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Stratford one win from state title

Tigers could be fifth team in state history to win three consecutive championships
By PAUL LECKER
In the final home game of the season, the Stratford High School football team, behind a dominating offensive performance, moved on to the WIAA Division 8 state championship game with a 42-0 victory over Eau Claire...



Members of the Stratford football team celebrate their victory over Regis on Saturday in Oakes. The Tigers will play for their third consecutive state championship in Madison.

Shoes to kick the habit



"Waste-to-les" have been saved: a card being handed out by members of the state-wide, youth-led anti-tobacco movement, Fighting Against Corporate Tobacco. FACT premiered projects Saturday on the 400 block in downtown Wausau that counter the tobacco industry's marketing. Students from Wausau, Rhineland, Wisconsin Rapids, Eagle River, Adolph and Hurley came together to develop projects for display on the 400 block.

County court clogged by big caseload

Judges, attorneys seek ways to reduce the heavy backlog

By JESSICA B.V.S.
Some 100 cases are pending before the county court system, and the backlog is growing. Judges and attorneys are looking for ways to reduce the heavy caseload. The court system is overwhelmed with cases, and the backlog is growing. Judges and attorneys are looking for ways to reduce the heavy caseload.



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A SPECIAL REPORT
MIRIAM INSER
Other counties more efficient, better able to retain prosecutors.
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Meet the judges and prosecutors who are trying to cope with the situation.
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Avery family, cops have long history

By TOM BERNARD
Earl's farmhouse as dark as night.
Steven Avery spent 18 years in prison for a rape he didn't commit. Before DNA evidence exonerated him, he filed a \$10 million wrongful conviction lawsuit against Manitowish County. Now that case DNA shows that got him out of prison and sent him back. Steven filed \$2 million civil lawsuit against Manitowish County. He said he wanted to make sure Manitowish County Sheriff's Department hadn't planted more trouble for him.
"We're really on edge," he said outside his brother's...

Cardboard box put in Toy Hall of Fame

By BOB DEWOS
A child, and then finding the kid playing with the box.
ROCHESTER, N.Y. — From the toys we buy, the box it comes in can be much more fun.
Sponship, cards, letters to the editor, and the cardboard box was enshrined Friday in the National Toy Hall of Fame along with Jack-in-the-Box and Candy Land.
"I think every adult has had that disillusioning experience of picking what they think is a wonderful toy for...



The newest member of the National Toy Hall of Fame, at Strong Museum, in Rochester, N.Y., is a cardboard box, such as this by house.

District attorney has hard time keeping staff

By JESSICA B.V.S.
Some young attorneys fled out of the job because of long student loans. They carry heavy caseloads without meaningful pay raises.
Bona fide jobs were posted to attract new attorneys to the district attorney's office. But in Manitowish County, statistics show the median Court system. Yet by the end of 2004, the number of pending felony and misdemeanor cases exceeded those at the beginning of the year. Manitowish County judges can't point to a specific reason for the backlog of cases, but they are taking steps to speed the process.
Some of the solutions developed to move cases through the system faster, however, have caused rifts between judges and prosecutors who say they struggle with providing case management on an individual basis.
Guidelines issued by the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Va., suggest that felony cases should be closed within 180 days, or six months, in Shelbyville and Eau Claire counties. But in Manitowish County, the median age of a case was 99 days from filing to sentencing, according to statistics compiled by the Wisconsin court system.
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Weather: Today: Windy, Partly Cloudy. Details: 12C, High: 44, Low: 26.

Obituaries/4A Index: 8 sections, 96 pages. Today: Business, 10; Culture, 10; Sports, 10; Local, 10; State, 10; National, 10; International, 10; Classified, 10.

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NEWS

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Town wants artists to pay taxes

By Heidi Kuma
In Wausau

PETERBOROUGH, N.H. — At the MacDowell Colony, where isolation spurs inspiration, art is made in the quiet of the woods. But when it comes to property taxes, the town inside there's not so quiet.



MacDowell Colony in Peterborough, N.H., has been considered by the town a tax-exempt charitable organization for artists. But now the Board of Selectmen decided the colony no longer is eligible for the exemption and wants to pay the town's portion of taxes.

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The MacDowell Colony certainly benefits the artists in residence, but "that doesn't make us being the general public," said Ed Harrison, one of the town's lawyers. "From what we understand, their primary purpose is nurturing the arts in the highest work."

NASA eyes worms for clues about life on ice planets

By Chris Newsum
In Wausau

TRENTON, N.J. — Normally hidden for anglers and earth-beds, worms are now getting attention at NASA — particularly a little-known species that lives in freezing temperatures and can survive two years without food.

Researchers hope the hardy worms can unlock the secrets of how life might survive on distant ice worlds such as Jupiter's moon Europa, as well as provide answers to more enigmatic problems such as preserving transplanted organs kept on ice.

Box: 'Toy' honored

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which quickly came to dominate the shipping industry in North America, was invented by a Franklin printer, Robert Case, in 1890.

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Avery: Accused's family's history

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25 miles southeast of Green Bay since the 1920s. The three-acre property, surrounded by farms and forests, has more than 1,000 trees, two mobile homes and two houses.

Halbrook pulled into the Avery junkyard on a chilly, rainy Halloween afternoon. Auto Trader Magazine sent her to take pictures of a minivan Avery hoped to sell.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY SMOKERS SURCHARGE: The tax and nicotine habit could mean higher premiums for smokers than non-smokers for employer-sponsored health insurance programs. Read more Monday in Life.	TUESDAY CITY FIELDS SUGGESTIONS FOR 400 BLOCK: What's next for Wausau's downtown public square? Residents offer suggestions for what improvements, if any, should be made to the popular parking area. Read what they had to say Tuesday in News.	WEDNESDAY WAUSAU PD. IN MARKET FOR CHIEF: The Wausau Police Dept. now operating under Acting Chief Jeff Hankel, continues its search for a successor to retired Chief Bill Brandmeier. Where is the department headed? Will it cast a wide net for candidates or look within its ranks for a replacement? Find answers to these questions Wednesday in News.	THURSDAY GIRLS HIT THE ICE: Pop Focuz looks at the inaugural girls hockey team in the area as the Wausau, D.C. Everett and Mosinee school districts combine forces, as well as the Athletes of the Week. Read it Thursday in Sports.	FRIDAY AWARD-WINNING ILLUSTRATOR AT THE WOODSON: Paul O. Zelensky. Angels or Devils? From Saturday on the Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum in Wausau. Learn about the man behind it and get a sneak peek at the exhibit Friday in Life.
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