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Man sentenced in drug case

MADISON — A former Wausau man will spend the next 10 years behind bars on federal drug charges.

Adrian Haynes, 24, of Stevens Point, pleaded guilty Aug. 10 to charges of conspiracy to possess cocaine with the intent to distribute. U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb delivered the sentence Wednesday.

Haynes was indicted March 28 after his arrest in Stevens Point. According to a statement from John W. Vaudreuil, U.S. attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, Haynes was in possession of about 30 grams of cocaine at the time of his arrest. Prior to his arrest, Haynes resided in Wausau, where authorities said he was involved in cocaine trafficking with Deward Johnson, Romail Cox, Anthony Dawson, Mike Lambert and Eric Maholmes, who have all been sentenced to between 66 months and 20 years in prison for their roles in the case.

Vaudreuil said Haynes had two prior

Downtown Grocery plans to double in size

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Downtown Grocery, the hub of Wausau's organic and natural food world, is planning an expansion project that will double the size of the store.

Downtown Grocery, 607 N. Third St., is expanding into the vacant space next door at 605 Third St., where Century Financial was formerly located, the store's co-owner Kevin Korpela said Wednesday. The expansion from 1,500 square feet of retail space to 3,000 square feet will allow the store to carry more products and brands, and a wider selection of prices.

"I'm humbled after six years, it is a dream to expand," Korpela said.

Downtown Grocery first opened in 2006 and has seen its customer base and sales grow immensely in recent years, Korpela said.

The store caters to people who care about the food they eat. It sells fresh produce and fruit, grass-fed meat products, natural beauty products, gluten-free bakery items made by local bakers and hot entrees made throughout the day in the store's



Worker Tom Kallio restocks red peppers Wednesday at Downtown Grocery in Wausau. TXER ZHON KHA/WAUSAU DAILY HERALD

kitchen.

The expansion project also will allow the organic food store to have more space for its inventory, a larger kitchen and seating area by the storefront window.

Korpela realized last fall that his store was burgeoning with items and was being asked by

customers to carry products for which he had no space. He rebuilt wooden shelves to cram more cans of organic beans and bags of rice, but needed more space.

"Customers would ask us for things, but we are so tight on space," said Lynette Schuster, who orders food for Downtown

Grocery.

Korpela didn't want to leave his space in downtown Wausau and caught a break when Century Financial decided to move to Schofield. Construction in the new half of the building will begin this year and be completed in fall 2013.

Megan Curtes rents kitchen space to make gluten-free and vegan baked goods for her bakery, called Be Well Bakery, and also works in the store. She said conditions can be cramped when several employees are in the kitchen at the same time baking, making salads and preparing entrees. The expansion will create more counter space.

"It helps us stay clean and more efficient with what we are doing," Curtes said.

Katie Anagnostos, 40, of Dorchester, only recently learned about Downtown Grocery after searching the Internet for grass-fed beef. Wednesday was her second trip to the store, and she said she was excited to learn about the expansion of more natural, organic and locally grown foods.

"I think the way most people eat is wrong for their health," Anagnostos said of high carbohydrate and high fat foods.