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<p>State politicians considering a run for vacant seat</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/1/19</p>	<p>630,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Several Republicans have been looking at a run for the retiring Jim Sensenbrenner in Wisconsin's 5th Congressional District. Matt Walker won't be one of them. The 25-year old son of former Governor Scott Walker said yesterday he's decided to focus on his work and community involvement in the area that covers the northern and western Milwaukee suburbs. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald is the only announced candidate for the seat so far. Meanwhile, there are two Republicans seeking</p>

Congressman Sean Duffy's seat in the 7th District, State Senator Tom Tiffany and veteran Jason Church. Wausau Attorney Christine Bremer had been encouraged to run but in a statement yesterday said her life's work representing people locally is what she wants to continue and won't go after the seat. Another band of showers and storms is expected to move across the state today, bringing anywhere from one to three inches of rain, especially in Central Wisconsin, with isolated higher totals. More than 30 flood watches have been posted across central and southern parts of the state in advance of this system. The North will see some scattered showers with total rainfall around half an inch on average. Representatives of the city

					<p>of Rhinelander and the public get the chance to review the first unveiling of the design for an improved Pioneer Park this afternoon. An open house and public input session takes place from 4-to-6 pm at City Hall, immediately followed by a meeting of the Planning Commission where there will be a formal presentation.</p>
<p>Federal judge dismisses lawsuit</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/1/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit filed by Democrats over Wisconsin's so-called lame-duck laws. The measures passed by the Republican-controlled legislature last December limit the powers of new Governor Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul. Judge James Peterson said the case should go before a state court. Peterson wrote in his decision, "There are many reasons to criticize the lame-duck laws. But the</p>

role of a federal court is not to second-guess the wisdom of state legislation or to decide how the state should allocate the power among the branches of its government.” The Wisconsin Supreme Court upheld the lame-duck laws in June.

A week ago Aspirus announced a \$14-million, 22,000 square foot addition to their clinic in Rhinelander. Today it's an expansion to their facility in Woodruff. Aspirus announced a \$1.8-million, 4100 square foot addition that will add 10 new exam rooms and seven new positions including 2-3 primary care providers. The projects will continue to provide more local health care options according to company officials. Work is expected to be complete by spring. With this new month comes

					<p>increases in title and registration fees for vehicles in Wisconsin. Registration fees go up \$10 to \$85 while title fees jump from \$69.50 to \$164.50. There's also a surcharge for hybrid electric vehicles. The increases were part of the state's latest budget.</p> <p>Church Mutual Insurance Company raised \$175,602 for the Merrill Area United Way in September during its annual fundraising event. Over \$1.5-million has been raised over the last decade.</p>
DWI sticks for Rhinelander man	News	10/2/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A device found on the sidewalk outside the fire department in Superior yesterday morning was not a threat. Police cordoned off the area as the bomb squad from Marathon County determined the homemade device was inactive, but could have</p>

been.
A drunk driving conviction will stand for a Rhinelander man, cited for a fourth offense OWI on a lawnmower. Two years ago 64-year old Keith Shoeder was convicted and appealed. The appeals court upheld the Oneida County Circuit Court ruling, saying a riding mower is a motor vehicle. Shoeder claimed it should be an ATV and not carry the same penalty as a vehicle. The 3rd district court disagreed. Wausau's City Council approved the sale of the beleaguered Wausau Center Mall to a nonprofit. Along with that, the council okayed a \$1-million forgivable loan to the Wausau Opportunity Zone Fund, Inc, made up of several local foundations. Closing is expected next month as a redevelopment

					<p>plan for the mall is worked on. Officials say all options are on the table.</p> <p>A snapshot of life on the Nicolet College campus 25 years ago will be the light of day for the first time later this month. When it was buried, gas sold for about a dollar a gallon. The event is free and open to the public Saturday afternoon, October 12th in the Northwoods Center. The capsule is said to contain more than 100 items.</p> <p>The Washington Nationals head to the best-of-five Division Series against the NL West champion Dodgers after dropping the Brewers last night 4-3.</p>
Tribal elections held in LacDuFlambeau	News	10/2/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Voters in tribal elections in Lac du Flambeau yesterday turned away all but one incumbent. Dee Ann Allen survived the challenges to keep her seat on the council. Joining her are</p>

Melissa Doud, John Johnson and Brittany Allen. William Stone, Sr takes over the treasurer's position and Jamie Ann Allen unseated Beverly Labarge as secretary.

A fifteen year veteran of the Three Lakes School board is stepping down next month. President Tom Rulseh (rall/see) will be moving out of the district and the board is seeking candidates to fill the upcoming vacancy. The term of the appointed position would run from November until the Spring election next year.

Interested applicants should submit a one-page personal statement to the district office. The board plans to review them at their meeting on the 16th. Former Wisconsin Congressman Sean Duffy and his wife Rachel are

				<p>welcoming their ninth child. Duffy announced Rachel successfully delivered their newborn baby girl Monday night saying both are doing fine. Duffy resigned from the U-S House September 23rd after learning his latest child would have health complications. The newborn was diagnosed with a heart defect that will require surgery.</p> <p>Damage from last week's tornado in the western Wisconsin town of Wheaton is estimated at more than three-million dollars. Chippewa County Emergency Management director Dennis Brown says he submitted the preliminary damage estimate to the state, which includes the costs of repairing or replacing 29 homes that were damaged or destroyed by the September 24th tornado.</p>
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					Volunteers have kept cleanup costs down.
Clemency wanted in case of state man	News	10/3/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>At an emotional news conference yesterday, attorneys and experts in the fields of interrogation and emotional disorders announced they're petitioning Governor Tony Evers for clemency in the case of 29-year old Brendan Dassey. He was 16 when he was convicted, along with his uncle, in the killing of Theresa Helbach. Dassey's legal options have been exhausted. The statements all pointed to Dassey being intellectually disabled and that he was coerced into confessing to the crime. Attorney Laura Nirider urged the governor takes a serious look at the case.</p> <p>Visiting the World Dairy Expo in Madison, federal Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said smaller farms</p>

				<p>have to expand if they want to stay in business. That didn't sit well with Governor Evers who reacted by saying small dairy farms should be supported and resented the comment those farms should get larger. Charges are pending in juvenile court following the arrest of a student for making threatening statements. Portage County Sheriff's Deputies investigating, with the cooperation of the school district, said a student reportedly made statements about the Tomorrow River district and its students. The suspect is in custody and being referred to the Department of Health and Human Services for making a terrorist threat. The Rhinelander man accused of raping an</p>
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					<p>elderly woman heads to trial in February. 22-year old Isaiah Moren allegedly physically and sexually assaulted the woman after breaking into her Town of Pelican home in June of last year. DNA evidence linked him to the attack. He's jailed on a half million dollar bond.</p>
<p>UW Madison is apologizing for a school video</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/3/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Legislature's Joint Finance Committee voted to give 110-thousand dollars to a suicide prevention group -- but not without partisan commentary. Senator Jon Erpenbach noted the money was included in the budget and said, "I get the due diligence, but this in my eyes is not due diligence. This is jut holding things up for a couple months." Committee Republicans held off while awaiting recommendations of a suicide prevention task</p>

				<p>force. J-F-C co-chair Representative John Nygren responded, "we might have been even doing some other changes here today if four minority members of that task force hadn't decided to leak their initial report to the media because it wasn't going the way they wanted it to." The University of Wisconsin is apologizing for a homecoming video touted diversity on campus but showed few students of color. The video was posted Sunday and taken down Monday due to immediate criticism from alumni and students. The homecoming committee said "we are sorry that our video failed to show the full breadth of the university experience and made members of our community feel excluded." Around 70 percent of the student</p>
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					<p>population in Madison is white.</p> <p>The National Weather Service confirms two tornadoes Tuesday night in southern Wisconsin's Jefferson County. An EF-1 tornado with winds of 100 miles per hour touched down near Sullivan. An EF-0 twister packing 80-mile-per-hour winds damaged homes, blew out windows and knocked down trees in Fort Atkinson. The danger of minor to moderate flooding continues, along with a risk of flash floods.</p>
<p>Suspect in Wausau shooting to be in court today</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/4/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The suspect in a Wausau shooting yesterday morning will be in Marathon County Court today. Police say one person was killed and two others hurt at the Pine Grove Cemetery.</p> <p>Investigators say a fire at a nearby apartment complex on Fullmer Street in Schofield is connected to</p>

the case. The suspect is a former cemetery employee while the victims are employees or relatives of employees there. No names have been released and the extent of the injuries are unknown.

State Senator Tom Tiffany, now a candidate for Congress, wants to call a constitutional convention to consider changes to the US Constitution, including imposing term limits. Fifteen states already approved it and a resolution is now in the Wisconsin legislature. The measure would impose fiscal restraints on the federal government, limit powers and impose term limits.

Earlier this week at the World Dairy Expo in Madison, US Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said small farms have to get

					<p>bigger to survive. Governor Tony Evers resented the remark and Republican US Senator Ron Johnson says he sees small farms as not only Wisconsin but American traditions. He didn't directly criticize Perdue's comments but said larger farms could provide resources that can help smaller operations.</p> <p>After nearly 80 years, the remains of Walter Kellet returned home. The Ironwood soldier served in Philippines during WWII, where he was held prisoner and died in 1942. The last time his 88-year old sister, Pat Werner saw him, she was 10 years old and said he'll be buried with their parents at Ironwood Cemetery.</p>
<p>A murder suspect evicted from apt. has not moved out</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/4/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 64-year-old man scheduled to be charged with murder was evicted</p>

from his Fullmer Street apartment but had not yet moved out. He was booked into jail yesterday and is in court today. The apartment complex is the scene of a garage fire investigators said is suspicious. West lived in the complex and police say the fire is connected to a shooting at Pine Grove Cemetery. One person was killed and two are hospitalized. Court records indicate West was notified by the property management company he needed to move out by the end of July. His lease was up and the apartment was set to be remodeled. West didn't move and faced forced eviction.

A Wausau teen pleads not guilty to first-degree reckless homicide in the shooting of a friend last summer. Eighteen-year-old David

Anselmo was in Marathon County court yesterday where he also entered a not guilty plea to intoxicated use of a firearm. Prosecutors say Anselmo is fatally shot 19-year-old Troy Wilcox after a night of drinking in June. He said it was an accident. A new judge will hear the case.

A Shawano County woman is sentenced to 80 days in jail for handing out marijuana-laced St. Patrick's Day cookies. Cathleen Krause of Westcott pleaded no contest to possession and distribution of T-H-C as part of a deal with prosecutors. Other charges including possession of L-S-D and magic mushrooms were thrown out. Krause must also pay more than a thousand dollars in fines and begin serving her sentence October 11th.

<p>State hunting grounds have deteriorated due to heavy rains</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/7/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Following the recent heavy rains and storms, the safety conditions on many public hunting grounds and waterways are the state have deteriorated. The DNR advises waterfowl hunters as well as anglers to take additional safety precautions. Currents are running fast in unexpected places and flooding conditions, especially downstate are hampering hunters.</p> <p>A one million dollar cash bond holds a Schofield man in jail following a fatal shooting last week. 64-year old Henry West likely faces several felony charges in the death of a 52-year woman and the wounding of two others. The victims are employees or relatives of employees at Pine Grove Cemetery, where he was working until being let go. Formal charges are</p>
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expected next week in Marathon County court. Striking General Motors workers presented the company a proposal over the weekend, only to get a response going back to an offer that had already been rejected by the union. Contract talks to end the 21-day old walkout have stalled and union officials say there won't be a settlement anytime soon as some 49,000 workers walk picket lines. The strike began September 16th. Shortages of parts have idled plants in Canada and Mexico.

What's called the longest running cannabis legalization rally in the nation wrapped up in Madison, yesterday. The Great Midwest Harvest Festival ended on the steps of the Capitol. In its 49th year, the weekend long

					<p>gathering is pushing Wisconsin lawmakers to join neighboring Michigan and Illinois in legalizing marijuana.</p> <p>And the Packers sit atop the NFC North after beating Dallas 34-24.</p>
<p>The years record rainfall across the state is taking a toll on farmers</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/7/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The near record rainfall this year is taking a heavy toll on farmers in Wisconsin. This year is already the fifth wettest and the soaked crops and mud are delaying harvests. Potatoes are being especially hard hit in flooded fields causing crops to rot where they lay. In some cases, farmers need to rent heavier equipment to pull their own machinery through the thick mud. The poor harvest affects the family producers and will also impact consumers at the store.</p> <p>Governor Tony Evers is ready to end prison</p>

sentences for nine people in Wisconsin. The governor will issue the state's first pardons in nine years, later today. The governor says the people he is pardoning have all served their debt to society. The pardons are the first since former Governor Jim Doyle pardoned 100 people on his last day in office in 2010. Members of the Middleton Common Council are calling for state and federal action against gun violence. Council members approved an anti gun violence resolution this week. Middleton Police Chief Charlie Foulke says a resolution against gun violence is on step along the way to bringing about permanent change. This weekend FOX Corporation reached an agreement with DISH Network and Sling to

					<p>immediately restore access to FOX networks. Fox's cable sports networks and local stations in some U-S markets went black several weeks ago in a dispute over the networks' cost. FOX Corporation thanked subscribers for their patience during the dispute. The announcement came just hours before yesterday's Packer game.</p>
<p>Victims of Wausau cemetery shooting has been identified</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/8/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The three victims of that shooting in Wausau last Thursday have been identified by police. 52-year old Patricia Grimm of Wausau, the General Manager at Pine Grove Cemetery was killed. 60-year old William Buse, the foreman at the cemetery remains in critical condition. 70-year old Rosemelia Short, related to a cemetery</p>

employee, was treated and released. The suspect, 64-year old Henry West of Schofield, who was fired from his job at Pine Grove, is jailed on a one million dollar cash bond.

The dates for a special election to fill the vacant seat in the 7th Congressional District are back up in the air. Governor Tony Evers originally set a December 30th primary and a January 27th election but those were cancelled because they violated timeframes determined in both state and federal law.

Democrats say they won't announce a candidate until those dates are set. Republicans, meanwhile already have three in the running with State Senator Tom Tiffany from Hazelhurst, Army veteran Jason Church from Hudson and Michael

					<p>Opela from Edgar.</p> <p>Nearly 40,000 people in Wisconsin could lose their food benefits under proposed changes in the program. The rule change would stop states like Wisconsin from allowing people already enrolled in other government assistance programs to automatically qualify for food benefits. It would instead require reviews of income and assets to determine eligibility. Nationwide the USDA proposal would cause about 3.1-million people off the program. The government estimates the change would save \$9.5-billion over five years. Local food pantries would be stretched further as a result.</p>
State man will not be released early in murder conviction	News	10/8/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Seven years ago, Joshua Johnson of Wittenberg was convicted of viciously killing

his father, Donald Johnson at their home. He was convicted and sentenced to be institutionalized for life, diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic. Yesterday, Shawano County Judge James Habeck denied a motion for a conditional release, saying the now 28-year old Johnson hasn't made enough progress in treatment at the mental health facility.

Governor Tony Evers signed an [executive order](#) declaring the second Monday in October as [Indigenous Peoples' Day](#) in Wisconsin. Evers said we recognize and appreciate our tribal nations and Indigenous people and their resilience, wisdom, and the contributions they make to

our state.

The state Senate was busy yesterday with dozens of appointments and bills on the agenda. All of Governor Evers' Cabinet picks were finally approved, having been held up for several sessions. Of the bills passed, one changes how the state handles sexual assault testing kits, including keeping victims informed in the process. Other measures formalize policies for hemp farmers and ensure families of officers and EMTs killed on duty will not lose health insurance coverage. Also, kids can legally operate a lemonade stand without getting into trouble. The Assembly gets the bills next.

And if you've been enjoying the weather the last couple days, it's all

					<p>about to change. Rain showers move back in later tomorrow and temperatures will be dropping dramatically into the weekend, some below freezing, accompanied by snow showers mixing in by Saturday. Minor flooding will continue on the Wolf River at New London and Shiocton.</p>
<p>Developments after president Trump weighs in on a subject</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/9/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Latest developments following President Donald Trump's decision to abandon Syrian Kurdish fighters ahead of an expected Turkish offensive into northeastern Syria. A spokesman for the U.S.-backed Kurdish-led force in northern Syria says Turkish warplanes have started targeting "civilian areas" in northern Syria. Mustafa Bali of the Syrian Democratic Forces says the airstrikes have caused "a huge panic among people of the</p>

region." Bali's tweet on Wednesday afternoon came shortly after Turkish President Erdoğan announced in a tweet that a Turkish military offensive into northeast Syria has started. Turkey has been massing troops for days in preparation for an attack against Kurdish fighters in northeast Syria that Ankara considers a terrorist organization.

While they were giving approval to an impressive list of bills, members of the Wisconsin Senate also confirmed five members of Governor Tony Evers' cabinet. The majority of his choices for cabinet positions are still in limbo -- without a vote -- almost a year after they began their jobs. Eleven continue to lead Wisconsin state agencies unless or until they

					<p>are rejected by the Republican-controlled Senate.</p> <p>A paralyzed Wisconsin lawmaker will be allowed to call into committee meetings when he can't be in attendance after Republican leaders agreed on some rules changes. Democratic Representative Jimmy Anderson is confined to a wheelchair and he says he relies on a home health assistant who isn't always available when a meeting is scheduled. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos originally refused Anderson's request for phone access and the bitter fight went public.</p>
A former Wausau doctor is going to prison	News	10/10/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A former Wausau doctor is going to prison for prescribing opioids to patients who didn't need them. 60-year old Thomas Strick was sentenced yesterday in federal court</p>

to three months and has been suspended from practicing medicine. Strick had patients fill the prescriptions and return them to him to feed his own drug habit.

Federal charges are pending for a Merrill man. 46-year old Daniel Boldt had a number of firearms in his possession, illegal as a convicted felon. He was wanted following a domestic incident in Lincoln County. Deputies pulled him over on Hwy 64 in the town of Scott August 24th and he opened the door and displayed a weapon. Deputy Travis Watruba fired his gun, striking Boldt who was hospitalized, treated and released into custody. Watruba remains on paid administrative leave pending the investigation.

The Oneida County Board has been looking at ways to cut costs to help fund a pay raise for county employees. One of those areas is the county fair, who got a reprieve yesterday when a board subcommittee voted to maintain the \$16,000 for fair use. That decision still must get through the full board for approval.

Tom Tiffany picked up support for his Congressional bid from fellow State Senator Patrick Testin. Testin, representing the 24th district in central Wisconsin said they both served on the Agriculture Committee and Tiffany understands the struggles of state farmers and how important agriculture is to the state and nation. The 7th Congressional seat is open since the resignation of Sean Duffy.

<p>Lincoln Co. sheriff reinstates deputy to full time duty</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/10/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Lincoln county sheriff Ken Schneider this morning reinstated deputy Traviis Watruba to full duty. He was the officer who shot 46-year old Daniel Boldt after a traffic stop. Boldt was a suspect in a domestic battery incident and sought by authorities. After the vehicle was stopped, Boldt came out holding a shotgun, at which time Watruba fired his weapon. Boldt was airlifted from the scene near Merrill, treated and released into custody. The Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations ruled the shooting a lawful use of force.</p> <p>A disease deadly to oak trees has been found in Forest County. Oak wilt kills thousands of trees every year. The DNR notes the fungus is usually introduced by infected firewood or</p>
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beetles attracted to open wounds on the trees. Two confirmed cases were found in the Town of Lincoln just north of Lake Lucerne. Officials say the disease is racing across the North. An infected tree will drop partially green leaves in late summer, with most falling off within weeks of contact with the fungus. More information about oak wilt is on the DNR website. Less than three weeks after the end of the summer tourist season and a new group of visitors is filling restaurants and motels in the Northwoods. State officials say leaves are at 85 percent of their peak colors in the area around Minocqua. Several motels are reporting they are at 100 percent capacity this week. This tourist season doesn't last long, with leaves expected to fall to

					the ground by the end of October.
Illinois man is sentenced on a crash that killed a friend	News	10/11/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A 23-year old Illinois man is sentenced in a drunk driving crash that killed his friend near Three Lakes last year. Eric Labahn ran his car into a tree, killing 23-year old Austin Lockwood. In Oneida County Court yesterday, both the defense and prosecutors recommended a year of jail time then probation. But saying drunk driving has to stop, Judge Michael Bloom sentenced him to three years and community service.</p> <p>A 44-year old Richfield man will spend 30 years in prison, sentenced yesterday for numerous felonies as a child sex offender. Jeremiah Button was convicted in Portage County Court for repeatedly assaulting his daughter, and similar</p>

crimes five years ago. Prior to that case going to trial, Button took off, hiding in a bunker in Marathon County nearly two years before he was found. In addition to the prison time he'll be on extended supervision another 30-years and a registered sex offender.

An Adams county man died after his ATV struck a deer early yesterday morning. The Sheriff's Department reports 56 year old Brian Sadomski of Arkdale was operating the machine on 17th Drive in the Town of Monroe when he struck the animal. Speed and alcohol are believed to be factors in the crash.

In the last Congressional election, Republican Sean Duffy beat back a Democratic challenge from Margaret Engebretson. She

					<p>now says she won't be a candidate again for the open 7th district seat. A native of Balsam Lake, Engebretsen said the timing this time is not right.</p>
<p>Man makes 1st appearance in Marathon Co. court</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/11/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 37-year-old man facing four sex-related felony charges made his first appearance in Marathon County Circuit Court yesterday. He's held on 250-thousand dollars bond. The charges against him including child enticement, exposure and two counts of child sexual assault. Henle is back in court the 21st.</p> <p>The last time Wisconsin lawmakers were successful in overriding a governor's partial budget veto was nearly 35 years ago -- but, it could happen again later this year. Republican Assembly Speaker Robin Vos says leaders haven't talked about what specific</p>

				<p>veto overrides might be attempted. Such an action takes a two-thirds vote and Republicans would need at least some Democrats to join them to get it done. The Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa has rejected a 24-million dollar settlement offer from Enbridge Energy. The Native American tribe wants that company to shut down and remove its oil pipeline from reservation lands. The pipeline carries from than a half-million barrels of oil and natural gas liquids each day between Superior, Wisconsin and Sarnia, Ontario. The offer included a two million dollar annual payment until the pipeline is no longer operating on the tribe's land.</p> <p>An organization that supports policies by President Donald Trump</p>
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					<p>says Mike Pence will visit Wisconsin next week. The vice president will make a stop at Uline Shipping Supplies corporate headquarters Thursday. His main topic will be the president's new trade agreement with Mexico and Canada. America First Policies is backing the appearance. The event will include a panel discussion of the trade agreement.</p>
<p>Crescent home destroyed by fire</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/14/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>State environmental investigators have been working on identifying water systems for contamination and the first round of sampling found the highest concentrations of hazardous chemicals in a Madison stream and the Wisconsin River near Rhinelander. The DNR found varying level of per/fluorinated chemicals, known as PFAS, in five locations. While chemicals</p>

				<p>in the PFAS family, widely found in a number of everyday household items may pose health risks, there is no federal health standard. Rhinelanders this summer shut down one of its city wells because of the contamination. Meanwhile, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed updates to rules impacting lead and copper in drinking water. While the revision doesn't call for mandatory replacement of lead service lines, it does require more water systems to act sooner to reduce lead and copper levels to protect public health.</p> <p>A Crescent area home was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Several departments responded to the blaze on Fire Tower Road shortly after noon. No one was home at the time. The homicide trial of a</p>
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					<p>Stevens Point man begins today. 43-year old Jason Sypher is charged with first degree intentional homicide and hiding a corpse. His wife, Krista was last seen in March of 2017. Jason was arrested earlier this year and charged with her murder.</p> <p>The first Democrat seeking Sean Duffy's 7th district congressional seat made it official this morning. Lawrence Dale, a self-employed insurance agent and Vietnam veteran currently lives in Michigan but is moving back to Central Wisconsin. Three Republicans have previously announced.</p>
Tomahawk man arrested	News	10/14/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Republican state lawmakers are asking Governor Tony Evers to hurry up and this time get the dates right. In a letter to Evers, 17 legislators criticized him for originally</p>

choosing a date for the 7th district Congressional special election that violated federal law.

A 49-year old Tomahawk man was arrested last night on charges related to a disturbance in the Town of Tomahawk. He was booked into the Lincoln County Jail on charges of disorderly conduct and violating terms of his probation.

One person was injured after a one vehicle accident Sunday morning on Hwy 51 near County D. The accident reported at 8:20 restricted traffic to one lane for about half an hour.

The State Patrol is investigating the crash. Some parents are voicing their anger at a policy at Monroe Middle School which is designed to make sure students do their homework. The principal

					<p>says that policy has been in place for three years and is explained in the family handbook which is passed out each school term. School officials say the policy is working. Before it was in place 23 percent of students completed their homework – now, that figure is 80 percent. With a taste of winter setting in, several area highway projects are coming to a close. The Rhinelander roundabout at 8 & 47 gets its final signage and intersection lighting. Landscaping and signage wraps up the Hwy 45 project in Eagle River while the Hwy 86 project takes in shoulder work, bridge approaches and removing temporary barriers.</p>
<p>Two brothers charged in traffic death make appearance in Oneida Court</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/15/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Two brothers charged in a traffic death two months ago appeared in Oneida county court yesterday. 23-</p>

				<p>year old Jeffrey Liebscher of Rhineland faces a vehicular homicide charge and hit and run in the death of 23-year old Sean Holtlander of Eagle River, struck while riding his motorcycle on Hwy 17N. Bond was modified and he's back in court at the end of the month. Liebscher's 54-year old brother Brian from Rhineland is charged with obstruction for helping after the crash but never reporting it. His next court date is December 10th. A crash near Wittenberg last night killed a 71-year old man. Shawano county deputies reported a 78-year old woman was flown out in critical condition. The accident happened on Hwy 49 near Siding road, when their car read-ended a semi trailer. A year ago today, 13-year</p>
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old Jayme Closs was abducted from her home in Barron after her parents were killed. She escaped months later. At a news conference yesterday, Sheriff Chris Fitzgerald said Jayme taught us courage, resilience and hope. In a statement Jayme wrote she's getting stronger every day and thanked everyone for their kindness and concern.

Originally the Democratic Party was going to wait until new election dates were set before fielding candidates for Sean Duffy's vacant seat in Congress. Yesterday, businessman Lawrence Dale announced his intentions to run and now Tricia Zunker has joined the race. Zunker is President of the Wausau School board, an attorney and associate justice on the Ho-Chunk National

					Supreme Court. Several Republicans announced previously.
Rhineland high school's new sports complex on schedule to open next fall	News	10/15/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Rhineland High School's new sports complex is now on track for an opening next fall. The school board yesterday accepted the bid of St. Louis-based Arizon Building Systems of \$1.89-million that includes all the surface elements for the 120,000 square foot, air supported dome. The actual interior sports work bids will be let in December or January with work beginning in spring. A mid-August opening is expected.</p> <p>The attorney for convicted killer Steven Avery is asking the Wisconsin Court of Appeals to take up the case. Kathleen Zellner is still seeking a new trial. Zellner's new trial request was turned down by a circuit judge in August.</p>

Now, she wants the appeals court to consider claims ranging from insufficient scientific testing of evidence to ineffective trial counsel. Avery's nephew, Brendan Dassey, has asked Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers to grant him clemency. Just weeks after a court-ordered monitor reported substantial improvements had been made at the Lincoln Hills School for Boys, the juvenile prison was rocked by a violence-filled weekend. At one point, a tactical unit from an adult prison was called to the facility in Irma to help keep order. More than two dozen inmates were involved in a series of incidents in late September injuring several guards. Charges have been filed. Wisconsin Democratic Congressman Mark Pocan

					<p>expects the House of Representatives to vote on articles of impeachment against President Trump by the end of the year. Republican U-S Senator Ron Johnson said Democrats have been wanting to sabotage his presidency since he took office.</p>
<p>Marshfield Clinic acquires new properties</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/16/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Marshfield Clinic planned a new hospital in Wausau but instead will acquire Ascension St. Claire's in Weston and Flambeau Hospital in Park Falls. In a statement yesterday, company officials said this will bring services to Wausau more quickly and the decision was made with the best interests of the patients, communities and associates in mind. The transaction is expected to be complete next spring.</p> <p>A wintery mix of precipitation contributed to</p>

a single vehicle crash last night. The accident reported just before six on Hwy 47 and Kildare road in Lake Tomahawk. The vehicle rolled off the road, injuring two people.

There's still no date for the special election in Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District race. Two Democrats and three Republicans are in the running. One of those GOP candidates, State Senator Tom Tiffany, has already raised more than \$240,000 over the first three weeks of his campaign. According to the Federal Election commission, most of the funds came from private donors. The winner in this contest will have to run again in next November. The seat was vacated by Sean Duffy, who resigned to spend more time with his

					<p>family.</p> <p>A water main break has schools closed for a second day today in the Tigerton School District. The break occurred Monday and there's no word yet on repairs.</p> <p>Vice President Mike Pence was due in Wisconsin tomorrow but that trip's been cancelled as he heads to Turkey in an effort to reach a ceasefire. He's carrying President Trump's message to end Turkey's assault on Kurdish fighters and civilians in Syria.</p>
Conn. Man files lawsuit against Wis. Author	News	10/16/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The father of six-year-old Noah Pozner has filed a defamation lawsuit against the Wisconsin author of the book, "Nobody Died at Sandy Hook." Leonard Pozner's son was one of 26 victims killed at the Connecticut elementary</p>

				<p>school in December 2012. Conspiracy theorist James Fetzer of Oregon claims Noah's death certificate is fake and Pozner is lying about his son's death. The court has found three statements in Fetzer's book to be defamatory. A Madison court jury is handling the task of determining how much money – if any – Pozner should receive. Take a deep breath. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reports the quality of the air we breathe in this state is improving. The 2019 Air Quality Trends Report finds the presence of most pollutants is continuing to decrease. Fine particle concentrations have dropped an impressive 35 percent since 2002, emissions of ozone-forming pollutants are down by half,</p>
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					<p>and sulfur dioxide emissions have ropped 68 percent. Six counties along the Lake Michigan shoreline are the only ones in Wisconsin that don't meet federal standards for ozone.</p> <p>It's the time of year again when deer become more active and the Department of Transportation reminds drivers to keep an eye out for them. October and November are prime time for crashes with the animals during the annual rut. More than 21,000 were killed last year, more than 240 in Oneida County. The animals are especially active during low light periods and drivers are reminded not to swerve, many times resulting in a more dangerous situation.</p>
The DNR to host open forum	News	10/17/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	The DNR will host a public information session next week to discuss the walleye management of the

				<p>Minocqua Chain of Lakes. The meeting on Wednesday at the Woodruff Town Hall will examine the plan that's been in place for five years and discuss the recommendation to extend the catch and release regulation for another year. There's been a substantial decline in the walleye population of the waters that include Minocqua, Kawaguesauga, Mid, Tomahawk and Little Tomahawk Lakes, prompting the moratorium in an effort to reclaim it. The current regulations expire next year and groups involved recommend the extension. More information is available on the DNR Website. The board of the Central Wisconsin Airport in Mosinee meets tomorrow to review a lease proposal for a new</p>
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				<p>hangar for the Ascension Wisconsin Spirit Medical Transport helicopter. The med flight is currently based in Stevens Point and the service couldn't reach an agreement to expand. CWA has an empty space near the main terminal suitable for the structure. The agreement would bring in an extra \$20,000 per year to the airport. The original plan is for a 38,000 square foot facility for helicopters, an airplane and lodging for staff. If approved it could be running by next August. Technical issues have stopped production of Harley-Davidson's new electric motorcycle. The company is hoping the New Livewire bike will attract younger customers to offset sagging sales. Harley is maintaining contact with the dealers and assured customers they</p>
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					can still ride the machines, but the issues haven't been revealed.
A new law for the state	News	10/17/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A new law requires local and state governments and educational institutions, to pay the premiums for the spouses and children of emergency responders killed in the line of duty. Governor Tony Evers signed the measure yesterday. Evers says ensuring those survivors have coverage is the least officials can do. Coverage would last until spouses turn 65 and children 26.</p> <p>Only eight states have more drunk driving arrests than Wisconsin. Long known for its drinking culture, the Badger State is well above the national average with more than 406 arrests-per-100-thousand residents. The study by SafeHome-dot-org used data from the F-B-I and National Highway</p>

Traffic Safety Administration based on 2017 numbers. South Dakota was at the top of the list with a rate more than twice as high as Wisconsin's. Drunk driving arrests have decreased by more than 44 percent over the last decade, but nearly one-third of all traffic fatalities involve a drunk driver.

The Wisconsin congressional delegation voted with the majority of House members to condemn President Trump's decision to pull troops out of Syria. The move left Kurdish allies vulnerable as troops from Turkey quickly moved in. The vote on the non-binding resolution was 354-to-60, with 129 Republicans joining 225 Democrats in the majority. A bipartisan congressional briefing on the Turkish situation fell apart at the White House

					<p>yesterday. The Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear a case which could scale back the governor's broad veto powers. The intent is to stop governors from changing the intent of lawmakers by using the partial veto powers on the state budget.</p>
<p>Vehicle accident sends 1 to the hospital</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/18/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A one vehicle accident early this morning sent a woman to the hospital. The call coming in shortly before three off Hwy 70 east on Marsh View Lane in Arbor Vitae. Few details are available. Rhinelanders City Council will try and meet again Monday as a committee of the whole to work on the budget. The first attempt last week failed for lack of a quorum. An email from Administrator Daniel Guild requested council members to confirm their attendance</p>

				<p>to ensure the meeting would go on. Three other meetings have been set going into mid-November. No actions can be taken during these sessions other than recommendations which would then be handled at a regular council session.</p> <p>Part of the proposed development plan for Pioneer Park released last week in Rhinelander included pickle ball courts. The group promoting the sport met there yesterday announcing the start of their fundraiser, which already has nearly \$22,000 collected. Organizers are looking for another \$50,000 to begin installing six to eight courts over the old tennis courts as early as July of next year.</p> <p>Marathon County's largest solar array now sits atop Aspirus Wausau Hospital.</p>
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					<p>Installation began earlier this year for the system that is projected to save the facility nearly 3% of its energy usage. Solar power, according to company officials is just part of their initiative to conserve energy, which includes waste management and natural resource conservation. The goal is to reduce energy use by 50% and the carbon impact by 80% over the next eight years.</p>
Oct. is fire awareness month	News	10/18/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin Congressman Ron Kind says the House of Representatives is doing the right thing when it investigates a whistleblower's complaint against President Trump. Kind calls the allegations extremely serious, but he also says impeachment and removal from office should be a "last resort." The Democrat says what</p>

the president is accused of doing is unlawful, unconstitutional and unpatriotic.

Speculation centers on a possible run for governor in 2022 after former Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch quit her job. She served eight years under former Governor Scott Walker, then became executive director of the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission in Washington, D-C, planning activities to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote. Kleefisch says she wants to be closer to her home and family in Wisconsin.

A task force formed by Governor Tony Evers will be given the assignment of coming up with recommendations to deal with climate change in Wisconsin. Lieutenant

					<p>Governor Mandela Barnes will serve as chairman. Task force members will include lawmakers from both parties and people from the state's agriculture, energy, business, health, education and environmental groups.</p> <p>This is Firewood Awareness Month and the DNR reminds residents and visitors alike to think about their firewood choices to help protect the forests, parks and backyards. Invasive pests travel in the wood brought in from outside locations and whether you're warming up around a bonfire at deer camp or curled up by the fireplace, make sure the wood is secured locally to avoid bringing in tree-killing pests or diseases.</p>
Wausau man has more	News	10/21/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	(Wausau, WI) -- Sixty-four-year-

charges leveled against him				<p>old Henry West is already charged with killing one person and wounding two others. Now, Marathon County prosecutors say the Schofield man booby-trapped his apartment with bombs intended to hurt police when they investigated him. He is accused of shooting 52-year-old Pine Grove Cemetery manager Patty Grimm to death October 3rd while wounding two other people. West was fired from the cemetery seven years ago.</p> <p>(Madison, WI) -- The U-S Department of Justice is awarding more than 273-million dollars to improve public safety on American Indian reservations. Five tribal communities in Wisconsin will split five-eight-million dollars in grants, including the Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, who were awarded 900-thousand dollars. U-S Attorney Scott Bladder said these grant funds will improve public safety and provide significant assistance to the victims of violent crimes in these tribal communities in the Western District of Wisconsin.</p> <p>(Madison, WI) -- Justices on the Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the suit challenging the lame-duck laws</p>
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					<p>passed by the Legislature last December. A group of labor unions filed the suit eight months ago. They argue the laws violate the separation of powers between the legislative and executive branches of government. The effect of the laws pushed through by Republicans is to reduce the powers of Governor Tony Evers and Attorney General Josh Kaul, both Democrats.</p>
<p>A former postmaster faces more charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/21/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A former postmaster in Winona will be on probation for two years and will have to serve 80 hours of community service for destroying mail. Fifty-eight-year-old Sherri Jo Genkinger of Galesville, Wisconsin was caught after she cashed a lottery ticket recovered from the mail. She was spotted on surveillance video. Authorities say a retired police officer started taking a closer look at complaints about undelivered mail from students at Winona State. Postal inspectors say about 13-hundred pieces of undelivered mail were found in her office.</p> <p>(Madison, WI) -- The state's so-called Step Therapy Law, Wisconsin Act-12 goes into effect in two weeks. The legislation was</p>

					<p>passed to help patients here get prescription medications which are important to them. The new law establishes updated requirements that health insurance companies must follow when pushing a patient to use a less-expensive treatment option than the one prescribed by the doctor. Governor Tony Evers signed it into law last July and it goes into effect November 1st.</p> <p>Singing superstar Cher is backing the Madison West High School security assistant who has been fired for using the N-word. Cher has tweeted she will cover the legal expenses for anyone who sues the Madison school board. District officials repeated they have no tolerance for racial slurs while terminating the employment of Marion Anderson last week. Anderson was fired for using the offensive term while telling a student to stop using the same word while verbally attacking him.</p>
Rhinelander mayor speaks on water issues	News	10/22/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Rhinelander Mayor Chris Frederickson, along with the Municipal Water Coalition announced an initiative to address the presence of PFAS compounds in the water. The statewide</p>

				<p>program will work to address the facilities that use the chemicals and develop a plan to reduce their use or find substitutions. They are widely found in many every day household and consumer products, food and the environment. Identification is only the first step since dealing with the chemicals is largely unknown. As an example, there are no sampling protocols or lab certifications in the state for the compounds currently and no surface water standards. The first step for communities to take is to work with those identified as dischargers to reduce the source. The Municipal Water Coalition is an alliance of groups representing municipal water and waste water utilities.</p> <p>Republican legislative</p>
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leaders were quick to respond yesterday, as Governor Tony Evers called for a special session of the Wisconsin Legislature to take up two gun-control bills. Evers wants lawmakers to take up one bill creating universal background checks for most handgun purchases and another to give judges the power to take weapons away from people deemed to be a threat to themselves or others. Majority Republicans aren't required to debate or vote on the bills, but the announcement gives Democrats an opportunity to spotlight the issue. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said, *Governor Evers would rather score political points than effectively govern Wisconsin, where a vast majority want their 2nd Amendment rights*

					protected. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said they won't be part of this strategy.
Shawano Co. officials say a third man has died because of an explosion	News	10/22/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The Shawano County Sheriff's Office reports a third man has died of injuries suffered in a September 23rd explosion. Sixty-two-year-old Daniel Young died last Thursday at University Hospital in Madison. Sixty-two-year-old Steve Verg and 64-year-old Michael Suehring died previously. The fatal explosion happened on a farm near the Town of Grant while four men were getting ready for a fundraiser for the Caroline Lion's Club.</p> <p>Last night's meeting of Wausau's Public Health and Safety committee put an end to a proposal that would prevent hunters from hanging deer carcasses in their yards. The issue</p>

stemmed from a complaint from a resident. While opinions from both sides were heard the committee agreed it would have been an example of overreach for what's actually a small problem.

Welcoming 50-thousand visitors is a big job and Milwaukee is already deeply involved in preparations for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. With only nine months until things get really busy, the host committee is asking for volunteers -- 15-thousand of them. Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Congresswoman Gwen Moore will lead that committee with volunteers recruited from all over Wisconsin.

In business demand drives prices. And when you're the Green Bay Packers with

					<p>only three home games left and a 6-1 record, those prices are going up. For tickets and if you're thinking about buying some, do it now. Ticket brokers are seeing a hot demand for not only the home games but those on the road as well with the sale of packages. Demand is up and so are the prices.</p>
<p>Rhineland alderwoman takes rift to new levels</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/23/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,.830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Rhineland Alderwoman Dawn Rog has taken the rift between certain members of the city council and the mayor to new heights. In a social media post yesterday the 5th District council member leveled accusations against Mayor Chris Frederickson for verbally attacking her and stalking her to the door of city hall on Monday. Frederickson, said words were exchanged but nothing to the extent of what she stated. No formal</p>

				<p>complaints were filed by either party but both the sheriff's department and city police were notified. Rog allegedly instigated the incident by grabbing and crumpling up paperwork on the Mayor's desk. The actions mimic a similar complaint against Rog in February when a city contracted IT working accused her of having physical contact with her. District Attorney Michael Shiek refused to prosecute, despite an investigators recommendation of disorderly conduct and misconduct in office charges. Rog passed it off in a statement as, "much ado about nothing". There are also records of her behavior in both open and closed session meetings of the council where behavioral issues have prompted city police to</p>
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					attend the closed sessions. An August letter from City Administrator Daniel Guild detailed an altercation between Rog and city finance director Wendy Bixby, where Bixby said she felt intimidated and threatened by Rog questioning the payment of certain invoices. Mayor Frederickson followed up that letter four days later stating her behavior on that occasion and others violated portions of the city's anti-harassment and retaliation policy as well as the violence in the workplace policy. Attempts to contact Alderwoman Rog last night were unsuccessful.
The hunt for a missing Antigo teen continues 10 years after her disappearance	News	10/23/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Kayla Berg of Antigo was 15 years old when she disappeared a decade ago. An arrest was made two years later but for lack of evidence that suspect

				<p>wasn't charged. Since then police have been acting on leads, the latest last weekend when seven K9 teams and area law enforcement searched 11-square miles of the Nicolet National Forest in eastern Langlade County. Officials said nothing was found but there's more work to be done. Berg was last seen by a friend in Wausau August 11th of 2009, just weeks before her 16th birthday. Any information leading to an arrest and conviction could lead to a \$20,000 reward from the FBI. The prosecutor and sheriff in Caldwell County, Missouri are scheduled to announce the filing of two new charges in the disappearance of Wisconsin brothers Nick and Justin Diemel this (Wednesday) morning. So far, Garland "Joey" Nelson</p>
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has only been charged with tampering with a motor vehicle rented by the Diemels. The brothers were in northwest Missouri last July when they went missing. They were there to discuss business with Nelson. Human remains found on Nelson's family farm haven't been identified yet.

An ordinance passed in Beaver Dam will hold parents responsible if their child is involved in bullying. That ordinance was approved during Monday's Common Council meeting. It prohibits bullying and harassment. Parents will be notified and if the same child is discovered bullying again within 90 days, the parent could be penalized. The ordinance also holds parents responsible for physical or

					property damage their child causes.
State man found guilty of killing his wife and hiding the body	News	10/24/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>After a week long trial in Portage County, the jury found 46-year old Jason Sypher guilty of killing his wife Krysta and hiding the body. She hadn't been seen since March of 2017. The conviction carries a life sentence and that will be handed down Monday morning.</p> <p>25-year old Garland Nelson of Braymer, Missouri was charged yesterday with two counts of first degree murder in the deaths of two brothers from Wisconsin. Nick and Justin Diemel of Shawano went to Nelson's farm in July to collect a debt when, according to investigators, Nelson shot them, burned their bodies and dumped the remains on his property. He faces a number of felonies and is held without bond.</p>

				<p>The Forest County Potawatomi Tribe will use a \$710,000 grant from the Department of Justice to reduce violent crime and domestic violence in the Indian community. It will also fund intervention and training programs.</p> <p>A new Marquette University Law School poll shows most Wisconsin voters do not support having impeachment hearings against President Donald Trump. The poll, released yesterday shows 49% against and a close 46% favor the proceedings. 51% don't want to see him removed from office.</p> <p>Officials with Foxconn aren't commenting on walking back plans to create so-called innovation centers across the state.</p> <p>The Taiwan-based electronics giant, after pledging to invest \$10-</p>
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					<p>billion in Wisconsin and hire 13,000 people for a plant downstate, also said it would create more jobs in several key cities. That's not happening. The centers were planned for Milwaukee, Green Bay, Eau Claire, Racine and Madison.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders intersection without lights after car hits power pole</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/24/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The intersection of Lincoln Street and Oneida Avenue in Rhinelanders is without stoplights. Just before midnight this morning a car struck the pole by the Holiday station, crossed the road striking the second by Associated Bank. Police say the driver was taken to the hospital following what could have been a medical issue.</p> <p>The Natural Resources Board yesterday directed the DNR to proceed with the rulemaking process for PFAs levels in groundwater, surface water and public</p>

				<p>drinking water. Some proposals already include establishing standards for drinking water and reduce the contamination of the chemicals that are found in numerous everyday items. While the chemicals have been around for decades, governments are just now learning of the effects. Rhinelander's already shut down one of the city's wells and a popular spring because of the contamination. Mayor Chris Frederickson has been in contact with numerous agencies and universities in an effort to remediate the problem here.</p> <p>A Marshfield man wants a "No Weapons Allowed" sign taken down at city hall. The request was debated during Monday's council meeting. Todd Zieglmeier says the sign indicates the city is taking</p>
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					<p>rights away from its citizens. He told city administrators all it is doing is impacting people who have gone through background checks and classes -- not a bad guy. The topic is set to come up for discussion again next month. Wisconsin is joining a multi-state investigation of Facebook's business practices. Attorney General Josh Kaul says they want to find out if Facebook is violating federal and state antitrust laws.</p>
<p>Wood Co. crash leaves one dead and another injured</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/25/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Wood County traffic crash leaves one person dead and another hurt. The accident reported just after three at the intersection of Hwys A and EE in the town of Richfield. Marshfield Fire & Rescue reports the driver of a car was killed when it went through a stop sign striking</p>

a pickup injuring that driver. Both people had to be cut from the vehicles. No other information is available.

A bill working its way through the Wisconsin Senate would ban labeling food such as meat, milk or dairy if they don't contain those products. At a committee hearing yesterday, supporters said the measure is needed to protect the state's agriculture and dairy industries from what they say is misleading food labeling. One bill would not allow a beverage to be sold as milk if it didn't come from cows, goats or certain other animals. Another would ban products marketed as meat unless they contained the actual flesh of an animal.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

					<p>identified a safety issue on more than 50,000 school buses, which are now being recalled. The organization cites the seats' lack of absorption material increases the risk of injury in the event of a crash. The recall affects four different model busses manufactured by Daimler Trucks North America and built between 2014 and 2020. The company is notifying owners and dealers and have the problems fixed free of charge.</p> <p>Between 1:30 and 4:00 tomorrow afternoon, intersections in downtown Rhinelander will be blocked for safety reasons during the annual trick or treat event.</p>
State girl speaks out after being stabbed 19 times	News	10/25/19	1230p,530p	1:30	The Wisconsin girl who was stabbed 19 times by two classmates tells a network television interviewer she

has come to terms with the attack, but still sleeps with a pair of scissors. Payton Leutner was 12 years old when she was attacked by her friends in 2014. Morgan Geyser and Anissa Weier will spend decades receiving treatment in mental health institutions. Leutner told A-B-C News she has “come to accept” the scars she has from the incident in Waukesha. Almost 250 legal and political experts have signed a letter to Wisconsin’s governor asking him to grant clemency to convicted killer Brendan Dassey. The people who signed the letter say they believe Dassey was wrongfully convicted in the death of Teresa Halbach and they question the reliability of his confession. They say after

serving 13 years in prison, “it is time to bring Brendan Dassey home.” Governor Tony Evers granted clemency to four convicted felons since he took office – becoming the first Wisconsin governor to do that since 2010.

A study released yesterday by the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health shows adult binge drinking costs the state an average of four-billion dollars-a-year. About two-thirds of the cost can be blamed on lost productivity. Researchers say their work shows every state resident pays for binge drinking. The behavior led to about 79-thousand alcohol-related hospitalizations last year, along with 25-thousand O-W-I arrests and 25-hundred alcohol-related deaths.

					The Milwaukee Bucks have their home opener tonight, hosting Miami. They took their first game last night, 117-111 over Houston.
Five of Gov. Evers cabinet members appointed	News	10/28/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	The Wisconsin state Senate has so far confirmed five of Governor Tony Evers' Cabinet appointees. Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald blames a rocky relationship between Republicans and the Democratic governor along with the lawsuits around last December's extraordinary session. Fitzgerald says some of the remaining 11 appointees may never be confirmed. Earlier this month the Senate did approve three of Evers' picks, including heads of the departments of Revenue, corrections and Veterans Affairs. He also said bipartisan support for anything starts with the Governor and that hasn't

happened.

The state Supreme Court takes up the last active lawsuit challenging Republicans' lame-duck laws this afternoon. A group of labor unions sued in February alleging the laws violate the separation of powers between the executive and legislative branches.

Many communities across northern and central Wisconsin had Halloween Trick or Treaters take over this weekend. In Rhinelander the downtown was closed off several hours Saturday afternoon to accommodate the thousands of kids visiting stores handing out treats. The nearly decade old event, sponsored by Downtown Rhinelander, Inc, has become a holiday

					<p>tradition for businesses.</p> <p>Below normal temperatures and the season's first measureable snowfall will open the week. Light snow is expected to move in tonight bringing 1-2 inches to many locations. Tuesday morning's commute could be a bit messy according to forecasters. It may also be a snowy Halloween on Thursday but that system is still developing. The one constant will be temperatures only in the 30s all week.</p> <p>The Packers came out of Kansas City with a 31-24 victory.</p>
Lincoln Co. to release sex offender	News	10/28/19	1230p,530p	1:30	As Rhinelander's Common Council works through the annual budget processes, a number of distracting and

				<p>lingering problems are taking precedent. Tonight, several people will be taking advantage of the public comment section to react to last week's confrontation between a council member and the mayor. On the agenda are requests from alderpersons like Andrew Larson on the attendance of police officers during closed sessions. Those meetings have recently featured both verbal and physical altercations behind closed doors. Lee Emmer will lead discussion on the status of the new City Attorney. Is it an employee position or independent contractor? And Dawn Rog wants to examine the status of collective bargaining with the police and fire unions. She also wants to re-visit the recent invoices from the Von Briesen law firm, while</p>
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acting as interim city attorney. Payment on some of the bills, totaling over \$240,000, was denied.

Lincoln County authorities will be releasing a convicted sex offender. 81-year old Louis Bosinske served his sentences for two sexual assaults, occurring in 2005 and 2005. In both cases he sexually assaulted two adult female acquaintances. He'll be released back into Lincoln County November 5th, which was his place of residence when convicted. Wisconsin Democratic Congressman Ron Kind and Vice President Pence exchanged some verbal jabs late last week. After Pence pushed Kind to vote to approve the US/Mexico/Canada trade deal during a Wisconsin stop, Kind said he thinks the

					White House is more interested in a “win” than doing what’s best for the American people. He wants some language changes.
Wautoma contractor to be back in court in Dec.	News	10/29/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>More studies are being done, but it’s the unknown that’s led to the Food and Drug Administration to warn pregnant or nursing women not to use CBD products. While some say it can ease the symptoms of pregnancy like nausea, pain and inflammation, not enough is known of the effects on the fetus. Local health officials and CBD experts say there’s not enough research available to understand the long-term effects during pregnancy.</p> <p>As Republican State Senator Tom Tiffany makes a run for Congress, a Marinette woman</p>

announced her candidacy for his 12th District seat in Wisconsin. Wendy Klawitter says she wants to represent everyone, not just those with the most money or in a small geographic region in the district. That district takes up most of the northeast corner of the state. Klawitter was a candidate for the 8th congressional district in 2016.

A Wautoma contractor is back in court in December, accused of taking thousands of dollars for work that was never finished. 48-year old Ray Marchel allegedly took money from homeowners in Lincoln, Marathon and Portage counties. Complaints say he took the money, would stop showing up to the job sites and didn't return phone calls. He's in court again

					<p>December 2nd.</p> <p>Wisconsin has many official state symbols but surprisingly cheese isn't among them. A new bill may change that as eight state representatives and one senator are looking to recognize Colby as the official state cheese. Colby cheese originated in Colby, Wisconsin as part of the cheddar family.</p>
<p>A northwoods lumber Co. plans on opening a new location in Jan.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/29/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Following approval for a variance to the master plan for the Northern Highland/American Legion State Forest, another 19-miles of off road trails will be established. The state okayed more than 200 total miles of trails two years ago. The systems would connect Woodruff to Sayner and Arbor Vitae with developments planned for St. Germain and more in the Sayner/Star Lake and</p>

Sugar Camp areas. The forest spans more than 225,000 acres across Vilas, Oneida and Iron Counties. Former House Speaker Paul Ryan says the new nonprofit organization he is launching will fight poverty, work to increase economic opportunities and advance evidence-based public policies. Ryan announced the formation of the American Idea Foundation earlier this year and Monday it was launched. It will be based in Janesville, Ryan's hometown, though he and his family have moved to Maryland. A lumber company in Wisconsin's Northwoods is planning to open a fourth location in January. There's no information on how many new jobs the expansion to Minocqua might create. Arbor Vitae-based Pukall Lumber says it

					<p>found the perfect location by buying the former Minocqua Hardware and Rental storefront. Company officials say they will focus on serving professional contractors, but will also operate as a hardware store. Hiring is underway. The colder weather hasn't slowed down scammers. Wisconsin Public Service is warning residents to disregard phone calls with threats of power disconnection. Numbers on caller ID appear legitimate but WPS says it will never be them demanding immediate payment. Just hang up and report it.</p>
<p>Winter weather leads to a traffic fatality</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/30/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The first taste of winter in the North led to a traffic fatality yesterday morning. Speed and black ice likely contributed to the crash reported about 7:30 on Hwy B and Meister Stockley</p>

Road in the Town of Schoepke. The vehicle, driven by a 16-year old girl struck a man taking his garbage out to the end of his driveway, left the road and went into the trees. The man was killed while the driver sustained head and foot injuries. We are withholding the name of the minor driver and despite the victim's name being published on social media, it has not been officially released.

As the Democratic-led impeachment investigations continue over President Trump's dealing with Ukraine, Republican Senator Ron Johnson says he won't recuse himself if the matter gets to the upper house. Johnson chairs the foreign relations subcommittee and is a member of the Senate's

					<p>Ukraine caucus, which gives him firsthand knowledge on the events and conversations surrounding the issue. In published reports yesterday Johnson said he'd never even consider stepping aside because the people who elected him deserve a voice in the process.</p> <p>Hunters are being asked to donate deer hearts to the Antigo-based Raptor Education Group. The rehabilitation center feeds the hearts to eagles, hawks, owls, falcons and vultures on the mend at the facility. They'll also accept lean muscle meat. The portions can be dropped off at the center, or at one of a dozen locations across central and northern Wisconsin. You can call the center for those locations.</p>
	News	10/30/19	1230p,530p	1:30	An Illinois company faces a

Illinois Co. faces a huge fine for explosion that killed some workers

one-point-six-million dollar fine for federal safety violations after a May explosion which killed four of its workers. Three of the four victims were from Kenosha County. Investigators with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration found that A-B Specialty Silicones created an unsafe work environment with deadly consequences. Twelve violations were specified. Researchers at the University of Wisconsin have found Portage County is one of the worst counties in the state for binge drinking. The report called "The Burden of Binge Drinking in Wisconsin" was released Tuesday. It finds excessive drinking costs Portage County 60-million dollars a year. The county's rate of binge drinking is five

				<p>percent above the state average and 13 percent above the national average. A grant from the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Coalition is funding extra law enforcement officers tasked with responding to alcohol-related incidents.</p> <p>A national safety and security company reports there are only four states with worse internet safety for kids than Wisconsin. SafeWise measured cyberbullying, electronic harassment and sexting. Wisconsin was fifth-worst. The state has no laws in place on sexting, meaning it's not considered a criminal offense. There are laws concerning cyberbullying and electronic harassment – and many schools have policies in place about that activity. Law enforcement</p>
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				<p>authorities are still very active with their investigation efforts. Police in Merrill are looking for help following a string of car break-ins last weekend. The vehicles were parked near the Kate Goodrich Middle School last Sunday and were broken into sometime that night or early morning.</p>	
Gov. Evers declares energy emergency	News	10/31/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>An executive order from Governor Tony Evers declared an energy emergency. Citing a late corn harvest and plunging temperatures leading to an increase in demand for propane, the order temporarily lifts restrictions on time behind the wheel for truck drivers delivering the fuel. In a statement Evers said, "Hundreds of thousands of Wisconsinites depend on propane to heat their homes and right now farmers are depending</p>

on it to dry their corn.”
“Ensuring that we get propane to these folks is critical for the health, safety, welfare, and economic well-being of Wisconsinites across our state.”

There's another move in Madison to decriminalize marijuana in the state. Democrats joined advocates to legalize possession of small amounts of pot in support of the bill. Republicans, who control both the Senate and assembly say that's not going to happen.

The furor over the fate of the Hodag has lit up social media since Monday's meeting of the Rhinelander city council. Mistakenly, people believed the city's Hodag, first introduced in the 1890's, was going to be

					<p>shared with a community in Lower Michigan and a petition drive was mounted to save the creature. The rumor prompted a three page explanation from city administrator Daniel Guild last night, who laid out in detail what's happening. A discussion. And city officials are not going to expend a lot of time and resources on the issue. That falls with the Chamber and executive director Lauren Sackett says the Hodag isn't going anywhere.</p> <p>The Washington Nationals are world series champions in baseball.</p>
<p>Fire destroys Tomahawk area home</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/31/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Congressman Ron Kind says the president urging a foreign government to investigate political rival Joe Biden would be impeachable conduct. The Wisconsin Democrat has resisted the idea of impeachment in the</p>

past. Kind says he fully supports the inquiry in the House of Representatives. In the past, he has approached the controversial issue with caution. Kind says he will vote today for a House resolution laying out how the process will move forward.

Fire yesterday morning destroyed a Tomahawk area home. Firefighters were called to the residence on County D east of town around 10:30 with flames already coming through the roof. No one was there at the time.

No state has a larger achievement gap between its black and white students than Wisconsin. Results of the National Assessment of Educational Progress test were released yesterday, showing Wisconsin's results haven't changed much

					<p>over the last decade. State officials call the gap a crisis, saying closing it is imperative. The test given to students in the fourth and eighth grades is also called the “nation’s report card.” Overall scores were higher than the rest of the nation, but African-American students fell short of national averages. Officials at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point say a four-point-three-million dollar donation is the largest in the school’s history. Teacher Dorothea Harju was an alumnus of the school, teaching in central Wisconsin for decades. She died two years ago at the age of 98. The donation from her state will create the Harju Center for Equity in Education on the Stevens Point campus.</p>
	Phone	10/8/19	7:35am	3 min.	Talked to Duane Domashek from the

Interview					Wildwood Wildlife Park about the annual Zoo Boo event
Interview	Live	10/28/19	635a	3 min.	Talked to Matt Thompson from Ascension Health about a blood drive
Interview	Live	10/29/19	740a	3 min.	Talked to Tammy Modic from the NATH organization about some Nov. fundraisers

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

Station: Wmqa
Quarter: 4th (Nov)
Year: 2019

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Traffic crash in Wood Co. shuts down traffic lanes	News	11/1/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A traffic crash last night closed the eastbound lanes of Hwy 10 in Wood County. Authorities reported the accident just before 8:30 south of Marshfield at the County T intersection. No other information was available.</p> <p>Governor Tony Evers was in Wausau yesterday, supporting expansion plans at Granite Peak and the renewed move to legalize marijuana in the state. The DNR is reviewing plans to add about 10 more ski runs to Rib Mountain. Revisions</p>

to the master plan could include trails for mountain biking and hiking as well. Evers said he was impressed how things worked behind the scenes to provide safety and get ready for the opening in a couple weeks. He also touched on his support to decriminalize marijuana saying it's part of his priority for criminal justice reform.

Four municipal clerks in the state are still using the Windows XP operating system on the computers used for state elections. Wisconsin election officials say that can make them vulnerable to cyberattacks because Microsoft stopped supporting the software five years ago. Refusing to name the locations the election commission issued a statement that doing so would invite hackers to disrupt election

					<p>administration and chill discussions about system vulnerabilities. Over the summer all 2,700 local clerks logged into the state system for testing and the few were discovered. They've now been upgraded.</p> <p>While kids up north bundled up over their costumes for trick or treat last night, down south some places postponed the event because of heavy snow. More than seven inches fell in areas south of Madison.</p>
Wis. Lawmakers vote along party lines for impeachment	News	11/1/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's congressional delegation voted along party lines Thursday on the rules for impeachment. Democrats Ron Kind, Gwen Moore and Mark Pocan voted for the rules. Republicans Mike Gallagher, Glenn Grothman, Jim Sensenbrenner and Bryan</p>

Steil voted against. Two Democratic members of the House switched sides, but all Republicans voted against the rules.

Special education, facility maintenance and operations, the three parts of a \$3.45-million recurring referendum question going before voters in the Lakeland Union High School District in February. A number of information sessions are being planned.

Milwaukee City Hall will work with organizations like Visit Milwaukee and Wisconsin Center District in a major effort to host the G-7 Summit next year. Mayor Tom Barrett has sent a letter to the White House and Vice President Mike Pence told local officials Milwaukee is being considered while he made

a visit last week. Mayor Barrett says the space for the summit could be outside the city in locations like Lake Geneva or Sheboygan. There is no deadline for the summit decision so far.

Wisconsin farmers say their harvest was already delayed this year due to the moisture in the ground. An early snowfall just makes things worse. The snow will have to melt away before they can resume – and the ground will be saturated, complicating the work. Even if a combine can operate in the mushy ground, the snow can plug up the machinery. Farmers say they hope to be back in the fields next week, but that isn't a given during an unpredictable weather pattern.

<p>Newbold EMS dispatched to are boat landing</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/4/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Just before 7 yesterday morning Newbold EMS and rescue units were dispatched to the boat landing on Apperson Drive for three hunters in the Wisconsin River. With the use of an airboat, the trio was picked up, luckily reaching a marsh island about a half mile down from the landing. All were cold but in good health. Firefighters from Pine Lake, Pelican and the DNR were called to a brush fire yesterday afternoon shortly before 2:00. A burning debris pile got out of hand. The main fire was out as volunteers arrived but there were several large smoldering hot spots that needed attention. The fire reported at 4372 South Shore Road, near the West Bay Camping Resort. A 48-year old convicted sex</p>
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				<p>offender is in Oneida County Court today. Matthew Kummer of Minocqua was arrested last week on the middle school grounds in Rhinelander possessing child pornography.</p> <p>With numerous distractions and long meetings keeping the Rhinelander Common Council from advancing on the city budget, another setback tonight as a lack of a quorum has again cancelled a planned meeting. In an email from city administrator Daniel Guild last night, a staff work session on the budget will take place so matters can be dealt with next week. The session will place council members and department heads that do attend in the gallery with the public where motions and votes are not allowed. Guild stated while the</p>
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					<p>approach is different, it is legal after discussions with city attorney Steve Sorenson. The 6:00 meeting is open to the public at City Hall.</p>
<p>Irma man arrested on disorderly conduct charge</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/4/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>From the Lincoln County Sheriff's department over the weekend, a 44-year old Irma man was arrested early Saturday on a disorderly conduct charge following the complaint of a disturbance at a home. Saturday night, a 27-year old Tomahawk woman was picked up on a warrant charge. A deputy stopped a vehicle on South Gate Drive in the city and a check showed the passenger was wanted for failing to pay fines in Lincoln county court. A report from the American Farm Bureau Federation finds more bankruptcy filings by Wisconsin farmers than in any other state,</p>

48. The report puts the nationwide increase at 24 percent over the previous year, covering the 12 months ending September 30th. Several weather incidents and trade disputes were the major factors. Wisconsin led the country for a second straight year. The U-S-D-A estimates farm revenue at 88-billion dollars for the year – 29 percent below the record set in 2013.

He said his pizza didn't have enough cheese. Everest Metro Police have cited a man for disorderly conduct after he ranted at workers in a Pizza Hut restaurant last week. His name hasn't been released. Workers at the restaurant say the man came in swearing and yelling at them because there wasn't enough cheese on his pizza. When

					<p>it was ordered, his girlfriend had asked for extra cheese. When police questioned him, they say the man said he shouldn't be cited "because he is an American and works hard."</p> <p>And the Milwaukee Bucks open a four game series at Minneapolis tonight.</p>
<p>Minocqua man headed back to court on numerous charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/5/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Minocqua man is back in court next week on numerous felony counts of possessing child pornography and several for violating terms of the sex offender registry. 48-year old Matthew Kummer was arrested October 24th at a school in Rhinelander where he said he was picking up a friend's daughter. Investigators found photos of underage girls on his phone and on a computer drive at his home. He's jailed on a \$100,000 bond and back in court next</p>

				<p>Wednesday. He was convicted of similar charges 12 years ago. The DNR is encouraging hunters to scout their hunting areas ahead of time, especially across Langlade and Oconto counties. Damage from storms in July still have timber damage, despite significant cleanup. In some cases areas may still be inaccessible. Nearly 1800 acres of state-owned land, including portions of the Peters Marsh Wildlife area Upper Wolf River Fishery have heavy damage. So does the Chequamegon/Nicolet National Forest, White Lake and Mountain areas. The Langlade County Forest reported 30,000 acres affected by the storm. Access remains challenging in some areas. Preliminary data on the</p>
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					<p>bear hunting season in the state suggests a successful season. While about 30 less animals were taken overall versus last year, kills increased 36% across the southern two-thirds of the state and 20% across the north-central region. 3,648 animals were taken. More than 120,000 hunters applied for either a permit or preference point this year.</p> <p>And the Wausau Woodchucks signed a new 30-year lease and announced plans for a \$1.5-million renovation project at Athletic Park.</p>
<p>Cronic waisting disease found in 4th deer in Oneida Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/5/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Chronic wasting disease was confirmed in a fourth deer from Oneida County. The animal was harvested in September within a two mile area near the Town of Crescent. Public land CWD surveillance authorizations are available in Oneida,</p>

Lincoln and Langlade counties follow the detection. Interested hunters are required to meet in person with DNR staff at the Rhinelander Service Center. Parcels in the program include the Woodboro Wildlife Area, portions of the Oneida County Forest near Woodboro and Enterprise, the Menard Island Special Use Area in Lincoln County along with parts of the county forest and portions of the Langlade county forest.

The U-S Army Corps of Engineers expects water levels on the Great Lakes to remain unusually high over the winter. One expert with the corps says wet weather in October stopped the normal drop-off of water levels seen each fall. Storms over lakes Michigan, Huron and

Superior led to beach erosion, flooding and serious damage to seawalls and roads. All five Great Lakes are expected to resume the seasonal decline – but remain well above normal.

Republicans in the Wisconsin Senate plan to deny confirmation for the governor's nominee for state agriculture secretary. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says Brad Pfaff failed to deal with the dairy crisis. Fitzgerald says Pfaff has "bungled the job" since he started. If Fitzgerald is right about today's vote, Pfaff will be out of the job he has held since his January appointment. Several powerful farming industry groups have supported the nominee since the governor put his name forward.

Rhinelanders updates in citizens on the quality of water in the city	News	11/6/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Water utility customers in Rhinelanders got an update from the city on the condition and quality of the water. In July a public health advisory was put into place and one of the city's wells shut down following the discovery of high levels of PFAs chemicals. The elements are found in numerous household items and are virtually everywhere. City Administrator Daniel Guild outlined the many steps being taken to deal with the situation, including continued testing and staff education, creating easier access to information and partnering with other municipalities for ongoing studies. In this latest correspondence, Guild noted there have been no further detections of the previous PFAs chemicals since the first samples last</p>
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May. But that doesn't mean it's not there, since accurate tests are still in development across the country. The city will continue monitoring and reporting on the issue as warranted.

Niagara Worldwide is the new owner of the Flambeau River Paper Company in Park Falls. The facility shut down earlier this year, idling about 170 workers. Now city officials are hopeful the plant will be back in operation soon. The sale is expected to be finalized next week.

Despite strong lobbying efforts by the Wisconsin Corn Growers Association and Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, the state Senate yesterday, along party lines, voted to fire agriculture secretary Brad Pfaff. An appointee of

					<p>Democratic governor Tony Evers, he's been on the job since January. Records show this to be the first rejection of a cabinet position by the senate since 1987.</p>
<p>The YMCA looking to buy former area school</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/6/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Following up a strategic planning session with the community, the YMCA of the Northwoods is in the process of buying the old South Park School on Pelham Street in Rhinelander. Daycare was a big issue in that study and plans are to convert the building into a childcare facility. The move would replace what's currently at the Y and more than double their services. The size of the building will also offer other programs and services. If everything works out it could be open by next summer. The former director of the Ascension St. Mary's</p>

Hospital Foundation and Chamber of commerce in Minocqua reached a plea deal in a theft case. 62-year old Kimberly Baltus was accused of taking more than \$46,000 between January of 2017 and last October. She pleaded no contest to lesser charges and was sentenced to 100 days in jail but a probation violation could make it three years.

The Wisconsin Senate approved a pair of bills making drunken driving penalties much tougher. The first would establish a mandatory minimum five-year sentence for homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle. The second would triple the minimum prison time for a fifth or sixth offense to 18 months. The Assembly still has to give its approval to that measure.

					<p>There were very few races of any kind across the North yesterday as it was an election day. But one that did draw attention was in Forest County where voters approved a referendum and 9% tax hike to expand the jail and dispatch center.</p>
<p>Elderly Merrill man missing, is found safe</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/7/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An elderly Merrill man, missing since yesterday morning has been found safe. A silver alert was cancelled after 82-year old Edgar Oestreich was found in Delafield. Family members said they don't know of any reason why he would have left Merrill.</p> <p>People will never learn, the words of a state trooper reacting to dozens of accidents across central and southern Wisconsin yesterday following another batch of snow. The morning commute was a</p>

mess across many areas with Brown County officials saying they had accidents everywhere. A driver going too fast for conditions struck a trooper's cruiser on I-41 in Fond du Lac county. Schools in Gresham were let out early when a vehicle left the road and struck a power pole, knocking out power to much of the area. Police in Manitowoc and Calumet counties reported more than 25 crashes each. Officials in Wood county reported more than 30 snow-related accidents.

The Rhinelander Chamber has a new Event and Program Coordinator beginning next week. Rachel Boehlen is a Rhinelander native and brings a communication degree and marketing experience with her. Boehlen was also on the

				<p>board of directors for Lights of the Northwoods. She'll be responsible for coordinating existing and the development of new Chamber events and programs along with general marketing responsibilities.</p> <p>Parents are saying it should never have come to this, but the state assembly is considering a bill requiring schools to teach cursive writing. The measure would set goals to have students writing legibly</p>	
LacDuFlambeau man reaches plea deal	News	11/7/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>The fifth and final suspect charged in the murder of a Lac du Flambeau man reached a plea deal with Iron County prosecutors. Twenty-eight-year-old Curtis Wolfe agreed to plead guilty to a reduced charge of second-degree reckless homicide, hiding a corpse, possession of a gun as a</p>

				<p>convicted felon and aiding a felon. He will be sentenced January 22nd. He and four other men were convicted in the murder of Wayne Valliere Junior, whose body was found New Year's Day 2018. Officials with the La Crosse School District say an enrollment decline of more than 200 students isn't surprising. Superintendent Randy Nelson estimates about 60 percent of Wisconsin school districts are seeing the same thing. The reduction in students is about twice as much as they anticipated. The incoming kindergarten class was significantly smaller than last year's high school graduating class. Students using vouchers to transfer to private schools is a factor, but so are growing numbers of students using virtual schools.</p>
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					<p>The majority leader of the Wisconsin Assembly is pushing for the override of three partial budget vetoes by Governor Tony Evers. Jim Steineke sent a letter to Assembly members yesterday, but his job isn't going to be easy. Democratic Minority Leader Gordon Hintz warned no members of his party will vote for the overrides. With a 19-to-14 edge in the chamber, Steineke needs three Democrats to switch sides. Two of the vetoes blocked spending on a northern Wisconsin regional crisis center and additional funding for doctors who care for patients in state health-care programs.</p>
<p>Lawmakers in Madison get together in a special session</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/8/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Lawmakers in Madison got together in special session yesterday. The topic? Gun control. It went nowhere. Governor Tony Evers called</p>

the session to take up a red flag law, allowing judges to temporarily remove weapons from people deemed a risk to themselves or others and universal background checks, no matter where guns are sold. Assembly and Senate Republicans made it clear they won't take up the measures. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald convened and then immediately adjourned the session about 30 seconds later in an empty Senate chamber. The Assembly was in session about 10 seconds. Evers' reacted by saying Republicans now have to go back to their districts and explain to their constituents why they refused to do their jobs today. The Three Lakes School Board filled a vacancy with

the appointment of Stacey Klein. Klein, from Sugar Camp, will take the position vacated by Tom Rulseh. She'll hold the seat five months until it comes up for election next April.

Inattentive driving may have caused a crash on Lincoln Street in Rhinelander yesterday afternoon. A car was in the median waiting to get into traffic when it was struck by another one. The accident reported around 12:30. No one was hurt.

Well below normal temperatures will be the norm the next few weeks and record lows are likely this morning. Another blast of cold air arrives late Sunday into Monday bringing not only record low temperatures but record low highs as well. Any chances for snow will be on the light side.

An override of budget deals for the state falls short

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An effort to override three budget vetoes by Governor Tony Evers fell short in the Wisconsin Assembly. The 62-to-34 vote was along party lines and Republicans needed at least two Democrats to switch sides. That didn't happen. Republicans were trying to restore funding for a regional mental health crisis center in northern Wisconsin and for doctors who care for people in Wisconsin state health programs. They also wanted to stop the governor from giving himself more flexibility to spend a half-million dollars to increase the number of health care providers in the state.

The Salvation Army along with the Walmart's in Minocqua and Rhinelander will provide toys to local children with a toy drive

event tomorrow. The nationwide effort gives shoppers suggested items and new toys are dropped off at both locations. Local families rely on the Salvation Army's help to give kids the gift of Christmas every year. The partnership has gone on more than 30 years with all toys collected remaining in the local communities for those in need.

Volunteers have been working on getting northern Wisconsin snowmobile trails ready for the season since late summer. In Vilas County, the Barnstormers Snowmobile Club in Sayner and others maintain almost 80 miles of trails, clearing debris and putting up signs for safety. The biggest threat to snowmobiling safety is something the club can't control – the use of alcohol leading to

					crashes. Those volunteers say they still have a lot of work to complete, but the trails will be ready when the season starts.
Winter storm warnings issued for northern Wis.	News	11/11/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>The first winter storm warnings of the season have been issued across Ashland, Iron and Vilas counties along with the UP for heavy lake effect snows totaling better than 14-inches in some areas through Tuesday. Gusty northwest winds will also drop visibilities and create drifting problems so drivers should beware. Most side roads are already in slippery condition. Wind chills will be well below zero as well with high temperatures only in the single digits. Hundreds of temperature records are expected to be broken this week across the upper Midwest. Rhinelander's Common Council is scheduled to</p>

meet again tonight for another attempt to work on the budget. Last week's meeting was cancelled due to another lack of a quorum. Health insurance is another big topic up for discussion. Other items of note, Alderman Andrew Larson will lead further discussion on the attendance of police officers during closed session. And Alderman Dave Holt's resolution to censure fellow board member Dawn Rog over her outburst last month to woman in the audience. For elected officials, such a move is a formal statement of disapproval and a first step to further action if warranted in the future. Alcohol and speed are said to be factors in a fatal Taylor County crash early Saturday. 22-year old Zach Smola of Medford died in

					<p>the accident just before 2am on Hwy 64 in the Town of Browning. The vehicle left the road, flipped and struck a tree. Smola was the lone occupant. And the Packers dropped Carolina last night 24-16.</p>
<p>Officials with the Oneida Co. fair try to save it</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/11/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Officials with the Oneida County Fair and its supporters plan to make a final pitch to the county board tomorrow morning in an effort to save it. The annual fair, operating more than 100 years, is in danger of losing its funding with some proposals including a total cut.</p> <p>An elderly Tomahawk man fell victim to a scam when he was called and told his nephew was in an accident and needed \$2500 to cover his bond after being arrested in Chicago. He was told to purchase a gift card at Home Depot, which he did, and phoned the</p>

scammer back with the card numbers. Investigators believe the money was liquidated immediately and it's unlikely to ever be recovered. Authorities remind people to never provide any money or information over the phone. A 35-year old Ashland woman was arrested Sunday afternoon after Lincoln County deputies stopped a reckless driver. Law enforcement located and stopped the woman near Merrill just before five. She was cited for a first offense OWI.

Temperatures this week are expected to range nearly 30 degrees below normal and that, combined with a lack of snow can cause plumbing problems for homeowners. Experts recommend any exposed pipes get insulated, outside hoses are disconnected

					and valves are tightly closed. Septic systems are also at risk and now is the time to have it emptied if it hasn't been recently. The pipe from the tank to the drain field can also be insulated with hay to keep from freezing and backing up.
Fire destroys a home in Irma	News	11/12/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Fire yesterday morning destroyed a home in Irma. A 911 call reported a fire in the garage shortly 8 at the property on Hwy J that was spreading to the house. Several area departments were on scene nearly five hours, at one point closing the highway. A portable heater in the garage is the likely cause. No one was hurt.</p> <p>A motion to censure one of their own was withdrawn last night. The final item before the Rhinelander Common Council was a resolution proposed by</p>

Alderman Dave Holt to discipline Dawn Rog for disparaging comments made to a member of the audience during a meeting last month. More than three hours earlier, the majority of the 50-minute public comment period had people calling for her immediate resignation, saying it was already too late for a public apology. Alderman Tom Kelly tried to move the matter to closed session, which prompted a vocal reaction from the gathered public, which was met by a caution from Mayor Chris Frederickson. That brought in City attorney Steve Sorenson who detailed several points without taking a position on the issue. Citing state statutes as they apply to open meetings, common and case law, Roberts Rules of order and the fact the

					<p>city has no ethics code to specifically deal with something like this, he said the resolution stretched beyond the rules. Frederickson suggested the motion be withdrawn, which is what happened. There was an immediate motion to adjourn and council members abruptly left. The city is working to create an ethics board.</p>
School bus accident north of Rhinelander	News	11/12/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>A stopped school bus and inattentive driving contributed to a chain reaction accident this morning just north of Rhinelander. The accident reported shortly after seven on Hwy 47 where the bus, with its lights on for a pickup, had traffic stopped when an approaching vehicle failed to stop, rear-ending another, pushing it into another vehicle. The bus wasn't hit. Significant damage was caused to a</p>

couple vehicles but there were no injuries reported. Rhinelander's Common Council last night approved a recommendation from the planning commission to grant a conditional use permit to the YMCA of the Northwoods to purchase the former South Park School in the city. The Y plans to greatly expand their child and daycare programs. And acting as a committee of the whole, the council also approved sending on their recommendation to continue having the Y provide lifeguard services at the Hodag Park waterfront.

The Department of Public Instruction's latest data shows most Wisconsin schools and districts are meeting expectations. Their annual report cards for schools are used to help

					<p>hold districts accountable for performance and growth. 97% of schools in the state meet or exceed expectations, up a point from last year. The Mercer School District was one of 53 schools that failed to meet the criteria. 210 schools and 17 districts received the second lowest ranking, meeting few expectations.</p> <p>Patients of the Ascension family of health care facilities will now have their medical data shared online with Google. The multi-billion dollar health industry has been sought after for some time.</p>
Oneida Co. will continue to budget for the county fair	News	11/13/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Oneida County's budget will include funding for the County Fair next year. At yesterday's budget hearing the item never came up, leaving \$16,000 for the event that first began in 1896. Supporters told</p>

supervisors the fair is growing and changing, drawing more people, is a boost to the economy and is on a path to self-sufficiency. The county has funded the event more than 50 years.

On a 6-3 vote, Wausau's City Council approved an ordinance to remove and fine someone for trespassing in a parking ramp. The number of homeless people sleeping there has increased and downtown business owners complained, fearing for the safety of their staff who use the ramps. Critics said the move will throw them out into the cold but police, who proposed the ordinance, said it's simply to curb a problem that's disruptive and concerning people parking there. Fines can run up to \$50. The

					<p>council will also vote later this month on the 2020 city budget after no one showed for a public hearing last night. A slight tax increase is expected.</p> <p>Just after Sean Duffy resigned from Congress two months ago, he became a paid contributor to CNN on political issues. Now, he's working for a Washington lobbying firm. Duffy will lead BGR Group's financial services practice as senior counsel. He's the former chair of the House Financial Services Committee's housing subcommittee. He stepped down in September after nine years, wanting to spend more time with his family and a newborn with a heart defect and Down Syndrome.</p>
Merrill man killed in auto fatality	News	11/13/19	1230p,530p	1:30	A 50-year old Merrill man was killed when he swerved

to miss a deer and ended up rolling off the road. The Lincoln County Sheriff's office reported the crash shortly after 3:00 this morning on Hwy 64 near Elm Grove Road in the Town of Corning. The 911 call came from another driver who witnessed the accident. The victim had to be extricated from the vehicle and was pronounced dead at the scene.

A man facing a charge of homicide by negligent operation of a vehicle entered a plea of not guilty in Oneida County Court. The judge set a pretrial conference for January in the case against Jeffrey Liebscher. The 53-year-old Sugar Camp man is accused of killing motorcyclist Sean Holtslander last August and leaving the scene of the

accident. Liebscher told deputies he got out of his car and could tell Holtslander was dead, he panicked and left and then lied about what he did when contacted by authorities.

A 48-year-old Marshfield man made his first court appearance to face charges he stalked and harassed his former girlfriend. Corey Macthan faces six felonies among the 13 charges. Investigators say he made terroristic threats and had explosives in his possession. The victim says Macthan sent dozens of angry, threatening text messages after she moved out of their apartment. She says he appeared at a home where she was staying and fired a gun several times, then threw what authorities identified

					as an improvised explosive device into the yard, and physically attacked her last week.
DNR warns deer hunters of weather conditions	News	11/14/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Last week we reported how hunters in parts of Langlade and Oconto counties should take extra care hunting in areas ravaged by storms over the summer. Now, the DNR is warning hunters the near record cold and now snow, which are both usually welcomed for the season, have created potential hazards in low-lying and marshy areas. Namely, thin ice. Because the ground is already saturated, areas that may have had small amounts of water may now be a few feet deep. Hunters are urged to scout these areas ahead of time.</p> <p>Schools in the Milwaukee County city of Shorewood will be open today, after</p>

being shut down yesterday after a 14-year old student was arrested. Police say he had a hit list and a loaded magazine of ammunition in his back pack. A weapon was found off school grounds. A student who saw the list of names in the suspect's notebook reported it to school staff. There will be a police presence at the high school today and tomorrow and criminal charges have been referred to the DA's office.

A conservative group wants to purge thousands of people from the state's voter rolls. Last month, the state Elections Commission mailed notices to some 234,00 voters, telling them to update their registrations. Those not responding would have their registrations suspended after April 2021. But the Wisconsin Institute

					for Law & Liberty contends state law requires the commission to remove people from the voter rolls if they did not respond to the commission's letter.
Antigo business destroyed by fire	News	11/14/19	1230p,530p	1:30	An Antigo business was destroyed by fire this morning. Fire investigators are at Charlie's Automotive and Transmission on Hwy 45 south of the city. Heavy equipment was tearing down what's left of the structure for safety reasons. The blaze reported just before six this morning. The victim of a fatal traffic accident yesterday morning in Lincoln County has been identified as 50-year old Timothy Rowe of Merrill. He swerved to miss a deer on Hwy 64 and ended up rolling his vehicle off the road. He was pronounced dead at the

scene.

Vice President Mike Pence is scheduled to visit Marinette during a Midwest campaign swing next week. The Republican politician will tour Marinette Marine and deliver remarks at the shipbuilding plant in northeastern Wisconsin Wednesday. Later the same day he will move on to his home state of Indiana. The vice president's visit was originally scheduled for October 23rd, but he canceled at the last minute for a Washington event, then made a stop in Pleasant Prairie later in the day.

Wisconsin Assistant Attorney General Lisa Kumfer has asked the Court of Appeals for more time to respond to the latest effort to get a new trial for Steven Avery. The state's brief was due

					<p>Wednesday and it isn't clear if the additional time was approved. Avery's attorney has asked the appeals court for the new trial or an evidentiary hearing. Avery is appealing his 2007 conviction in the murder of Teresa Halbach. A Sheboygan County judge already denied the new trial motion.</p>
Rhinelanders water problem	News	11/15/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Rhinelanders is far from the only community in the state to have a municipal water system found to contain PFAs chemicals. The trouble is little is known about the manmade chemicals, found in dozens of household items and its effects on humans. There's also no definitive test for them. The DNR yesterday hosted the inaugural Wisconsin PFAs Action Council meeting with the goal of developing and coordinating statewide</p>

initiatives to address the growing health and environmental concerns.

A main link to the city of Wausau is set to re-open later today. Thomas Street construction began two years ago and now, a new two-lane road with raised median and bike lanes out to the Wisconsin River bridge. Work on street lights and traffic signals should finish up next month.

One of the sounds of the season will be heard a week from today as the Salvation Army kicks off its annual Red Kettle Campaign. Volunteers will be set up at Trig's and Walmart in both Minocqua and Rhinelander, with the addition of SaveMore on the Island City. 86-cents of every dollar collected stays in the area according to coordinator Kim Swisher.

					<p>There's also some new technology moving in for the non-profit as the Fox Cities open their campaign today using cashless kettles in addition to the traditional. In an effort to make contributions easier people can now use Apple Pay, Text-to-Give and credit card readers for donations. You can also use a smartphone to scan a code on the kettle signs allowing payment online.</p>
<p>Hearing for Missouri man accused of murdering two brothers from Shawano postponed</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/15/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The preliminary hearing for a Missouri man accused of murdering two brothers from Shawano County has been postponed. Garland Nelson was supposed to make the appearance in Caldwell County Court Thursday. Two counts of murder are among several charges he faces. Brothers Nick and Justin Diemel were reported missing July 21st.</p>

They had been visiting Nelson's farm to collect a 250-thousand dollar check connected to a livestock deal when authorities say he shot them to death.

A Wisconsin Policy Forum report shows state taxpayers are giving up significantly less of their personal income than they did 20 years ago. The improvement in the Badger State tax picture is one of the best in the country. Wisconsin still is the 19th-highest taxed state in the latest measure, but it was seventh in 1997. Taxes account for 10-point-three percent of Wisconsin personal incomes. Property taxes are the biggest chunk of that.

A Rice Lake police officer and his dog are expected to return to duty soon, after both had to be rushed to a hospital earlier this week.

					<p>Officer Josh Eckes and “Cuff” were accidentally exposed to fentanyl. They responded when a traffic stop turned into a drug bust. Some of the potent drug was spilled while he was downwind.</p> <p>A 50-million dollar grant from the US Department of Justice will help fund a strong police presence in Milwaukee for next summer’s Democratic National Convention. The force will effectively double to 4000 officers to keep the peace. Officers from 40 out of state departments will be included.</p>
Common council meeting in Rhinelander	News	11/18/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Tonight’s scheduled Common Council meeting in Rhinelander will again be a budget hearing for the public as several members won’t be in attendance, again forcing a cancellation due to the lack of a quorum. Council</p>

members George Kirby, Dawn Rog and Ryan Rossing will be absent. City Administrator Daniel Guild posted online he'll host a public meeting to walk residents through the proposed budget for fiscal year 2020. The council is scheduled to vote on it next week. The meeting is at six at city hall.

A 62-year old Rhinelander man died in a traffic crash in Minnesota. Samuel Hoffhein was killed Thursday when his semi truck left the road in Fergus Falls, and hit a power pole.

Work on Stevens Street in Rhinelander has been suspended for the season. Crews completed the final work to re-open the stretch through the city for the winter out to Hwy 17.

No updates this morning from Wausau Police, investigating reports of

					<p>gunshots on the city's southeast side Saturday night. Officers responded to the 900 block of Lake View Drive around 8:30 where residents confirmed hearing screaming and gunfire, but authorities couldn't locate anything. The incident remains under investigation.</p> <p>The Wisconsin State Patrol is looking to bolster its number of troopers. The agency is seeking more staff and is hosting a hiring event tonight at their post in Wausau. No law enforcement experience is required to apply. The State Patrol has been serving Wisconsin since 1939. They'll have several different units of the department attending to talk with people interested in joining.</p>
DNR reminds hunters of some rules for the deer hunt	News	11/18/19	1230p,530p	1:30	In advance of the nine day gun deer hunting season,

				<p>recreation law enforcement reminds hunters the most common complaint they investigate involve access to county land. The use of off road vehicles is restricted, yet the recreation deputy in Lincoln County routinely finds hunters travelling beyond the boundaries to get to their stands. The use of permanent stands on county land is prohibited, as are stands which cause tree damage, along with using spikes nailed into trees. Hunters are also reminded you cannot collect or cut fire wood on county lands without a permit. Sheriff Schneider also reminds those out in the woods to make sure smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are functioning in the hunting cabins.</p> <p>The Kohler Company says it</p>
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				<p>is moving 90 jobs in its engines division to a plant in Mississippi next year. The employees affected have been notified. The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development was told the layoffs will start in mid-January. Kohler says it is working to find the employees other positions inside the company, but the slowing economy means the number of available positions is smaller than the number lost. Recreation traffic on the Pinewood Trestle on the Bearskin Trail between Tomahawk and Minocqua has been rerouted. A recent inspection uncovered significant structural problems with the structure near the Pinewood Country Club in Harshaw, serious enough not to allow trail groomers to cross. A short detour has</p>
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					<p>been marked so snowmobilers still have access to the trail system. And in sports, the Bucks are in Chicago tonight.</p>
<p>Wausau police trying to figure out how a man died</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/19/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A rancher south of Hershey, Nebraska, found himself in the middle of a Missouri murder case with a Wisconsin tie. The Sheriff's office there reported the rancher found human remains in a stock trailer he recently purchased in Missouri. Nick and Justin Diemel of Shawano went missing in Missouri in July. They went to Garland Nelson's farm to collect a debt. One of their bodies was found 10 days later. Investigators say this is the other. The 25-year old Nelson faces two counts of first degree murder and several other charges. Investigators in Wausau are trying to figure out how a</p>

44-year old man died. The body was found Saturday on the 1900 block of Westwood Center Boulevard. Police say the death does not appear to be suspicious.

Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson's been asked to share his first hand knowledge with the House impeachment proceedings. The testimony resumes in Washington today but the Republican Johnson doubts he'll be called, saying Adam Schiff wouldn't want to be called by the Senate. He said, I'll supply my telling of the event, which is difficult to do in 8-to-10 minutes on a show like this.

The DNR is reminding deer hunters there are a number of sampling stations and options to drop off deer heads for Chronic Wasting Disease testing as the state

					<p>tries to get a handle on the fatal illness. Each location across the state has everything necessary to submit the sample. The agency notes it takes about two weeks for testing and the hunters will be notified.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders police to take part in honoring a police K-9</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/19/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A resolution approved last week by the Florence County board is on the way to Madison. The county made history by being the first in Wisconsin to become a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. The unanimous move is a push back to the red-flag legislation supported by Governor Tony Evers and other lawmakers. The measure would allow law enforcement to confiscate weapons from a person deemed dangerous. The designation allows citizens to follow the laws which are constitutional, given and set</p>

by the county.

A series of bills will be introduced next legislative session to address Wisconsin's teacher shortage. Republican State Representative Mary Felzkowski is behind the measures which would allow employees who are part of the Wisconsin Retirement System to re-enter the workforce after they leave it. Its aim is to keep high-quality educators available after they retire. Felzkowski, from Irma, says her approach won't solve the teacher shortage, but she calls it a step in the right direction. Right now, many school districts are having a difficult time finding licensed teachers.

Marathon County officials dealt with a high number of traffic accidents this

					<p>morning in the Rib Mountain area due to black ice on Hwy 51.</p> <p>Rhinelanders Police will take part in a ceremony tomorrow night, welcoming K9 officer Jason to the department. The dog, from Crossroads K9 Rescue was trained and named in remembrance of fallen Everest Metro Police Detective, Jason Weiland. His family, joined by the trainers will deliver K9 Jason to his new handler, officer Mark Raddatz. The ceremony takes place at six tomorrow night at City Hall.</p>
Rhinelanders meetings	News	11/20/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Five times this year the Rhinelanders Common Council had meetings cancelled for lack of a quorum, the latest just last week. Several of these have come as the group works through the annual budget. This Monday's</p>

				<p>meeting will also include the statutory required public hearing, with members potentially passing the budget, setting the tax levy and beginning to send bills to city residents. City Administrator Daniel Guild hoped to have copies available to the council today for review. Charged with two felonies, the man who led police on a high speed pursuit through Rhinelander got over five years' probation. 28 year old Travis Johnson of Menasha ended up crashing his vehicle into a building at Pioneer Park in September. He pleaded no contest.</p> <p>Six years ago per and polyflouroalkyl chemicals or PFAs were found in Rhinelander's water system. This year the city shut down well #7 which was still contaminated. Recent</p>
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					<p>tests showed virtually no chemicals and led to the belief the testing could be unreliable, especially since widespread testing is not yet available. In a letter to the city the DNR stated there's still a PFAs source impacting well #7 near the airport and while the levels are low, it's probably due to the well not being pumped and drawing in contamination. The agency noted there's no reason to question the accuracy of the sampling results, the lab or the test methods used. Manmade PFAs chemicals have been used for decades in many products from fast food wrappers and non-stick cookware to fire-fighting foam.</p>
<p>Person hurt in Marathon Co. accident</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/20/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>One person was hurt in a traffic crash in Marathon County early this morning.</p>

The sheriff's department reported a vehicle struck a school bus just after 7:00 on Hwy Y near County D in the Town of Norrie, east of Hatley. The car driver was taken to an area hospital for treatment. No one on the bus was injured.

The Merrill School board meets tonight to discuss the future of the Maple Grove Charter School. It started as a one room schoolhouse 115 years ago in Hamburg and now may have to consolidate into other schools in the district. The move is driven by falling enrollment and officials say it will give students there all the resources available to students in town. Parents are concerned about losing the unique educational opportunities of a smaller school

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources won't take over the job of tracking the extent of pollution from a plant which makes firefighting foam.

Johnson Controls International wanted the state agency to take over the job. Its Tyco Fire Products have been testing the foam in the Marinette area for decades. The foam is a known cause for sending PFAs chemicals in the ground. Those chemicals have been leaching into municipal water systems around the state, including Rhinelander, which shut down a city well this summer. Johnson Controls says the state is better able to get permission from landowners and government agencies to go on their land for testing. The D-N-R is rejecting the

					suggestion it should assume the task.
Rhinelanders Common Council meeting	News	11/21/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>An attempt to censure one of its members failed two weeks ago during a Rhinelanders Common Council meeting, partly because the body has no ethics code provision to deal with it. That begins to change during their next meeting Monday night as city attorney Steve Sorenson introduces a draft for an ethics board and revisions to the code. The council, in previous meetings directed administrators to review and develop the plans. Deep divisions within the council prompted the review and move to create the board.</p> <p>The US Department of Agriculture is investing \$635-million in 122 projects to improve water systems and</p>

wastewater handling services in rural communities in 42 states. Wisconsin is among them. The funds will replace old systems, upgrade aging facilities, boost efficiencies and address environmental hazards among other things. The majority of the state projects are downstate with the exception of Pence, in Iron County, where a \$240,000 loan and a \$398,000 grant will improve their sewage collection system. Yesterday we told you about discussions in the Merrill School District to consolidate the Maple Grove School into the city. Declining enrollments and losses in revenue are prompting those talks, but no action was taken by the school board last night. The small elementary school has about 85 students in the

					<p>school that's served this rural part of the district for more than a century. It's now a felony to trespass or damage oil or gas pipelines in Wisconsin. Governor Tony Evers signed the measure despite complaints from tribal nations, where many of these lines run.</p>
<p>Gun deer season opens in the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/21/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The nine day gun deer season opens this weekend and license sales are brisk according to the DNR. Crossbow license sales are already up 10% over last year while the number of kids under nine has increased by nearly 1400. State officials say the hunting tradition is alive and well and expect these next couple days to be busy at both the service centers and online. A 48-year-old Marathon County woman faces a felony charge of abusing</p>

an at-risk individual causing death. Mary Tessmer's 78-year-old mother died from a painkiller overdose and showed signs of extreme neglect. The autopsy of Mildred Costanza after her October 4th death found she weighed only 75 pounds and was severely emaciated. Tessmer says she didn't take her mother to see a doctor because the older woman didn't want to go.

After more than three years of work, testing is finished on four-thousand, 471 sexual assault evidence kits.

Attorney General Josh Kaul announced yesterday the testing resulted in a dozen criminal cases being filed so far. A one-point-eight-million dollar federal grant will fund an evidence kit tracking system for Wisconsin and support ongoing investigations.

				<p>He wasn't in the room, but U-S Senator Ron Johnson's name was mentioned nearly two dozen times during testimony at yesterday's impeachment hearings. U-S Ambassador Gordon Sondland told the panel he discussed his concerns with the Wisconsin Republican about "quid pro quo." The two spoke in late August. Johnson says his opinion of the hearings hasn't changed and he still believes there was no quid pro quo.</p>	
Rhinelanders City Hall raided	News	11/22/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Many unanswered questions this morning regarding the raid on Rhinelanders City Hall yesterday. Sheriff's deputies from several surrounding counties along with the Digital Forensics Division of the Wisconsin Department of Justice executed two state search warrants. At issue are the</p>

records and any documents pertaining to former Public Works Director Tim Kingman along with several other past employees dating back to January of 2017. Oneida County Chief Deputy Dan Hess declined to specifically name anyone involved but did confirm it does involve current city employees. An investigation surrounding the issue has been going on for months. Multiple offices were searched including the secure area in the basement where archived information is stored on computers. Personal vehicles were included. The warrants allege two felonies, tampering with public records and misconduct in office. No other information is available as the investigation continues. The Oneida County

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Rhineland city administrator named in search warrants	News	11/22/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Rhineland city administrator Daniel Guild was named in two search warrants for misconduct in office and tampering with records, executed Thursday at Rhineland City Hall. Sheriff's deputies from several surrounding counties along with the Digital Forensics Division of the Wisconsin Department of Justice executed two state search warrants. At issue are the records and any documents pertaining to former Public Works Director Tim Kingman along with several other past employees dating back to January of 2017. An investigation surrounding the issue has been going on for months. Multiple offices were searched including the secure area in the basement where archived information is stored on

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<p>Rhinelanders Common Council meets again</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/25/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Rhinelanders Common Council meets tonight and City Administrator Daniel Guild plans to attend. Friday he was named in two search warrants executed at city hall for files relating to fired Public Works Director Tim Kingman and several other former city employees and emails surrounding the walking quorum issue. While no charges have been filed as the investigation continues, the warrants suggest two crimes, tampering with public records and</p>

				<p>misconduct in office. City attorney Steve Sorenson has advised officials not to comment but that hasn't stopped several from taking to social media. Friday afternoon Alderperson Dawn Rog emailed, in light of these events, she wanted an agenda item added, in either closed or open session to discuss Guild's performance and evaluation. She was also critical of the short notice to receive the city budget just a few days ahead of tonight's meeting. Guild said he hadn't seen the request and the draft of the budget has been on the city's system for weeks. Alderman Lee Emmer made a similar request and also said Guild should not be allowed in the building or on any city computers. Guild said he hasn't been charged with anything and</p>
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					<p>has a job to do, admitting it's going to be tough because, quoting, they took all my stuff. The meetings at six at City Hall. Fire heavily damaged a home in the Town of Pelican Saturday night. Officials said the fire started in the attic, collapsing the roof at the home at 2578 Ryan Rapids Bluff. Eight departments were dispatched. No one was injured.</p>
<p>Several hunting shooting accidents on the first weekend of deer hunting</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/25/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>There were several hunting related shooting accidents reported over the opening weekend of the nine day hunt in Wisconsin, none of them serious. In Lincoln County, investigators got a call about 1:30 Saturday afternoon reporting a hunter was found not breathing by other members of his hunting party off Beaver Trail Road in the Town of Russell. First</p>

responders say 66-year old Charles Augustine of Rib Mountain died of natural causes. Officials say he was preparing to field dress a deer he shot that morning when he collapsed.

A 66-year-old former janitor at a charter school in Oneida County will spend 19 years in prison for sexually assaulting a fifth-grade student. An Oneida County jury found Stavros Iliopoulos guilty of child sexual assault, child enticement and false imprisonment last September. The 10-year-old girl says the man students knew as Mister Steve took her into a custodial closet and touched her inappropriately.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development finds a slowdown in state

					<p>job growth is no reason for concerns. The U-S Department of Labor reports growth of 93-hundred jobs in the Badger state when comparing 2019 to last year. That jobs number was 27-thousand. The state agency's chief economist, Dennis Winters, says a key reason for the slowdown is that Wisconsin's unemployment rate remains low at three-point-three percent. That means there aren't nearly as many people looking for a job. And the Wisconsin Badgers meet undefeated and high-scoring Richmond in the Legends Classic Tournament in Brooklyn tonight. Both teams are riding four game win streaks.</p>
Rhinelanders Common council passes budget	News	11/26/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	After numerous attempts, the Rhinelanders Common Council last night passed

the budget with an increase under 1%, but not without one sticking point that's been an issue previously. The room tax. The funds are administered by the Rhinelander Tourism and Marketing committee, which allocates 30% of the funds to the city. The budget however had a figure of 45%. Chamber Director Lauren Sackett addressed the group stating the figures are established through state statutes, city ordinance and contract. The budget passed with the understanding how the funds are allocated still need to be determined as Administrator Daniel Guild and City Attorney Steve Sorenson interpret the matter differently. Guild attended the meeting as county officials looking into allegations of tampering

with documents and misconduct in office. Mayor Chris Frederickson didn't comment directly saying he'll let due process play out. Council President George Kirby was blunt saying the way to handle what he called, "this mess" is to work together as a full council. That group will begin discussion about the investigation of Guild and possible suspension at the meeting next month.

The first significant storm of the season has its sights set on Northern Wisconsin as the national weather service has winter storm warnings that go into effect early tonight. Snow accumulations up to a foot are forecast north of a Merrill to Niagara line with 4-8 inches south and rain to the southeast. High winds gusting over 30 mph are expected to hamper things

					even more making holiday travel very difficult through much of tomorrow.
Attempts made at adding an item at Rhinelander Common council meeting	News	11/26/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Attempts were made to add an agenda item to last night's meeting of the Rhinelander Common Council dealing with City Administrator Daniel Guild, the subject of two search warrants executed at city hall last week and potentially two felony charges. Guild attended the meeting, presenting the budget to council members. Prior to the meeting, alderman Lee Emmer wanted to prohibit Guild from entering the building and council president George Kirby wanted an amendment suspending him added to the agenda but Mayor Chris Frederickson said that couldn't happen because it wasn't on the agenda in the first place. Kirby said

the matter is making the city look bad.

A hunter in Adams County came across human remains during Saturday's opening of the gun deer season. The Sheriff's office and state investigators say the location is a wooded area near 10th Avenue and Czech Avenue north of Friendship. Multiple agencies are involved in the case.

A Marathon County accident last night claimed a life. Sheriff's deputies reported the two vehicle crash along Hwy 29 near Abbotsford where one of the vehicles left the road and hit a house. No other information is available.

The Berner family in Antigo has owned and published the Antigo Daily Journal for over a century. It was sold this summer and editor Fred Berner was going to retire

					<p>Saturday after the latest edition rolled off the presses. The 71-year old Berner died at his desk yesterday morning prepping for the day before the rest of the staff arrived, which he did every day.</p>
<p>Travel slow through heavy snow in the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/27/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Travel is slow going this morning with more than 7-inches of wet, heavy snow. Roads are hazardous across the northern portion of the state and slowly improve as you move south of Merrill. Winter Storm Warnings are in effect until 6 tonight as we're expecting another five or so on average accompanied by gusty winds, making visibility difficult in open areas. Friday we told you Rhinelander was closing down another well in the city. Well 7 by the airport was shut down this summer. Yesterday, Mayor Chris Frederickson issued a</p>

				<p>statement saying he's been trying to get direction from any agency about the PFAs contamination is the system. He and other city staff researched as much as they could on their own and made the decision to shut down Well #8 temporarily until more research can be done. Monday he conferred with representatives of the DNR, Department of Health Services and county health department, who all supported the decision. Frederickson also said closing this well will not affect the city's water supply. Rhinelander will continue working with the DNR to look at potential new well sites if necessary. Life in prison, the sentence handed down to 45 year old Jason Sypher in Portage County court. The Plover man was charged with</p>
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					<p>killing his wife Krista in March of 2017 and hiding the body, which still hasn't been found.</p> <p>The shooting victim in a hunting accident will be okay and the DNR has identified the person responsible. The incident happened Sunday in Washburn County.</p>
<p>Heavy snow hits northern Wis.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/27/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>More than a foot of snow hit much of northern Wisconsin, keeping road crews busy. Winds gusting over 30 mph is making visibility quite poor, especially in open areas. At the height of the storm this morning Wisconsin Public Service reported nearly 20,000 without power. The wet, heavy snow isn't only hampering traffic, deer hunters find it difficult to maneuver as well. Health officials caution those in the woods</p>

not to overdo it as over-exertion can be deadly. Forecasters are watching another system that could hit the area again next week.

Wisconsin school districts budget for students who can't pay for their lunches and the tab can get pretty high at times. Broadcast reports in the Milwaukee area find a lot of money owed to a majority of districts. The bill in the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District is almost 134-thousand dollars. The West Allis-West Milwaukee School District is covering unpaid lunch debts of nearly 60-thousand. Menomonee Falls schools say private donors have covered the cost twice.

Marquette County prosecutors say 42-year-old Frances Rittman started the house fire which killed her

					<p>former boyfriend last April. Rittman's attorneys entered a not guilty plea on her behalf during a Tuesday court appearance. Forty-three-year-old Daniel Gilmartin had called a friend saying Rittman had tried to light his couch on fire in his garage. Firefighters were called to the Montello address later the same day to find the house engulfed in flames. Gilmartin's body was inside. Tickets for the Wild Card of Divisional Playoffs for the Packers go on sale December 5th.</p>
<p>People without power after the heavy snowstorm</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/28/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>As of early this morning, more than 18,000 customers of Wisconsin Public Service were without power from the season's first major storm. In some areas more than 13-inches of wet, heavy snow snapped branches and dropped trees on power lines. WPS</p>

has crews from across the state up north restoring service. City and county plows were already out by 2am getting to side streets and back roads. There are still slippery stretches on the major highways making for some difficult holiday travel in spots. More snow is in the forecast for the weekend. The city of Rhinelander authorized overnight parking from Sunday, December 1st to April 1st in the parking lot next to the Grey Wolf store on Stevens Street. It's intended for those using the safe ride home program and a way to keep vehicles off the streets for snow removal. The vehicles are required to be removed the following day.

A registered sex offender now faces federal charges for distributing child

					<p>pornography. 35-year old Justin Bula of Crandon was indicted, accused of the crime in April of last year along with possession this past March. Bula was convicted of possessing child porn in a Forest County case in 2015. If convicted he could spend up to 40 years in prison.</p> <p>A plea deal was reached yesterday for a Wausau teen, charged with sexual assault and child abuse. 19-year old Colton Bradberry pleaded no contest, dropping several other charges as part of the plea. He was sentenced to 12 years in prison in Marathon County Court.</p>
Rhinelanders City Council candidates	News	11/28/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Rhinelanders City Council has been under fire for a number of reasons this year and so far there are two candidates running for seats. Eileen Daniel is

				<p>seeking the District 7 position being vacated by current alderman Steve Sauer and District 1 has a contest, with incumbent and Council President George Kirby challenged by Thomas Barnett. In a statement yesterday, Barnett, much like Daniel, wants to begin a new era of cooperation and mutual respect among the body, both of which have been in short supply. He's been encouraged by the number of people attending meetings lately and voicing opinions and commenting on issues. Barnett is a downtown business owner, author, artist and coordinator of the Oneida County Fair. The council meets again Monday night for a budget hearing but the agenda, as of this writing, has yet to be posted. Several</p>
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alderpersons wanted items dealing with city administrator Daniel Guild, accused of document tampering and misconduct in office placed on that agenda.

Rhineland High School is a Wisconsin State Finalist in Samsung corporation's National STEM contest. Stem stands for science, technology, engineering and math, and science teacher Cheryl Esslinger's classes were chosen for a project based on the city's water problem. Two wells have been shut down due to PFAs contamination and her students are designing plans for a portable, inexpensive water filter to help handle the contamination. They're also discouraging the use of plastic water bottles because of the

					environmental impact. Winning the contest comes with a \$100,000 prize for technology in her classroom.
Power crews from across the state assisting in getting power restored after getting hit with a winter storm	News	11/29/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	Power crews from across the state have been assisting Wisconsin Public Service restore power to customers following Tuesday's winter storm. As of early this morning more than 3000 were in the dark but that's only 10% of the overall total. Crews have been fighting unplowed backroads and ice laden and sagging lines that have been slowing progress yet estimates show service being restored for the most part by today. Three Lakes Police Chief Scott Lea noted for area residents without power, the fire department and Three Lakes High School have been established as warming centers. Residents

are asked to contact the PD for appointments.

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<p>Another winter storm setting in for the weekend</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/29/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>As crews from Wisconsin Public Service and other utilities from across the state finish up restoring power after Tuesday's winter storm, another system is setting up for the weekend. At the height of the outages more than 30,000 customers were in the dark across much of northern and central Wisconsin. The remaining locations should</p>

be back up tonight. Now, forecasters are watching another storm coming in and have already posted winter storm warnings for much of the western half of the state and watches for much of our listening area. Anywhere from 6 to 13 inches is likely along with freezing rain.

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Interview	In studio	11/19/19	7:40am	3 min.	Talked to Kim Swisher from the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign kickoff

Quarterly Issues/Programs List

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<p>Winter storm knocks out power to part of the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/2/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Nearly 8000 customers of Wisconsin Public Service are without power, the majority in the northeast corner of the state down to Green Bay and the Fox Valley. At the height of the storm nearly 30,000 were out of service. Crews are again on overtime mopping up after another major storm dumped a layer of ice before the snow over the weekend. In the Rhinelander area about 8-1/2 inches fell, but forecasters said it could have been closer to a foot had it not started as freezing rain and sleet. Washburn in Ashland County tallied 31 inches,</p>

bolstered by a strong lake effect. Ashland was buried beneath 18-inches, Phillips picked up over a foot, just under 8" in Wausau, 3-inches in Marshfield. The weather gets back to normal the remainder of the week.

The snow is blamed as the cause of a fatal crash in Langlade County Saturday. Several people were hurt when a southbound vehicle on Hwy 45 north of Elcho lost control, crashing into an oncoming SUV. Two children were critically injured and a 4-year old was pronounced dead at the scene.

If you're looking to make some donations to offset taxes, now is the time to do it. IRS Spokesman Christopher Miller says you should be sure to keep a record of what's been

					<p>given. For larger donations you should get a confirmation from the charity. Miller says they've been seeing many people forgo the itemized deductions for charity, simply because the standard deduction is now much larger for most people.</p>
<p>Gray wolves becoming a nuisance</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/2/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>There are an estimated 900 gray wolves living in Wisconsin, protected by the federal Endangered Species Act. The conservation success story has created a major nuisance for hunters, farmers and pet owners in northern parts of the state. The law makes it illegal to hunt or harm species on the list. Taxpayers are being hurt as well. The Wisconsin Department of Natural</p>

Resources has paid out more than two-and-a-half million dollars to cover damages caused by the wolves. The U-S Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed lifting the protections for the wolves this year.

More overnights are planned as service crews work to reconnect several thousand customers still without power from the past weekend snowstorm. The heavy layer of ice caused the most problems. The most affected areas include the northeast corner of the state down to the Fox Valley.

The Dane County Sheriff's Office reports a missing elderly couple, the subjects of a statewide Silver Alert, were found in their car Saturday morning. Deputies say 87-year-old Donald Soper was

					<p>dead and his wife was in critical condition. The vehicle was found along a county route in a rural area near Mount Horeb. Eighty-seven-year-old Colleen Sopey died later at a hospital. The Sopers were last seen leaving a family gathering Thanksgiving Day in Black Earth. They were headed home to the village of Cross Plains. The Milwaukee Bucks go for their 13th straight tonight when they host the Knicks. And the Badgers 38-17 win over Minnesota Saturday was the Gopher's first home loss in 65 years.</p>
Snowmobile trails not open	News	12/3/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>While there's obviously plenty of snow across the north, snowmobilers are reminded the state, county and local trails are not yet open. The wet, heavy snow brought trees down across many routes and are being removed and swampy</p>

areas are being insulated by the deep blanket of snow and remain slushy and unsafe. In central Wisconsin, club members say there's little frost depth and no base on which to groom trails, saying running now would just turn things to mud. Area clubs are out working on these areas and remind people the trails typically don't open until mid-December and advise keeping an eye online for when that will happen. The snow was also a contributor to a smaller deer harvest this season. Preliminary numbers for the nine-day gun hunting season show a 27% reduction over last year. The DNR reports 90,286 deer were registered. In 2018 that number was over 123,000. Oneida county totals were off 39%, Vilas down 41, Lincoln 48,

					<p>Langlade 45 and Forest 47%.</p> <p>58-year old Ken Juedes was found dead in his home in the Marathon County Town of Hill in 2006, killed by two shotgun blasts. Now, 13 years later, his wife faces murder charges. Cindy Schulz-Juedes is jailed on a one million dollar bond. Investigators say she had the motive, means and opportunity to carry out the crime. Mostly due to a nearly million dollar life insurance policy and more than \$200,000 worth of property. Marathon County Court records show Schulz-Juedes will be charged with first-degree-intentional homicide</p>
<p>Waupaca man convicted on sexual assault</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/3/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Waupaca man with previous sexual assault convictions in Lincoln and Marathon counties is the first case to net a conviction and prison</p>

				<p>sentence due to the testing of backlogged sexual assault kits. 51 year old Leroy Whittenberger got 25 years followed by 15 years of extended supervision, found guilty of assaulting a teen in New London in 2012. The victim's sexual assault kit went untested for years because of a backlog at the state crime lab.</p> <p>Authorities and Waukesha School District officials say a 17-year-old student who pointed a gun at police was the only person injured yesterday during a pair of incidents. That student is expected to survive after an officer wounded him. Waukesha South High School was locked down at about 10:00 A-M and, three hours later, Waukesha North High School was locked down because another student reportedly had a gun. The gun proved to be</p>
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a fake, no one was hurt and the 15-year-old suspect was arrested at his home. Congressman Mark Pocan predicts there is a 70-to-80 percent chance the House of Representatives will vote on impeachment before the end of the year. The Wisconsin Democrat maintains there is “no doubt” about President Trump’s intentions in his dealings with Ukraine. Pocan says it is “crystal clear” Trump was holding back funding until an investigation of Joe Biden was at least announced. Former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker has compared the impeachment proceedings to the 2012 effort to recall him. Pocan rejects that, pointing out that Walker never broke the law.

Rhinelanders city council debating issues

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Last December, Rhinelanders’s City Council

				<p>had a lengthy discussion whether or not to abolish its committee structure, except for those required and hold two meetings per month in a one year trial. The main criticism of the committees was the fact matters were handled and ultimately recommended for a vote by only three or four members and department heads noted projects slowed when having to go before members multiple times before getting to the council. Supported by then new administrator Daniel Guild, it passed 6-0 with one member absent. Fast forward to this month and its obvious there's discontent amongst council members and not having committees is one of many reasons. That may change Monday as council president George Kirby will</p>
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introduce a resolution to reinstate all standing and special committees as of January first. Rhinelander's city code utilizes the committee structure for council meetings and the day-to-day operations. In his resolution, Kirby notes the council was not fully informed of the budget process for next year because of the lack of a finance committee. As an example, the current rift between the city and Chamber of Commerce over the use of room tax funds, where a higher percentage for those funds was in the budget without any approval. And despite passing the document that issue still remains open. Last year the Department of Health Services tried five times to place convicted sex offender Jeffrey Levasseur in Forest County.

					Community members stopped those attempts. Now, having served his sentence and treatment, he's being placed in Antigo.
Oshkosh police officer and student at school are going to be fine after shooting	News	12/4/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Oshkosh police say a school resource officer and the student he shot yesterday are expected to survive their injuries. The Tuesday incident at Oshkosh West High School was the third involving a weapon at a Wisconsin school in the last two days. The S-R-O says the 16-year-old entered his office, produced what is being called an edged weapon and stabbed the officer. He shot the student once. The Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigation is handling the case.</p> <p>Attorney General Josh Kaul is urging the chairman of the Assembly Health</p>

Committee to hold a hearing on a bill designed to prevent big backlogs of rape kits. The legislation would set new timelines and protocols for nurses, victims and law enforcement. It reportedly has bipartisan support and has already made it through the Wisconsin Senate. State Representative Joe Sanfelippo has said he will hold the hearing and he expects the bill to pass next session.

Former Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker says he's not going to return to politics for at least five years – but he won't rule out anything after that. Walker commented about his political future during a Tuesday event at the Milwaukee Press Club. He says he is committed to serving as president of the

				<p>Young America's Foundation through 2024. Walker had been in elected office for 26 years before Governor Tony Evers defeated him last year. He says he hopes his former lieutenant governor, Rebecca Kleefisch, runs for Wisconsin governor in 2022, saying she would be a "great governor."</p>
<p>Former area man guilty of child sexual assault</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/5/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>27-year old Brandon Darnick, formerly from Arbor Vitae and now living in Eau Claire is guilty of first degree sexual assault of a child. That decision reached yesterday in Oneida County Court. The complaint was filed last year after Darnick was accused of having sexual contact with a young child nearly six years ago. This was one of the first cases tried as the state testing of rape kits was completed after years of being backed</p>

up. Sentencing has yet to be set.

A Tomahawk woman was sentenced to prison Tuesday in federal court for her part in a methamphetamine drug operation that ran for years. 64-year old Becky Peterson will serve 5-1/2 years for conspiracy charges to distribute more than 50 grams of the drug from a farm in Ashland County.

Meeting in closed session last night, members of the Merrill School District's Finance and Human Resources Committee weighed options for the future of the Maple Grove Charter School. The district, for budgetary reasons, wants to consolidate the students there into the city, a move protested by parents in the rural part of

					<p>the county. While no decisions were reached, the full board will meet the 18th, again in closed session, with attorneys to review those options.</p> <p>Working to spread some holiday cheer, Rhinelander High School's FBLA/DECA students are spending time with the district's grade schoolers, helping to write their letters to Santa. The business-oriented organizations take this opportunity to mentor, bond and build relationships with kids of all ages at all five elementary facilities.</p>
Rhinelander's new sports complex benefits from a financial donation	News	12/5/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Rhinelander's new Hodag Sports Complex will benefit from a donation of \$100,000. The Hodag Schools Foundation announced this morning the pledge coming from Peoples State Bank.</p>

				<p>Northern Market President Craig Lau said aside from the obvious benefits for athletes in spring sports the multi-purpose complex will be viewed by neighboring communities as an excellent cooperative venture, not only raising the bar for Rhinelander athletics but also impacting the economy for decades to come. He said Peoples remains committed to the communities they serve and that this year alone they provided 20 hours of volunteer time off for every employee to use during the workday to give back to their communities.</p> <p>People living in Antigo don't want a man labeled as a sexually violent person living in their community. More than five-hundred have signed an online petition objecting to the placement of convicted child sex</p>
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					<p>offender Jeffrey Levasseur there. The 53-year-old Levasseur was found guilty twice, in 1992 and 1999. He was committed as a sexually violent person in 2008 and was placed in Crandon last year, despite objections raised there. Governor Tony Evers still supports the idea of passing new gun control laws, but recent incidents at eight Wisconsin high schools won't make him pressure lawmakers. Evers called a special session on gun control earlier this year and the Assembly and Senate were in only in session for seconds. Evers wants to focus on the common ground he can find with Republicans and turn their attention to mental health services.</p>
<p>A Milwaukee man is in Marathon Co. jail facing numerous charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/6/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Milwaukee man is in the Marathon County Jail facing numerous charges</p>

including two felonies following a shooting incident earlier this week in Wausau. 22-year old Jemetrius Farmer is held on a \$50,000 cash bond following a confrontation at an apartment on S. 25th street early Tuesday morning. Investigators say Farmer fired a weapon several times at two people. The shots were heard by a neighbor who called police. The gun was found in a snowbank. Among the charges, first degree recklessly endangering safety and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He's back in court the 16th.

Ascension Wisconsin Spirit Medical Transport Services and the Central Wisconsin Airport have broken ground on a new hanger project. The 18,000 square foot

facility will house the Spirit 1 helicopter and crew along with maintenance and storage space, office and a fixed-wing aircraft and ground ambulances if that's necessary.

Construction is expected to be complete by next August.

A new rule from the US Department of Agriculture includes a work requirement for able-bodied adults without dependents to qualify for food stamps. That could potentially affect tens of thousands of people in Wisconsin. Other changes could affect students losing reduced school lunches.

Fifteen high schools around the state are requesting non-football conference realignment for next year's sports season. Ashland and

					<p>White Lake among them. Formal requests were made to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association, whose conference realignment task force will review, prioritize and begin preliminary solutions next week. Final recommendations go to the WIAA board in March.</p>
<p>New Berlin officers called to school</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/6/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>New Berlin police were called Wednesday after the discovery that two middle school students had brought B-B guns to school. No injuries were reported. Another student informed teachers about the guns and the students were quickly rounded up. The incident was just the latest in a series of weapon-related cases in several Wisconsin schools this week. It isn't clear if the two students involved will be disciplined by the school</p>

				<p>district – or, face any criminal charges.</p> <p>This morning, classes were cancelled in Nekoosa because of an overnight threat. About 6:30 this morning school officials were notified of a non-specific threat that may involve students. No other information was readily available. Attempted homicide charges have been filed against the 16-year-old student at an Oshkosh high school accused of stabbing a school resource officer. The teenager was arrested Thursday and is being held in the Winnebago County Jail. Sheriff John F. Matz has asked the media not to make a formal inquiry for his name and picture, saying he doesn't want the actions to be glamorized. The officer is expected to recover.</p>
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					<p>The Wisconsin National Guard's top commander will be briefed Saturday about the details of a seven-month review of the way the Guard handles sexual assault cases. Major General Donald Dunbar will be meeting with officials from the National Guard Bureau's Office of Complex Investigations. Guard members have alleged harassment, assault and retaliation after they reported incidents. There were more than 50 reports of sexual assault between 2013 and 2017 in Wisconsin.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders City council to meet tonight</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/9/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Several familiar items will greet members of the Rhinelanders City Council at their meeting tonight. Among them, ordinances regulation procedures, creation of an ethics board and reviewing the code of ethics, updates on the water situation and two</p>

opposing resolutions, one by alderman Steve Sauer in support of continuing the abolishment of the city's standing and special committees, a move approved a year ago on a trial basis. Council President Georg Kirby's resolution is just the opposite, looking for approval to reinstate the previous committees. The group will again meet in closed session to consider disciplinary action against City Administrator Daniel Guild. Guild has been implicated in an ongoing investigation regarding tampering with public records and misconduct in office.

The northern half of the state is under a winter weather advisory through 6:00 tonight as this morning's freezing drizzle will change over to all snow later, bringing around 4-to-6

					<p>inches. With temperatures already below freezing, roads are slick this morning with law enforcement again advising caution while driving. Wind chills the next several days will be well below zero before the system moves out. Ashland, Bayfield, Douglas and Iron counties have winter storm warnings in effect until six for as much as 11 inches of new snow, combined with the strong winds. Iron County snowmobile trails are now open, the only ones across the North and officials caution venturing onto lakes and rivers as the ice is nowhere near safe. Club officials look for a December 15th opening for other trails.</p>
<p>A busy weekend for Lincoln Co. law enforcement</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/9/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner says the whistleblower in the impeachment effort against the president</p>

				<p>should appear at a hearing and testify in public. The Wisconsin Republican says he'd like to hear some facts – “not hearsay, but facts.” He has asked for a minority day in the House impeachment hearings. He says House rules allow such a day where Republicans could call their own witnesses to counter the testimony offered so far. First on his list of potential witnesses would be the whistleblower, who is officially unnamed.</p> <p>A busy weekend for the Lincoln County Sheriff's department with a 32-year old Wausau woman arrested Saturday night following a crash just before 5:00 on Hwy K near Country Q in the Town of Scott. She was cited for possessing drug paraphernalia and failure to control the vehicle. A 27-year old</p>
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Hazelhurst man got an OWI and arrested for bail jumping when he ran his vehicle in the ditch on Hwy J early Sunday morning. A 53-year old Nekoosa man was arrested on a disorderly conduct charge Sunday while a 35-year old Green Bay man was arrested Sunday night on drug charges and a 3rd OWI offense.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources revealed its three-year fish stocking plan for Lake Michigan. State scientists will make substantial increases in the number of salmon and trout in the lake. Four-hundred-thousand Chinook salmon and 450-thousand brown trout will be added each year. Thousands of Coho salmon and steelhead trout will also be added – and brook trout will be re-

					introduced in the lake.
Rhinelanders City Council votes on issues	News	12/10/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Rhinelanders' city council will retain its status as a committee of the whole and its City Administrator. With Mayor Chris Frederickson breaking the expected 4-4 tie vote, the council will continue operating without a formal committee structure until at least the April election. Supporters maintain the method keeps the public better informed and engaged when matters begin and end with the council. Near the end of the meeting on the agenda was a closed session item dealing with Administrator Daniel Guild, specifically to consider discipline over the ongoing investigation of document tampering and misconduct in office. Those accusations come from the Oneida County Sheriff's Department, as Guild has</p>

				<p>not been charged. Before things got going Alderman David Holt moved to close the meeting despite two minor items remaining on the agenda. Alderman Lee Emmer moved to suspend Guild with pay which immediately drew a lengthy explanation from City Attorney Steve Sorenson who said unless the council has something new on which to act, they could not discipline nor suspend him based on his thorough review of the findings first by the council and then by the sheriff's office. Council President George Kirby said he sounded more like a defense attorney. Sorensen said they could consider administrative leave, but again the council would have to determine if Guild, for whatever reasons, could not continue performing the duties of his job.</p>
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					Alderman Emmer paraphrased Sorenson's position saying because he was investigated, he can continue doing what he's allegedly doing, which drew an angry response from Sorenson.
Seven month investigation leads to resignation of state national guard general	News	12/10/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Results of seven-month investigation lead to the resignation of Wisconsin National Guard General Donald Dunbar. Governor Tony Evers asked Dunbar to step down. The Guard has been accused of mishandling multiple sexual assault complaints under his leadership. The team of federal investigators canvassed 16-hundred personnel, conducted 78 in-depth interviews, reviewed more than 11-hundred documents and made in-person visits to 10 Wisconsin military sites. A whistleblower wrote a letter to U-S Senator Tammy

Baldwin earlier this year, alleging two decades of mishandled sexual assault cases at Truax Field he had seen or heard about. The 18-year-old student at Waukesha South High School, who was shot last week when he pointed a pellet gun at another student's head, says he did it because he was "tired of being picked on." A Waukesha police officer shot Tyrone Smith when he pointed the weapon at officers. Smith was charged during a Monday court appearance with second-degree recklessly endangering safety and several other crimes. He made an appearance in Waukesha County Circuit Court three days after he was released from a hospital. Security will be ramped up at Marshfield High school in

					<p>the wake of a bomb threat. According to an online post by the Marshfield PD, the school district was made aware of the threat yesterday. It was written on bathroom stalls at the school and mentions December 18th. No other information is available as the district and police continue their investigation. They do say however they are not aware of any immediate threats at the high school.</p>
<p>Issues of files taken from Rhinelander City Hall</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/11/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Issues surrounding missing personnel files within Rhinelander's City Hall took another turn yesterday. While the city and county both have ongoing investigations on several fronts, a recording of a closed meeting of the council from September was leaked to a Wausau publication and shared in social media and television</p>

news. Investigators told us it hampers their investigations. In it, council president George Kirby admits to having files pertaining to the employment and subsequent firing of public works director Tim Kingman. He said he and then city attorney Carrie Miljevich were handling all the complaints against him. City Administrator Daniel Guild, the subject of one of the investigations, advised Kirby to seek legal advice. The report yesterday also identifies another investigation implicating Kingman and other employees in a cover-up over illegal dumping. Wisconsin Wins is a state-wide program designed to decrease youth access to tobacco and nicotine products. The Department of Health conducts random

					<p>compliance checks of retailers to make sure the law is being followed. A local retailer informed us about an attempted purchase at their store of vaping products, held onto the ID of the seemingly underage girls. The pair left, returning with an agent of the Food and Drug Administration. No sale was made and the business owner acted responsibly. In fact, across Oneida County only two illegal sales were noted, resulting in 95% compliance. Over last year Lincoln, Price and Vilas counties saw reductions as well. Things did not go well in Forest, Florence and Marinette counties where illegal purchases continue to be high.</p>
Wis. Wakes up to bitterly cold temps	News	12/11/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Wisconsin woke up this morning to the weather just as cold as promised. Wind chills dropped to 35+ below

				<p>zero earlier but the winds are tapering off but the frigid conditions will still be here. Wind chill advisories expired at noon today. On the bright side more comfortable winter like temperatures are forecast into the weekend.</p> <p>As the embattled city council of Rhinelander grapples with a number of issues, some of them bordering on criminal activity, a number of candidates are lining up for a run this spring. Previously announced are Eileen Daniels who's seeking the seat to be vacated by Alderman Steve Sauer in District 7 and Thomas Barnett looking to unseat council president George Kirby in District 1. Bill Freudenberg, a former member has filed to run but hasn't turned in nomination papers yet. He plans to join</p>
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Daniels in the District 7 race. And a former candidate, Carrie Mikalauski announced during Monday's city council meeting she's running again in District 3. A bipartisan bill will be introduced next legislative session making it a crime in Wisconsin to hit, shove, kick or intimidate a sports official. The Democratic sponsor is State Representative Don Vruwink, who often serves as an umpire. The bill is aimed at stopping upset coaches, players and fans from following the umpire or referee out into the parking lot for a confrontation. Vruwink says his son gave up officiating after an incident following a softball game the two had worked for 12-year-old girls. The Republican co-sponsor is State

					Representative Todd Novak.
Legal issues facing Rhinelander continue to grow	News	12/12/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>The spiral of legal issues surrounding the city of Rhinelander keeps getting bigger. As investigations and allegations continue to spread around missing personnel files and alleged criminal activity, the lawsuits are increasing as well. Fired Public Works Director Tim Kingman already has an age discrimination suit pending and now court records show a follow-up suit specifically against Mayor Chris Frederickson, Administrator Daniel Guild, and aldermen Ryan Rossing, David Holt, Andrew Larson and Steve Sauer alleging his freedom of speech was violated. The 25-page document shows Kingman was retaliated against for bringing a no confidence vote to the city council against Guild back</p>

				<p>in March. He's seeking back pay and benefits plus punitive damages and requests a trial by jury. Guild said the statements made in the filing are totally inaccurate. Meanwhile there's another court case, The Lakeland Times through editor Heather Holmes back in July filed suit in the so-called Walking Quorum case against the city and the aldermen mentioned earlier. The city filed a motion to dismiss the case based on the fact there was no actual quorum when the members drafted a letter critical of board president George Kirby. On Monday, the paper filed a motion in opposition to the dismissal, basing it proving they were not engaged in governmental business. Recently council members have been complaining</p>
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					<p>about the legal fees already amassed in the investigations and litigation. Add to that, an amendment to Mr. Guild's contract states, in the event of litigation against him, the city will pick up the costs.</p>
<p>Financial donation to the new Rhinelander sports complex</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/12/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Assembly Representative Katrina Shankland says the state needs to take more action against the growing levels of per/fluoro/octonic acids or PFAs. Yesterday the Stevens Point Democrat spoke about regulating the firefighting foams that contain PFAs as a beginning measure to help tackle the issue. The man-made chemicals are found in dozens of everyday household items that can cause health problems. Back in August Governor Tony Evers directed the DNR to address the issue. The department is working with the city of Rhinelander</p>

which has already closed down two wells because of the contamination.

Saying sports and recreation is not only about winning, it's about helping build stronger, healthier, happier and safer communities, the owner of the Rhinelander Auto Center pledged \$100,000 to the new Hodag multi-purpose complex at the high school. Dan Towne, a Rhinelander native started as a salesman 19 years ago, working his way up to management and finally ownership. He says the company is committed to the area. The announcement came this morning from the Hodag Schools Foundation.

The Vilas County Economic Development Corporation has new leadership. Milwaukee native Kathy

					<p>Schmitz was named executive director, replacing the retiring Robert Egan who steps down at the end of the month. The board noted she comes with a proven track record in growing and promoting non-profit organizations.</p> <p>The Town of Boulder Junction is behind an additional 3.3 miles of paved trail, completing the 14-mile North Creek Loop Trail. Grants and fund raising will further enhance the system used by bikers, walkers, runners and hikers.</p>
State politicians debate	News	12/13/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>The debate last night between 7th congressional district candidates state senator Tom Tiffany and combat veteran Jason Church centered on the economy, education, health care, abortion, and national defense. Church emphasized throughout the</p>

night that he “has been with President Trump since day one,” saying he had never wavered in support of the president since Trump first announced his candidacy. Tiffany often fell back on his history in the Madison legislature, where he served in the Assembly between 2010 and 2012 before being elected to the state senate where he has served ever since. Similar themes in both candidates’ responses included increasing transparency in health care, support for pro-life causes and the overthrow of Roe v. Wade, and reducing federal control of K-12 education—including Tiffany questioning a need for the federal Department of Education.

There are no classes today at Ben Franklin Junior High School in Stevens Point after

					<p>a second threat of violence was discovered. Officials found the first yesterday morning in a restroom. As locker checks and facility inspections continued, the second threat, specific to today, was discovered last night in a girls restroom stall. Again, the threat was specific and referenced the earlier note. All activities have been cancelled as well.</p> <p>Snowfall amounts were widely varied from yet another early season storm yesterday. Amounts ranged from nearly 6" in Wausau to 3-1/2 in Rhinelander. And as typical law enforcement dealt with a number of weather-related accidents with one tying up traffic on Hwy 29 West in Wausau last night.</p>
<p>Park Falls looking to upgrade the downtown area</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/13/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A report from Wisconsin Policy Forum gives ammunition to those saying</p>

more police officers are needed. While violent crime is down nationwide, it is increasing in the Badger State – at the same time, the number of police officers in Wisconsin's largest cities has declined. While law enforcement officials call for more officers, cities are struggling with how to cover the cost. The nationwide decrease in the number of police is about the same as it is in this state, but the resulting violent crime numbers are dramatically different.

U-S Senator Ron Johnson is one of the authors of new legislation which would let a federal agency warn companies they might be attacked online. The Wisconsin Republican is working with New Hampshire Democrat Maggie Hassan on the

bill. It would let the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency subpoena companies that might face pending attacks. Johnson says this would help the companies take defensive action even before they are victimized.

Park Falls has big plans for its downtown area, including relocating businesses, buying blighted properties, moving its City Hall, and developing a new "City Center" park. The Park Falls Common Council was presented with a one-and-a-half-million dollar plan Monday. Part of the deal is Forward Bank building a new multi-million dollar facility. City Hall would be relocated into the former bank building. Public and private investment in the total revitalization project could

					<p>exceed four-million dollars.</p> <p>And the Packers can knock the Bears out of the Playoffs with a win Sunday at Lambeau.</p>
<p>Foxcon will need to renegotiate it's deal with the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/16/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A governor's spokesperson says Foxconn will need to renegotiate its deal with the state of Wisconsin. Apparently, the Taiwan-based electronics giant won't qualify for billions in tax credits under the terms of the original deal. Foxconn responded by saying the current situation would leave job creators wondering if the Evers administration is welcoming to new businesses. Foxconn originally promised 13-thousand jobs for its new location in southwestern Wisconsin. Since then, it has scaled-back plans for the project.</p> <p>A judge is ordering Wisconsin elections officials to purge the state's voter rolls. Ozaukee County Circuit Judge Paul Malloy on Friday ordered the state Elections Commission to remove some 234-thousand people from voter rolls because they may have moved. The Commission sent letters in October, asking the voters to</p>

					<p>update their registrations if they had moved, or to confirm if they were still at their same address. Three voters sued the with help from the conservative Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty. They argue officials were required to remove voters from the rolls 30 days after sending the letters if they hadn't heard back, and asked Malloy to issue an injunction to require a purge of the rolls.</p> <p>A former Twin Cities coin dealer will spend four-and-a-half years in prison for conducting a Ponzi scheme which targeted elderly victims in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Prosecutors say 42-year-old Jamie Smith of Baldwin stole more than one-million dollars from his customers.</p>
Millions of dollars being spent in the southern part of the state to battle the opioid crises	News	12/16/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>More than two-million dollars in federal funding is coming to southeastern Wisconsin to help officials deal with the opioid crisis. The money is part of a 333-million-dollar U-S Department of Justice nationwide program. In Milwaukee, Waukesha and Washington counties, it will be</p>

used to help public safety and public health professionals combat substance abuse and respond effectively to overdoses. The money will help different agencies coordinator their efforts and expand services for youths who are impacted.

There has been no change since the last Marquette Law School Poll. A majority of Wisconsin registered voters say they don't want to see President Trump impeached. Fifty-two percent of them oppose the proceedings which are wrapping up today (Friday) in the U-S House while 40 percent want the president removed from office. When you ask Republican voters, the percentage jumps to 94 percent. Eighty percent of Democrats favor impeachment and independent voters are split, though more than half are against impeaching Trump.

					<p>Dozens of exhibitors have signed up for the Wisconsin Cannabis Expo set for next February in downtown Milwaukee. Guests will have to be 18 years old to enter the Wisconsin Center. Ticket-buyers will be able to sample and purchase products and learn about the cannabis industry, including growing, processing dispensing, and investing. The February 8th event will run from 11:00 A-M to 4:00 P-M, with several presentations offered about cannabis, C-B-D and the hemp industry.</p>
<p>Madison fire dept. changes it's foam for fighting fires</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/17/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Madison Fire Department has replaced the firefighting foam it uses with products which are PFAS-free. (PEE foss) The so-called "forever chemicals" have been linked to health issues like birth defects, thyroid issues and cancer. They have contaminated wells, groundwater and other waterways in the Madison</p>

area. The change became official last Friday after all of the old foam was pumped out of each fire truck in the department fleet and replaced.

Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers is calling on members of the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee to meet Thursday to approve funding for efforts to help the homeless. Evers sent a letter making the request Monday, but no official response has come from Republicans who control the committee. Pointing to snow and cold weather, Evers says there is a "real need" for the funding. Assembly Republicans have been in favor of such efforts in the past, but Republicans in the Senate haven't responded.

If it seemed like a lot of precipitation was falling this year – you're right. Weather records go back to 1895 and 2019 has been the wettest

					<p>year ever. That's true for Wisconsin and the nine Midwestern states. More than 43 inches of precipitation was recorded through November. That tops the 26-year-old record by two inches even before December is added to the total. Meteorologists point out that the amount of rain and snow falling this year has been about 25 percent above normal.</p>
<p>Salvation Army red kettle campaign goals are not being met</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/17/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>With about a week to go before Christmas, the Salvation Army in Rhinelander and Minocqua are reporting donations far below the goals set for the season. As of this past Saturday, donations were less than half of the goal of forty-thousand dollars in Minocqua, and fifty-five-thousand in Rhinelander. There is still a need for bell</p>

ringers up until Christmas Eve. If you would like to ring the bell for a ninety minute shift, go online at register-to-ring-dot-com.

A federal judge has sentenced a 54-year-old Spring Grove man to three years in prison for embezzling one-million dollars from two companies. Curtis Tarver served as the chief financial officer for the companies in Cassville, Wisconsin and Kentucky. He took the money while he had access to their financial accounts over a 12-year period. Federal prosecutors say he used the money he took to “live a lifestyle well beyond his means.” He was caught by one of the business owners last year.

A Kenosha County judge has refused to lower the bond for a man accused of making thousands of illegal vaping

					<p>cartridges filled with T-H-C. Tyler Huffines has been held on a half-million-dollar bond since he was arrested in early September. He's charged with maintaining a drug-trafficking house and three counts of possession of T-H-C with intent to deliver. His brother, Jacob, and his mother, Courtney Huffines, were also arrested. The mother bonded out.</p>
<p>State hope voter purge does not happen</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/18/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Department of Justice is hoping an appeals court will put a court-ordered voter purge on hold. Ozaukee County Circuit Judge Paul Malloy entered his order to purge 234-thousand names from the voter rolls Tuesday. The appeal was filed immediately. The case is expected to go all the way to the Wisconsin Supreme Court – which is controlled by conservatives by a margin of five-to-two. The Democratic Party is working furiously to help voters on the list to make sure they can cast ballots in the future.</p> <p>A one-point-four-trillion dollar</p>

					<p>spending bill which just cleared the U-S House of Representatives includes 320-million for cleaning up the Great Lakes. The legislation goes to the U-S Senate next. The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative would deal with long-term environmental problems like pollution in harbors and river mouths. The initiative was started in 2010 and has received about 300-million dollars in federal funding for each of the last nine years.</p> <p>A 29-year-old man accused of making bomb threats in the Fox Cities area has entered a plea of not guilty. Joshua Cheek is also accused of phoning in a bomb threat to the White House. A February trial was scheduled for Cheek during a Monday court appearance. He faces five counts of making bomb threats in calls to Menasha High School, a store in Menasha, and a manufacturing plant. No devices were found. Cheek has a record that includes convictions of similar charges in Winnebago and Dane counties.</p>
Area snowmobile trails to open soon	News	12/18/19	1230p,530p	1:30	Snowmobile enthusiasts will be able to enjoy the trails in Oneida and Vilas counties soon. The Oneida County Forestry, Land

and Recreation Department reports that with two exceptions, funded trail systems will be ready for riders this Friday beginning at 8 am. The Hodag Sno-Trails in the McNaughton area, and select trails in the Three Lakes area will remain closed for the time being. All lake trails in Oneida County will also remain closed. Officials remind riders to check with their local snowmobile clubs or go online for more information. The Vilas County Parks and Rec department also announced earlier that trails in that county will also be open Friday morning at 8.

Officials with Milwaukee Tools say they plan to invest 100-million dollars while creating a new campus in Menomonee Falls. The company will spend another seven-and-a-half million on an expansion at a location in Sun Prairie. The Brookfield-based company expects to add 870 jobs to the region's economy over the next five years. The

					<p>Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation started working with the power tool maker nearly four years ago on its expansion plans.</p> <p>Legislation introduced Monday would strengthen penalties for violations like reckless driving in roadside areas where emergency responders are present. It would create an emergency response area – like a work zone – where traffic can be slowed down by reducing the speed limit. Fines would double for speeding, reckless driving and other traffic citations. Cell phone use would be prohibited.</p>
Forest Co. jury indicts two men on drug charges	News	12/19/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A jury in Forest County delivered a guilty verdict yesterday in the trial of two men accused of drug possession of cocaine and heroin with intent to deliver and other charges. Martell Green and Devon Bell were arrested in early January in</p>

the City of Crandon. Judge Leon Stenz sentenced Green and Bell to 26 years in prison, with 18 years of initial confinement followed by 8 years of extended supervision and also imposed a \$10,000 fine. A third person arrested pled guilty to his charges earlier and is awaiting sentencing.

Members of the U-S House of Representatives voted along party lines to approve two articles of impeachment Wednesday. President Donald Trump was sanctioned for his conduct toward Ukraine and his refusal to cooperate with the House inquiry. The vote came after 12 hours of debate. Three Wisconsin Democrats voted "yes" and four Republicans in state's congressional delegation voted "no" on both. Minnesota's Collin Peterson voted with Republicans.

					<p>Governor Tony Evers notified the U-S Department of State today (Wednesday) that Wisconsin will continue supporting refugee resettlement in the state. The move follows an executive order from President Trump requiring states to provide consent for refugee resettlement. Evers said "In Wisconsin, we believe in kindness, respect, empathy, and compassion—those are our Wisconsin values." The state took in 472 refugees last year after more than one-thousand in 2017. Wisconsin counties could still vote against accepting refugees if they chose.</p>
State purging of voters	News	12/19/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Backers of a voter registration purge have been given until Monday to respond to the appeal filed by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The appeals court rejected the D-O-J request that the purge be put on hold immediately. A judge on Ozaukee County</p>

ruled more than 230-thousand registered voters could become ineligible to cast a ballot due to mistakes in their registration – like incorrect addresses. More than 20 percent of the voters on the list to be purged live in Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee Bucks player Sterling Brown says his civil rights lawsuit isn't about getting money from the city. His attorneys are accusing officers of using excessive force when they tased Brown after he was cited for a parking violation last year. A 400-thousand dollar settlement offer from the city was rejected. Brown alleges he was targeted in January 2018 outside a Walgreens because he is black. Brown says he respects law enforcement officers as a whole – because his father was a Chicago-area police officer for 30 years.

					<p>The Legislature's Joint Committee on Employment Relations has given its approval to pay raises for University of Wisconsin and state employees. Those workers would get a two-percent bump each of the next two years. The special bipartisan committee didn't vote on pay raises for state troopers because of an approved 23 percent increase for entry-level salaries. Panel members weren't just handing out money – they also rejected the governor's request to set Wisconsin's minimum hourly wage at 15-dollars.</p>
State taxes increase	News	12/20/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Wisconsin property owners have to dig deeper than their counterparts in any other state when the end-of-the-year tax time comes. Wisconsin Policy Forum reports property taxes for school districts in the Badgers state have increased the most in the country. Property tax bills going out in</p>

the mail this month total more than five-point-two billion dollars. That's an increase of four-and-a-half percent – the largest since 2009 and also the largest in the country. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz blames the voucher program for private schools, saying "our school districts cannot sustain two school systems competing for the same pot of public dollars."

Two major Wisconsin health care systems have called off a merger. Marshfield Clinic and Gundersen Health put out joint statements yesterday calling off a proposed merger. It was first announced in May of this year. Both sides say they appreciate the effort made to explore a merger, but that they will remain independent for now and continue to work on improving health care in rural Wisconsin.

Wisconsin cheese-makers are happy with a proposal to

					<p>define what cheese is. The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association say it's thrilled to see a State Senate panel approve the bill Wednesday. It would spell-out that cheese comes from animals, as opposed to nuts or plants. The idea is to show the difference between real cheese and vegan cheese. The Cheese Makers' spokesman says it's unfair to let companies use the term cheese, when their products are not.</p>
<p>Top state republican speaks out on Foxcon deal</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/20/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The top Republican at the statehouse in Madison doesn't think re-opening the Foxconn deal will help create jobs in Wisconsin. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos told reporters yesterday that he doesn't see a need to renegotiate the tax break agreement with the company. The questions come after a legislative audit said Foxconn may be able to get tax breaks for jobs that are outside the state of Wisconsin. Vos says that shouldn't happen. Governor Tony Evers, who's been critical of the Foxconn deal for years, yesterday said the state needs to renegotiate.</p>

Support by Wisconsin's House delegation for a reworked NAFTA was one vote short of being unanimous. The U.S.-Mexico-Canada-Agreement passed the House Thursday on an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 385-41. Among those 41 nays, congressman Mark Pocan of Wisconsin. In a statement, Pocan said "though this new deal is a definitive improvement from NAFTA, I cannot be confident that this trade deal would correct its core flaws that led to the outsourcing of hundreds of thousands of American jobs, as well as serious environmental concerns." In a tweet, Wisconsin Democrat Ron Kind said "This deal is a great example of what can be accomplished when people work across the aisle to get things done and should serve as the template for all future trade agreement negotiations."

Despite its reputation as one of the "drunkest" states in the nation, Wisconsin isn't number-one when it comes to drunk driving arrests. The Badger State stumbles in at number-10. Wisconsin law enforcement agencies say – despite the surprising statistic, drunk driving is still a major problem. It is blamed for causing

					<p>159 traffic deaths last year, along with more than three-thousand injuries. State health officials estimate excessive drinking costs each of us 780 dollars every year due to the money spent on law enforcement, incarceration and health care. South Dakota tops the list.</p>
<p>Community support continues to grow for Hodag sports complex</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/23/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Hodag Sports Complex is still a project on paper but community support continues to grow. The Hodag Schools Foundation announced another donation, with \$25,000 coming from Nicolet National Bank for improvements to the multi-purpose project. Rhinelander's Branch Manager Amy Vanney said the complex benefits the entire community through an economic boost with visiting teams utilizing hotels, food, gas, shopping and much more. The facility should be operational by the spring of 2021.</p>

				<p>The Christmas holiday is right around the corner and area fire departments remind people about keeping safety in mind. One of every four fires this time of year are caused by Christmas trees near a heating source. Officials say to keep them at least three feet away, keep them watered and make sure the lights are off overnight. Candles are another potential hazard as they're typically placed near combustible materials. They also recommend to be mindful of cooking because time can be lost with all the activity. Keeping a fire extinguisher and working smoke detector will help guard against potential problems. Snowmobilers have been covering the trails across the North as systems began opening Friday. Iron</p>
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					<p>County began operating nearly two weeks ago but across Oneida, Lincoln and Langlade counties the two snow storms covered storm damage from the summer, creating hazards to operators. Local clubs have been working overtime to ensure safe travels but caution drivers to be aware. Not all trails are open, especially lake systems, where some locations have only five or less inches of ice.</p>
<p>Christmas to be warm around the state</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/23/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>There is a challenge to a proposed constitutional amendment that would give crime victims more rights in Wisconsin. The so-called Marsy's Law would require courts and judges to include victims when sentencing and dealing with suspects and convicted criminals. But the group, the Wisconsin Justice Initiative, is challenging the</p>

proposal. The Justice Initiative says Marsy's Law would give victims new rights that step on the constitutional rights of the people convicted of crimes. The Marsy's Law amendment is supposed to be on the ballot in April. Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson criticized House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the House on ABC's "This Week." Johnson called Pelosi's decision to withhold articles of impeachment from the Senate "bizarre" and said the Democrats' impeachment case is "pretty thin gruel." He predicted there will be enough support in the Senate to conduct the impeachment trial without additional witnesses and as long as "both sides have a fair chance of making their case."

Christmas 2019 will be a

					<p>warm one for most folks in Wisconsin. The National Weather Service says temperatures will be near or in the 40s for most people in the state. There is a chance for some rain or drizzle. The only chance for flakes comes in northwestern Wisconsin, and then it's only flurries. The Packers go after the NFC North title tonight on the road at Minnesota. Green Bay is a 5-1/2 point underdog, riding a three game win streak and a division leading 11-3 record. The Vikings are right behind at 10-4.</p>
Travelers around the state to spend less on gas	News	12/24/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Some good news for travelers over the Christmas holiday. Gas prices in Wisconsin are below the national average, which means a fill up is in order before taking off. And those prices are expected to remain steady according</p>

to Gas Buddy. Over the last week gas prices fell to \$2.53 a gallon with a range from \$2.20 to \$2.70. Gas on the west coast averages \$3.40 a gallon.

A 59-year old Burnett County woman could see prison time following her 6th OWI. Robin Haaf of Siren was arrested earlier this month after leaving a casino and crashing into a ditch.

Over a quarter million Ford pickups are being recalled because the tailgates can unexpectedly open. The recall covers the F-250, 350 and 450 model trucks from 2017 through this year. All the trucks have electric tailgate latch release switches where water can get in, causing a short to activate the switch and drop the tailgate. Trucks with mechanical latches

are not affected.

The DNR announced Captain Casey Krueger as their new chief warden. Right now he leads the teams in southcentral Wisconsin and previously served as the Lieutenant and warden supervisor of the Park Falls team based in northern Lincoln County. He's replacing the retiring Todd Schaller next month.

Despite going into the game as underdogs, the Green Bay Packers dropped the Minnesota Vikings 23-10 last night to clinch the NFC North and at least one home game in the playoffs with plenty still left to be decided. They wrap up the regular season in Detroit on Sunday.

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign is the organization's largest

Salvation Army donations down this holiday season	News	12/26/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	
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fundraiser, a tradition that's lasted over a century. This year across northcentral Wisconsin totals were down and officials say the primary reason was a lack of volunteer bell ringers. Calls were put out often for people to help and organizers say if it weren't for matching funds donated by corporate sponsors, the totals would be even less. Donations are accepted all year long and that can be done with a visit to the Salvation Army's website.

We've been mentioning for weeks the lack of ice on area lakes with the heavy snowfalls and mild temperatures. Virtually no snowmobile trails have been marked on the water yet because of it. A canvas of area fishing guides found between four to six inches

with most of being frozen slush. It becomes even more dangerous on moving water, like that on Boom Lake in Rhineland where a truck went through earlier this week. Safe ice for a vehicle that size would be in the one foot range. Heavy pressure on the trails the last several days have left them muddy in many locations and operators are reminded to exercise caution while riding.

Forecasters are watching conditions as a weather system is building that may affect the weekend. Winter weather advisories are already posted over much of neighboring Minnesota as the light rain and drizzle turns to snow, possibly as much as 8-inches. Travelers are told to expect poor conditions across the area, especially Saturday night

					into Sunday.
<p>Friends are raising money for a Merrill family who lost everything in a house fire</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/26/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Friends and family are raising money for a Merrill family who lost everything in a house fire. A Go Fund Me page has been set up for three victims transported to the U-W Madison burn unit where they face months of care and rehab. The goal was to raise eight-thousand dollars to help the family start over and it was nearly met in three days. The fire broke out early December 19th in the Town of Merrill, and officials suspect it may have been caused by a smoking materials. The home was considered a total loss. Donations can also be made at Park City Credit Union and Church Mutual.</p> <p>It's been a contentious year of divided government in Wisconsin. Republican</p>

legislators used a lame duck session a year ago, to curtail the authority of newly elected Democratic Governor Tony Evers. Evers in turn proposed a state budget that Republican legislative leaders couldn't support. The governor ended up signing it after Republicans reworked it, but the relationship between he and GOP leaders remains strained. His state of the state address comes next month.

Much of Northern and Central Wisconsin could see a pretty messy weekend. A system coming up will bring a wintery mix of precipitation through much of Saturday across central parts of the state. In the North it's expected to begin as freezing rain before changing to all rain, and it

					could be heavy at times into early Sunday. Colder, more seasonal air will move in as well with highs in the mid to upper 20s.
Marshfield high school students arrested	News	12/27/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>Three Marshfield teens face charges of making terrorist threats after their actions shut down the high school. 18-year olds Bradley Hendickson and Gage Plechaty and 17-year old Jared Roggenbauer were charged yesterday in Wood County court for allegedly making a bomb threat that prompted an early dismissal from the school. The trio is free on a \$1000 cash bond and future court dates have yet to be set.</p> <p>A former Wausau East staff member reached a plea deal following charges of sexual assault. 48-year old Kurtis Hornby, a former</p>

audio-visual tech at the school was accused of having improper conduct with two female students last year.

Snowmobile trails across Langlade County closed at midnight tonight and officials say this may be the first of several given the forecast through the weekend. A mix of rain, sleet and snow begins tomorrow and the rain could become heavy by tomorrow night into Sunday with well over an inch expected in most locations and continued mild temperatures. Travel conditions will deteriorate rapidly and flooding becomes an issue as well. Colder air then moves in and that may bring moderate snow by the beginning of the week.

The Rhinelander intersection

					<p>with the city's first set of stop lights should finally get them back today. It's been a four-way stop since last month when two poles were taken down when hit by a car. The new control box didn't fit the existing concrete pedestal and more had to be replaced than expected. The city hopes to have the lights operational today.</p>
<p>A trial date set for a man in Chippewa Falls facing numerous charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/27/19</p>	<p>1230p,530p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A trial date is set for a man charged in Chippewa County with sexual assault, child enticement and domestic abuse. A jury trial for 37-year-old Brandon Geiger of Rice Lake will begin May 12th. A complaint says Geiger forced an 11-year-old girl to smoke marijuana by holding her against a wall with a pipe to her mouth. A woman living with Geiger told investigators that he</p>

repeatedly sexually abused her.

State agriculture inspectors are trying to prevent an invasive pest from entering Wisconsin's woods on your Christmas trees or wreaths. It's called elongate hemlock scale and it will look like little brown spots on the underside of evergreen branches. If you see those spots - you can burn them or put them in municipal trash so the pests don't get into our environment. Inspectors say they're trying to stop E-H-S from making its way to Wisconsin from the East Coast where it's already harming forests. An infested stock of fir trees, wreaths and decor came from suppliers in North Carolina. There's another snow storm headed for northern Wisconsin and people ought to be ready when

					<p>they're heading back from their holiday trips. Chris Gitro from the National Weather Service in Duluth says they're still working out the specifics of the storm, but most of northern Wisconsin is going to get at least some precipitation. He says it looks like a wintry mix and travel conditions could be hazardous. Far northern Wisconsin will likely get a few inches of snow, but the real danger is freezing rain and ice buildup.</p>
<p>Winter storm warning in effect for the listening area</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/30/19</p>	<p>630a,730a,830a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A winter storm warning is in effect for the entire listening area until midnight tonight as a strong storm, bolstered by gusty north winds in the 30-40 mile per hour range, is moving in with rain changing to heavy snow. Most of the area across the north will see 6-10 inches with locally higher amounts in northern Vilas County.</p>

Snowfall amounts could be 1-2 inches an hour making for hazardous travel over the rain soaked roads. Officials are advising limited travel. Ice anglers and snowmobilers are being cautioned as well, as the rains and mild temperatures have taken their toll on these activities. Langlade county trails are already closed and most clubs have already pulled their grooming. Stay tuned for further updates.

Thirty-eight people took the jump for charity Saturday in the 12th annual Chill-Out for the Children's Miracle Network, sponsored in part by this station. More than \$22,000 was raised at the Thirsty Whale with the top pledger bringing in more than \$3000. The highlight of the day was 8-year old Issac King of Rhinelander, an ambassador for the

				<p>Children's Miracle Network Hospital in Marshfield, one of three in the state, who jumped into the frozen waters. Young Issac is a cancer survivor and Woodruff Ace Hardware added \$1000 to its gift of \$12,500 to the organization in his name.</p> <p>With a last second 23-20 win over Detroit, the Green Bay Packers earn a #2 seed and a bye into the playoffs. They'll meet the winner of the NFC wild card game January 12th at Lambeau.</p>	
Rural Eagle River home destroyed by fire	News	12/31/19	630a,730a,830a	1:30	<p>A candle in the living room was the likely cause of a fire that destroyed a rural Eagle River home early this morning. Several departments were dispatched shortly before 1:00 to the house on Everette Lane, between Catfish and Cranberry Lakes. Officers first on the scene said flames were</p>

already through the living room window of the two story building. No other information was available. With one day left in the year, yesterday's snowfall put 2019 into the record books in Rhinelander. Bolstered by the heavy snows late last winter and in November, on top of the 8+ yesterday, more than 133-inches has fallen. And the number will likely go up slightly with snow still in the forecast today. The previous annual record was five years ago with a total of 131 and a half inches. Travel this morning is slow going as temperatures in the 20s has an icy layer beneath the snow on the roads. Snowmobilers are asked to check local conditions before riding as some have closed. Last night more than 700 Wisconsin Public Service

					<p>customers were without power due to the ice and heavy snow. Early this morning that number was below 150, mostly in the Lakeland area.</p> <p>As Milwaukee continues preparing for the Democratic National Convention in July, President Trump will be in the city next month for a rally. The White House announced the trip January 14th at the Panther Arena at UW-Milwaukee. The Trump rally is the same night as the Democratic debate at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa.</p>
State voter purge	News	12/31/19	1230p,530p	1:30	<p>Members of the Wisconsin Elections Commission have decided to take no action on the effort to purge 230-thousand names from the state's voter rolls. The bipartisan commission voted three-to-three during</p>

a special session Monday, meaning no action will be taken. The commission will wait for a ruling from the Wisconsin Appeals Court – and possibly the Wisconsin Supreme Court. A spokesperson says the commission will meet again after the final court ruling and decide what it should do.

Official numbers are still being tallied but area Red Kettle campaigns mirrored those across the state with lower than expected figures. As of yesterday the Rhinelander Salvation Army had raised nearly \$39,000 while in Minocqua the total was near \$20,000. The funds, no matter where they end up, are used in the communities where they were donated. Last year in Minocqua 187 people received help. In Rhinelander, 404 individuals,

					<p>families and the elderly got support from the Salvation Army. Overall totals should be available soon according to coordinators. Tomorrow marks the one year anniversary of Oneida County's Aging and Disability Resource Center. The rebranding of the former department on aging will be celebrated Thursday at the facility in Rhinelander with an open house. It will showcase some of the recent improvements made to the building including a new dining room, improved seating in the waiting area and more. They'll also recognize ADRC Directory Dianne Jacobson who's retiring after 23 years in that position. Joel Gottsacker, whose been the assistant director the last three years will fill in on an interim basis.</p>
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