on Northwoods lakes, but with more boats comes an increased risk of spreading aquatic invasive species. Some Oneida County conservationists hope education will protect the lakes this year. That's why they held this year's first Clean Boats, Clean Waters workshop in Rhinelanders Thursday evening. People need to look for a variety of different AIS on boats. "Typically we're looking at Eurasian Water Milfoil, early in the season Curly Leaf Pond Weed, we also put a lot of emphasis on not transporting water, to the north of us Vilas County has spiny water flea," says Oneida County Conservationist Michele Sadauskas. People from Pelican, Squash, and Two Sisters Lakes were at the workshop, but AIS workers say it's about more than just learning to inspect boats. They hope the more people talk about AIS, will help prevent it. "We're talking and we're teaching them just how to have that conversation. Of course they're looking for what's coming in and out of the water, but the big thing is just to have a conversation with the boaters about how to not spread aquatic invasive species," Sadauskas says. The group holds multiple trainings a year. The next one will take place May 24th in Minocqua.
Food Pantry Fund Raiser	News	5/5/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The Rhinelanders Food Pantry recently received a generous donation from the Northwood Turners. "The food pantry has just been a great boon to this area and it was needed for such a long time and now they are doing really great," says Northwood Turners President Bill Kingsbury. This group of 50 or so wood turners used their talents to create wooden bowls that were used as part of a fundraising event for the pantry. "Our club made a total of 110 bowls," explains Kingsbury. This isn't the first time the club has stepped up. The club also designed and turned pins for the Honor Flight. Turning wood is an art form that starts by selecting the right tree. Kingsbury says that he likes to turn them when they are green or fresh cut. When they dry out, it can sometimes feel like cutting concrete. There are a few rules to follow and decisions to make, like whether you want the bark on or off. "If you want the bark on, the normal rule is if the tree is cut when the sap is not flowing, the bark will stay on," says Kingsbury. Working with knots in the tree seems to be a turner's favorite. Nobody is quite sure how the knots are created but a few of the carvers have their ideas. "The old wife's tale from years and years ago is, if you took a stick and hit a tree on one side, a burrow would form on the other side," Kingsbury says. Every tree has a story and sometimes a surprise. Kingsbury says he likes working with wood and the grain that is in it. Turning wood is different than working with milled wood furniture around the house. "I became so involved with it that now, if my wife wants me to repair a shelf or whatever, I try to find something else because I'm a turner; I'm not a woodworker. I'm a wood turner," says Kingsbury



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Slumberland gets new store	News	5/6/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	For the last seven months, salesmen at Rhinelander's Slumberland Furniture worked in a dark, cramped warehouse. After crews tore down the old building on Stevens Street, crews were busy building a new building on the old one's footprint. That work took longer than expected, but the new Slumberland will open Saturday. Newswatch 12 got a walk-through with the owner and store manager Friday. The new building is 19,000 square feet, offering about 2,000 sq.-ft. more than the old showroom. The new building features a more open layout with raised ceilings. "Night and day [difference]," store manager Jim Gittins said. "We had that temporary little warehouse, we just had a small portion of what Slumberland had to offer. Now we have everything that our size store has." The store hoped to open in January, but work delays set those plans back. Still, the owner says the wait was worth it. "It was always here, definitely, we love this community and we didn't want to leave," Jason Hesch said. "We've had the presence here for a long time." Slumberland has been in Rhinelander since 1997. The grand opening is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Saturday.
Former Mayor Passed Away	News	5/6/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	A former mayor of Rhinelander died in April from ALS. Mary Kinnunen's family and friends celebrated her life at ArtStart Friday evening. When many of them described Kinnunen, certain traits of hers come to mind. "She was a natural leader, a natural athlete," says her husband Jeff Eaton. "Mary was a very open person, she was friendly, she was witty," friend Dawn Rog said. Mary's friend Kris Adams Wendt only needed one word to describe her: "Fearless." Kinnunen lived up to that description when she was diagnosed with ALS in March 2015. "She was just the best partner you could ever hope to have," Eaton says. Many people in the Rhinelander community remember her as Mayor Mary. Eaton wanted the community to know her other accomplishments as well. "She was also a published poet, she wrote articles for magazines, she was involved in volunteer work," he said. Eaton and Kinnunen met in Marquette, Michigan, where Kinnunen was a founding publisher of the Marquette Monthly magazine. They were married on Leap Day 24 years ago. They moved to Rhinelander in 1994. She was the mayor of Rhinelander from 2000 to 2002. "She ran for mayor, wasn't satisfied with the way some things were going, and accomplished an awful lot in one term," Eaton says. Kinnunen met Rog and Wendt during her time on the city council and as mayor. "Her heart was about the community and helping others, and especially helping the children in the community," Rog says. "We shared a lot of the same interests, among them an enthusiasm for public service and the desire that our community would not be overlooked," said Wendt. Those friendships lasted long after she left office, and everyone who knew her won't forget her anytime soon.
Rhinelanders to get improved cell service	News	5/9/2016	6,7,8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Verizon customers should see some better service in the Rhinelander area soon. The Rhinelander City Council unanimously approved the construction of a Verizon tower at its meeting Monday night. Verizon proposed building a 106-foot-tall tower on the city's east side. It would stand directly behind the Hobby Lobby along Highway 17. Verizon's plans would allow space on the tower for up to three other cell company antennas.

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Rhinelanders Downtown Reconstruction	News	5/9/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	When you dig up century-old piping and move boulders that weigh thousands of pounds, that work doesn't always go smoothly or quickly. But more than a month into downtown Rhinelanders massive reconstruction project, city workers say they're actually a week ahead of schedule and plan to keep it that way. Work started on the \$9.8 million project March 28. Crews have mainly finished underground pipe work on the beginning stretch from the Davenport Street Bridge up to Brown Street. The next step will be to finish electrical lines before crews start paving that stretch of road within the next month. Public Works director Tim Kingman says it's been nice to see progress go smoothly. "That's where you want to be sitting," Kingman said. "The contractor's kept right on pace; he's in a good spot. There's going to be a lot of unknowns and things you have to react to yet, so we'll just keep counting our blessings." The streets and buildings shake slightly as crews work underground. They've also needed to blast boulders with explosives at times. But people have largely been able to walk near the project to get to businesses and homes. "We'll have to close some of the sidewalks down for a day at a time to get the concrete in, and that's what we'll have to do then, so that will be our inconvenience later," Kingman said. "But it's good value to have these sidewalks left in place." One big obstacle has been those boulders. Crews have often found rocks that weigh several tons under Brown and Davenport Streets, forcing workers to "peck away" when they encounter them. "The city has had these rocks in for millions of years, so we are coming along and disrupting them for the first time," Kingman said. "There have been instances where the contractor's had to blast and break these rocks apart to get them out of the ground." If work stays on track, Courtney Street will be open to traffic again ahead of July 4. Paving work on Courtney and Davenport streets should start in the next four weeks. The majority of the work should be finished by October. Crews will complete the above-ground "streetscape" portion in 2017.
Potholes	News	5/10/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The man in charge of fixing and maintaining Rhinelanders roads feels a little bit like a paramedic" constantly running to patch potholes without fixing the underlying problem. This summer Tony Gilman will use a slightly better option, running projects that will last several years instead of days. In the next few weeks, city crews will redo two of the busier intersections in town: the corner of Oneida and Lincoln by the Holiday gas station and Stevens and Timber. The work will take three days and cost \$15,000 altogether. Gilman says that's about what he spent on patching just those two intersections throughout the entire winter. "Seeing as I'm in charge of the street maintenance and repairs, yeah, it's frustrating to me," Gilman said. "It's frustrating to me that I can't go to a restaurant downtown to have dinner and get badgered about the condition of the streets." "It's a financial problem. It's not specifically Rhinelanders. I talked to Three Lakes, Eagle River, Minocqua, Mousau, statewide DOT. Everybody's in the same boat, everybody's struggling to come up with money." Street crews won't stop with the two intersections. Workers plan to grind and crack-seal the rough stretches of Lincoln and Kemp streets during June, July, and August. That will involve shifting traffic for long periods of time, but Gilman knows it will buy the city and drivers several years of smooth driving. "We won't have to maintain that," Gilman said of the Kemp and Lincoln Street work. "It's not going to be new-road smooth, like I said, but it's going to be free of potholes and we won't have to touch it for a few more years." The city has \$45,000 to spend this year on asphalt and curb work. But Gilman says the sales tax-driven PRAT, which voters overwhelmingly approved in April, will allow them to do some major projects. Those will include completely redoing part of Lincoln and Kemp Streets by 2020, plus tackling Boyce Drive in 2018. "When you start seeing some major thoroughfares being replaced and streets being smooth and knowing they're going to outlast your tenure here, I mean we'll get 20 years out of these streets when they're constructed correctly," Gilman said. This year's work at the Oneida/Lincoln and Stevens/Timber intersections will only take three days. The city will route traffic around those intersections during the work. That will be done by Memorial Day weekend.
Rhinelanders submits bid to house new Forestry HQ	News	5/10/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	The Northwoods is already home to much of the timber and logging industry in Wisconsin. Now, it could be home to the Division of Forestry as the DNR explores a possible relocation. Rhinelanders is officially submitting a proposal to be the new location of the forestry headquarters. Republican lawmakers asked the DNR to create a plan for a move up north in the last budget. The DNR requested information from interested locations, including Rhinelanders. The Rhinelanders City Council passed a resolution Monday night agreeing to draft a formal proposal. Rhinelanders City Administrator Kristina Aschenbrenner said it would "mean a lot" for the city to become the new location of the Division of Forestry. "Economically, you have new people coming in for housing, you have people utilizing our stores and our restaurants," Aschenbrenner said. "So the economic value would be great." Dennis Schoeneck, owner of Enterprise Forest Products in Oneida County, said the possible move could help solve the disconnect between decision-makers in Madison and the impacts of their decisions on local logging businesses. "Because then you have people living and working in the area that they are making decisions about," Schoeneck said. "Right now they are a long ways removed, and in my opinion, haven't always made the best decisions for our area. So to have them living and working here, and to have the headquarters here in Oneida County, would be terrific." Rhinelanders is one of at least 12 other locations that have expressed interest in hosting the new headquarters. The DNR must figure out how much a move would cost by the next budget cycle. It must also include a timeline for relocation and a list of location options.

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Fire Threat	News	5/11/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Recent rains have helped to diminish the forest fire threat for now. But even with the rain, parts of the area remain extremely dry and vulnerable to large fires. The U.S. Forest Service has positioned two water scoopers at the Rhinelander/Oneida County Airport to help extinguish any fires that might develop. "The first two weeks of May are the height of the fire season," says Forest Fire Management Officer Jim Grant. "It's not greened up yet, and we've been experiencing some fires and we want to be ready, and if we get big fires, we want to hit them quickly and fast and hard with a CL415." The aircraft were based here to provide a quick response to fires in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan. "We protect the Chequamegon and the Nicolet, which is really one forest Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest," Grant says. How long they stay depends on the need. "We expect these aircraft will be here as long as we need them, based on the conditions that are out there in the forest," Grant said. "The aircraft essentially makes a water landing," says Forest Service Program Specialist Kevin Merrill. "They deploy these scooper probes. They are on each side and they touch down on the water around 80 knots, and around 12 seconds later shear inertia fills up the tank." The area provides numerous sources for the water bombers to pull from. "There's a lot of variables that go into our water-body selection," Merrill says. "A general size we shoot for is around 1 mile long and 500 feet wide and around 10 feet deep." If the Forest Service knows it will be working in a certain area, it will do its best to notify lake residents of future activity. "The last thing we want to do is negatively impact water users, recreationalists, and fisherman," Merrill says. "If you see this type of aircraft while you are on the lake, we ask you just to move to the shore. The entire scooping operation, from scooping to departure, takes about 30 seconds." From a logistical standpoint, basing these two aircraft here in Rhinelander was a no-brainer. "The airport offers a great security," Grant says. "This airport is fenced in and there's cameras here. The people who we work with are great. The airport manager and all his staff, they really are accommodating for all of this. We have a large airstrip here, two of them, and that's what this aircraft needs."
Road Work	News	5/23/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	Road crews went back to work Monday in Rhinelander. One of the bumpiest roads in town got a little smoother Monday afternoon. Crews worked to repave the corner of Oneida and Lincoln Streets by the Holiday gas station. Starting the week of June 6, crews will be grinding and asphaltting spots on Lincoln Street in Rhinelander. That project should take a few weeks. Then, they'll move on to Kemp Street, from Oneida to Arbutus streets, doing spot repair at the end of June. The work schedule is dependent on the weather.
Farmers Market	News	5/28/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	After the vendors closed up at the end of the first Hodag Farmers Market of the season, several people stayed behind to honor the man who started the market. That's Douglas Jacobson, and he died last October. His son, Jonathan Jacobson, said Douglas Jacobson was a big part of the Rhinelander community"servicing as Lions Club president, being part of many clubs and being a landscape architect for the U.S. Forest Service. The Jacobson family and Rhinelander city leaders worked to dedicate a bench in his honor in Pioneer Park. That bench went up on Saturday, just off the road that leads into the park. "He was a pioneer in helping to establish the Hodag Farmers Market many years ago. And from those humble beginnings, the market vendors, the patrons that arrive here, the citizens of Rhinelander, and those in the community have a wonderful place to come to get fresh, home grown, locally grown vegetables," Jonathan Jacobson said. "It was a great event. It was really nice to have everybody stop out and pay attention to what my dad's been doing and acknowledge all the effort he put into the farmers market for many years. And not only that, dad was a great citizen here in the Rhinelander community."
Education	News	5/29/2016	6, 7, 8AM Noon & 5PM	1 minute	You can only learn so much reading from a book or sitting behind a desk. So Friday, Crescent Elementary School kindergartners got out of their classrooms and into Rhinelander. The students learned about their community they see every day, but might not fully understand. "The goal today was to get the kindergartners out throughout Rhinelander to see the businesses and what type career opportunities," said kindergarten teacher Julie Gerth. With the help of Partners in Education and a Hodag School Foundation grant, the students visited Grace Lodge assisted living, Covantage Credit Union, Trig's and the courthouse. The kids also got to see a firetruck, police car, and a public works vehicle at Pioneer Park. The field trip was designed to show off what the community can offer them now, and in their futures. "A bunch of the common core state standards is about getting college and career ready," said kindergarten teacher Stephanie Smith. "And that's exactly what we're doing out here, getting kids ready different careers they could potentially have in the community." Although a field trip this large doesn't happen every year, Crescent kindergartners enjoy many other experiences outside of the classroom. "There's so much other learning outside the classroom, so we know that we got to get these kids out," said Gerth. "It makes it fun and exciting."