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Controversial mining in northern Wisconsin	News	4/1/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Construction of a controversial mine in northern Wisconsin probably won't start for several years. First the mining company would have to file for a mining permit, a request that would trigger a review by state and federal agencies lasting about two years. Other infrastructure would also need to be built to provide large-scale electrical power and transportation by rail or road. That means the iron mine, which also faces a near-certain legal fight, could be years away from materializing. Gogebic Taconite is the mining firm

that expressed interest in a mine in Iron and Ashland counties. Published reports indicate the company will likely begin exploratory drilling when the weather warms up. Other exploratory and regulatory steps will also slow down the process.

With the change of calendar and hopefully seasons, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress readies its annual spring hearings and they open a week from today across every county in the state. This is the public's opportunity to vote on suggested changes to DNR regulations and there are several that have sparked strong interest. Among them, changes to the sturgeon spearing hours, allowing motor trolling statewide, allowing overnight placement of

					<p>deer stands and blinds on DNR owned and managed land among others. Across the North, the hearings will take place at James Williams Middle School in Rhinelander for Oneida Co, , The St. Germain Elementary School for Vilas, Lincoln will be at Tomahawk High School, Forest at Crandon High School and Langlade county at Antigo High School.</p>
Voting Day	News	4/2/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>About 20-percent of Wisconsin's eligible voters are expected to go to the polls today to decide a pair of statewide contests. Supreme Court Justice Pat Roggensack and state school Superintendent Tony Evers are both going for their second terms, and both have large financial advantages over their opponents. But court challenger Ed Fallon and state Superintendent</p>

				<p>hopeful Don Pridemore say they've lined up plenty of supporters to get to the polls – and both are confident about pulling off upsets. Also, voters will elect or re-elect almost seven-thousand local government and school board posts throughout the Badger State. And there are almost 80 referendums of various types. This is only the major statewide general election in 2013. Polls open at seven this morning, and they'll close at eight tonight. Ministry Health Care takes another step to bolster services, announcing they've joined Ascension Health, the largest Catholic and non-profit health system in the nation. Ministry operates 15 hospitals across Wisconsin and Minnesota in addition to 46 clinics and employs nearly 12-thousand people.</p>
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					<p>Company officials say the union will help focus on providing safe, holistic, person-centered care. Ascension Health last year provided more than \$1.3-billion in care of persons in poverty and community benefit programs. They now employ over 150,000 people in more than 1500 locations across 23 states. The Milwaukee Brewers won their season opener this afternoon, 5-to-4 over the Colorado Rockies in 10 innings at Miller Park. Jonathan Lucroy won it with a one-out, bases-loaded sacrifice fly that scored Rickie Weeks. The two teams will play again tomorrow and Wednesday nights.</p>
Time running out for a bank	News	4/2/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Time is running out for the Bank of Wausau. The F-D-I-C agve the bank until Friday to either improve its finances, or sell to another</p>

institution. Federal banking regulators issued their order in early February – and gave the Bank of Wausau 60 days to do something. But last Friday, the F-D-I-C said the bank's finances continue to get worse – and the management has not shown it's making things better. Bank officials have not commented. The Bank of Wausau was founded 14 years ago, and its only location is in Wausau. The bank reported losing money in each of the last four years, and its total assets are almost 53-million dollars.

A worker is slowly getting better after he was burned at a Tomahawk packaging plant last month. 53-year-old Mike Slesicki of Tomahawk is off the critical list, upgraded to fair condition at the U-W Hospital's Burn Center in

					<p>Madison. Slesicki was injured on March fifth at the Packaging Corporation of America while re-igniting a boiler that was down for maintenance, and it flared back at him. The Tomahawk plant makes container board and corrugated packaging materials and federal investigations continue. Five workers were killed at that plant in a pair of mishaps since 2008. The last thing you'd want to be right now is a high school athletic director. Area sports teams itching to get outside will wait at least another week and while there haven't been any cancellations of note, some creative scheduling is underway. Baseball, track and soccer could be early casualties of Mother Nature. Stay tuned...</p>
Wisconsin Supreme court	News	4/3/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The Wisconsin Supreme

continues to have a republican majority

Court will continue to have a conservative majority, after incumbent Pat Roggensack was re-elected to a second 10-year term yesterday. With all but one-percent of the vote counted, Roggensack had 57-percent to 43-percent for Marquette law professor Ed Fallon. State public school Superintendent Tony Evers was easily re-elected yesterday, 61-to-39 percent over state Assembly Republican Don Pridemore. Evers won his second four-year term. He said it reaffirmed the strong support that Wisconsinites have for public education. Pridemore said his campaign was hurt by Governor Scott Walker's refusal to endorse a candidate. Closer to home by 7 votes Phillips rejected a school

referendum. Equally close, Wabeno's bid to increase borrowing was defeated and Medford turned away building a new pool. Elcho approved their school referendum.

In area school board races, incumbents were returned in Rhinelander, Susan Greis and Christy Seidel won for MHLT, Barb Peck was returned to the Lakeland Union board and Ed Schaub the at-large position. Incumbent Jack Jurries is joined by Pat Cirese at AVW, And in Merrill, Rob Russell nipped John Yackel for Lincoln county Circuit judge.

Wisconsinites with overdue electric bills are being warned the state's winter moratorium for cutting off service is about to end. The state Public Service Commission bars utilities

					<p>from cutting off electric and natural gas service between November first and April 15th so no one gets left in the cold. But utilities can start cutting off those in arrears in 12 days. The P-S-C urges those customers to contact their utilities and set up payment plans.</p>
Failed school district referendums	News	4/4/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>School districts are reacting and planning after failed referendums this week. Only seven votes from approval, the school district of Phillips now has to look at further trimming of the budget. While six absentee ballots still need to be counted a recount is certain but, the future of the district is not. They were seeking \$650,000 a year for five years. In Wabeno it was a similar story, a narrow margin in defeat, only 34 votes. But they're going to put it to voters again next</p>

year. School superintendent Dr. Kim Odekirk says they're at the point of pass it or close.

An anonymous donor gifted \$25,000 to the Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing or NATH. Tammy Modic, executive director of Frederick Place in Rhinelander notified board members that a community member made the donation. The downtown home is a temporary shelter for those in need. Modic says there are many ways to support NATH, from donating needed everyday items to volunteers and more. Information is available by contacting Frederick Place at 369-9777. The Lac du Flambeau Indians declared a state-of-emergency yesterday over the growing use of synthetic drugs reservation. The tribe

					<p>says it will act quickly to prosecute those who sell and use the drugs, and will offer more extensive rehabilitation services. Lac du Flambeau officials say they've seen a large increase in the use of synthetic marijuana, plus bath salts which cause highs similar to cocaine and amphetamines. The drugs are made from legal chemicals, and tribal authorities say they've caused violent and bizarre behavior on the reservation.</p>
Local bank closing	News	4/4/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Citing economic conditions, the Minocqua Branch of Northwoods National Bank is closing. Senior VP Debb Haas, in a letter to customers said all accounts will be transferred to the Rhinelander branch and</p>

no action is necessary on the part of depositors. Loan customers will receive a year's supply of postage paid envelopes to continue payments at the Rhinelander location. Internet banking is also encouraged. The Minocqua branch, in the Wal-mart plaza will close June 29th.

This weekend's two-day youth hunt opens the Wisconsin spring turkey season. The two-day hunt will be followed Wednesday, by six, 7-day hunting periods that run through May 21st. Nearly 43-thousand birds were taken last year and the DNR expects an

even bigger harvest this year. Almost 235-thousand permits were sold for spring, a lottery award 135-thousand more with the rest sold over the counter a couple weeks ago.

After one season of running the girls basketball program at Rhinelander High School, coach Mark Jacobsen has resigned. Jacobson, whose team went 5-18 this season, said the pressures of being a head coach were too great. Rhinelander lost 15 of its first 16 games, but seemed to turn a corner in the final third of the season. The Lady Hodags won four of their

					<p>last seven games, including a 39-38 victory at Lakeland in the WIAA playoffs. Jacobsen will be keeping his position as a science teacher at James Williams Middle School and the replacement will be the team's fourth coach in six years.</p>
Fire damages local home	News	4/8/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A first just north of McNaughton early Sunday Morning damages a home. A motorist called it in about 7:30 when they noticed smoke coming from the home on Fawn Lake Road, just off Highway 47. Fire departments from Newbold, Pine Lake, Lake Tomahawk and Rhinelander responded, containing the blaze in about 20 minutes. The fire started near a bathroom</p>

but the exact cause is unknown. No one was home at the time.

Divorced parents who don't have custody of their kids would pay less interest on their overdue child support, under Governor Scott Walker's proposed state budget. The interest rate on arrears would be temporarily cut from 12-percent to six-percent for a year-and-a-half starting in January, to see if it encourages non-custodial parents to pay more of what they owe. If it does, the Legislature could extend the lower rate.

U-W Madison and five other research institutions will share 14-and-a-half million dollars for new studies on cancer treatments. The Saint Baldrick's Foundation is providing the money. The research will focus on genomics – studies of D-N-A

					<p>to find genetic causes of cancer. The scientists will then try to find immunotherapeutic treatments which use the body's own immune system to fight the genetic diseases. The U-W and the five other institutes will analyze childhood cancer genomes and normal tissues to find susceptible molecules on cancer cells, before looking for suitable medicines. The work begins in July, and the initial tests will be performed on mice.</p>
DNR hearings	News	4/8/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A few hot topics are on the agenda for tonight's DNR spring hearings across the state. All 72 counties play host to hunters and anglers to get feedback on proposed rule changes. Among them, a recommendation to allow deer hunters to use rifles statewide. Currently some parts of the state are limited</p>

				<p>to shotguns. Also, hunters could leave portable deer stands overnight on lands owned and managed by the DNR. One of the warmer topics concerns proposed changes to allow statewide motor trolling. Another would allow largemouth bass anglers to keep fish they catch in the early season in the North. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress will also be gauging public interest in ending the December antlerless deer hunt, eliminating the requirement that deer hunters wear back tags, raising the fee for a non-resident deer license, and requiring owners of non-motorized boats to now pay for registration. All hearings open at 7:00 and will be at James Williams Middle School in Oneida county, St. Germain Elementary</p>
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School in Vilas, Tomahawk High School in Lincoln, Crandon High School in Forest and Antigo high school in Langlade county.

Lakeland High School shored up its public relations efforts, adding a PR coordinator to the staff. Stacie Larson of Minocqua brings nearly a decade of media and PR experience to the position. According to district superintendent Todd Kleinhans the job description includes media relations, special events coordination and district communications.

Gasoline in Wisconsin is about six-cents cheaper than last Monday. The state's Triple-"A" said the average price of regular unleaded is 3.62-a-gallon today, almost one-and-a-half cents less than

					yesterday and 31-cents cheaper than on this date a year ago.
Rhinelanders City council meeting	News	4/9/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The Rhinelanders city council took a step to protect what's left of a shrinking budget last night. A unanimous decision effectively lowered the pay rates for newly hired city workers. In some instances it would be a reduction up to four dollars an hour, specifically in the department of public works. A union representative at the meeting said the vote would affect labor relations within the city but aldermen disagreed saying the tax increases already levied can't support increased wages.</p> <p>The snowmobile death toll in the state rose over the weekend with the DNR reporting another fatality, this one near Phelps on</p>

					<p>Saturday. A 46-year old man died in the crash near lac Vieux Desert, bringing the season total number of riders killed to 20. Investigators say speed was a factor in the accident. A central Wisconsin biomass plant is on schedule to start generating power this year. Construction at the quarter million dollar Domtars Rothschild plant started in August 2011. When it's operating, about 60 percent of the steam generated by burning wood waste will create electricity to be sold by We Energies. The rest will be used at a local mill. Owners say 50 to 75 tractor trailer trucks will bring treetops and branches into the plant each day. The wood debris will come from within a 75-mile radius.</p>
State of the tribes address in Madison	News	4/9/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Lac Courte Oreilles tribal chairman Gordon Thayer

delivers the state of the tribes address in Madison today and lawmakers are sure to get an earful. Relations are getting testy between the state and its 11 tribes. The Bad River band are looking for donations to help them sue the state -- after new incentives were approved to help a new iron ore mine get built upstream from their reservation near Ashland. Indians were also upset Wisconsin adopted a wolf hunt last year, as they said the grey wolf was a sacred animal. In response, Indians killed an elk and tried to begin a night-time deer hunt in their ceded territory. Also, the D-N-R was rankled when six Chippewa tribes dramatically increased their spear-fishing quotas. As a result, the state said it had to at least temporarily reduce daily

				<p>walleye quotas for sport anglers.</p> <p>The Central WI Airport is working to join a lawsuit challenging the closure of its control tower. Federal budget cuts shut down towers at dozens of local and regional airports beginning in June. Officials say many factors weren't considered in making the decision and the action would most certainly cause delays and safety concerns. Controllers in Minneapolis would be responsible for directing traffic at CWA. The airport manager says the legal action could be finalized by the end of the week.</p> <p>Here's a not-so-subtle reminder that the deadline for filing your taxes is midnight next Monday. State Revenue Secretary Rick Chandler said over 1.8 million returns have been</p>
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					filed and well over a million are still out there. He urges getting them in electronically to speed up the process.
Rhineland man denied appeal on prison sentence	News	4/10/13	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Madison was told to solve the breakdown in communication between the state's Indian tribes and lawmakers. In the annual state of the tribes address yesterday, Lac Courte Oreille chairman Gordon Thayer laid out the differences over mining, hunting and spear fishing and that prompted Assembly republican pro tem Bill Kramer of Waukesha to walk out, saying he was not being any more disrespectful to Thayer than the speech was to him. Kramer said the tribes look for collaboration while, in his words, continually telling us everything we did wrong. Thayer said the beauty of

our state isn't just about job creation.

The State Supreme Court denied the appeal for a Rhinelander man, serving prison time in connection with the death of his infant daughter. 25-year old Matthew Lonkoski received a 12-year sentence on a conviction including recklessly causing great harm and child neglect after 10-month old Peyton ate a morphine tablet that was within her reach.

Lonkoski knew she swallowed it and didn't take her to the hospital. That was in 2009. Lonkoski asked the court to throw out a statement he gave police, after he asked for a lawyer, was arrested but kept talking. The court ruled since he wasn't yet in custody when he asked for a lawyer, the police could keep talking with him.

					<p>An Antigo man is due in Marathon County court tomorrow following a weekend traffic fatality. 27-year old Brandon Bender was apparently driving near the intersection of highways 49 and 153 in Elderon Saturday night when 27-year old Catherine Borchardt of Wittenburg somehow fell out of the vehicle, dying from her injuries. Bender was initially charged with causing injury while intoxicated but that may change to homicide.</p>
<p>Electric customers without power</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/10/13</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Almost 35-thousand electric customers in Wisconsin were without power this morning, as a three-day flurry of storms began to hit the Badger State and that number may climb as the rain will be replaced by snow, especially here in the North. Various watches, warnings and advisories were</p>

already in place early this morning for much of western Wisconsin and the brunt of the weather will roll in tonight with snowfall amounts varying from 3 to 8 inches on the average. High school sports are heavily impacted with nearly half the spring sports schedules already cancelled.

Speaking of weather, Governor Scott Walker proclaimed next week as Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week. To better prepare families in Oneida County, the Rhinelander School District will conduct a Severe Weather and Disaster Preparedness class Wednesday at the high school. On the agenda, preparing for natural disasters, fire safety and home security tips. A

statewide tornado drill is planned for Thursday.

Late yesterday the DNR released a summary of the votes from the Spring Fish and Wildlife Hearings Monday. One of the biggest issues among the 99 voted on was the question of allowing trolling state-wide. According to results, a majority of the voters state-wide rejected the measure. However, more counties approved the proposal, than rejected it by a 44-27 margin. One county's vote ended in a tie.

Other results included approving the elimination of a Northern Bass catch and release season, allowing the use of rifles for state-wide deer hunting, and allowing the use of

					dogs during the wolf hunt.
Heavy snow in northern Wisconsin	News	4/11/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Heavy snow is expected today in the northern quarter of Wisconsin, while the rest of the state gets another round of rain, sleet, and freezing rain. The entire state remains under a plethora of warnings-and-advisories. Six-to-11 inches of snow are in the forecast for counties along Lake Superior and other parts of northwest Wisconsin. The Park Falls area could get 3-to-7 inches, while 4-to-6 inches of snow are in the forecast for places like Rhinelander and Crandon. In some areas, the snow could be accompanied with strong winds of up to 40-miles-an-hour. The storm is expected to leave the state early tomorrow – and a chance of snow showers will linger into the weekend. A Mosinee man will see jail</p>

				<p>time for his role in a multi-million dollar fraud scheme. 67-year old Jeffery Tiffany was the Senior Vice President of River Valley Bank in Wausau and bilked customers out of more than five and half million dollars by approving insurance premium payments he knew weren't legitimate. In federal court yesterday he was sentenced to 30-days, pay a \$25,000 fine and provide 200 hours of community service. And leave it to Wisconsin to develop something like this, it's a discussion forum on the state environment called, "Science on Tap" and it's hosted by the Minocqua Brewing Company, downtown. The first dealt with the Northwoods ecology and fishery concerns. The next one, set for may first, will discuss protecting loons.</p>
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					Each session is moderated by qualified scientists professionals in their field.
Wis. Utilities got power back up	News	4/11/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin utilities made a lot of progress yesterday in restoring electricity. But about 85-hundred customers were still in the dark this morning, after a second day of heavy rains, sleet-and-ice, and light snow. Places with freezing rain are being hit the hardest. Officials said heavy wet snow even broke some utility poles. Today the far north could get up to 11-inches of snow.</p> <p>Wisconsin had the nation's fifth-largest increase in new claims for unemployment benefits. Labor officials said as of March 30th, Wisconsin's new benefit claims were up by almost 16-hundred from the week before. The state did not give a reason. Pennsylvania had the largest increase</p>

with just over three-thousand additional residents filing for unemployment. Officials blame layoffs in construction, health care, transportation and the entertainment industry. A vice president of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress says animal rights' groups urged people to show up at this week's conservation hearings, and oppose the use of dogs for wolf hunting. On Monday night, 51-percent of about five-thousand attendees said they would favor a bill calling for a ban on hunting dogs during the wolf season. If that didn't happen they called for tighter restrictions. Last year the groups convinced a judge to ban using dogs in a season so successful, hunters took their quotas in just over half the allotted

					time. The DNR will review all the input from the hearings and make decisions later this year.
Former Antigo football coach faces jail time	News	4/12/13	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The effort by conservative senators to block Senate debate on a gun control bill has fallen short. Senate supporters needed 60 votes to start the debate and they got 68, including 16 Republicans. Wisconsin Republican Ron Johnson was among 13 senators who had vowed to filibuster any bill which included new gun restrictions. Wisconsin Democrat Tammy Baldwin voted with the majority. Johnson said the bill sponsored by New York Senator Charles Schumer is fundamentally-flawed. Despite emotional pleas for no jail time, former Antigo football coach and elementary school principal John Lund faces 90-days. He was sentenced

yesterday in Langlade County Court. Lund was part of a marijuana delivery ring involving coaches and teachers in both Antigo and Merrill. Character witnesses supported Lund for over two hours in court but DA Ralph Uttke said they'd send the wrong message to the community if he wasn't punished. The DNR reminds people to be mindful of the food sources they put outside now that bears are coming out of hibernation. With the continuing winter weather natural food sources will be hard to come by so those bird feeders, garbage cans and grills become easy targets. Wildlife officials say bears quickly learn to associate humans with food and can become frequent visitors which can just as quickly become a concern for safety.

					<p>While it's still snowing off and on across the North, nowhere near the 11-inches predicted materialized. The last remnants of the much larger storm that spawned heavy rain and tornados in some parts of the country has moved east. The plus side of all the precipitation is the easing of the drought conditions in Wisconsin, especially in the south.</p>
More power outages	News	4/15/13	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Just over six-thousand electric customers in Wisconsin were without power early this morning, after another round of snow-and-freezing rain. Wisconsin Public Service reported 38-hundred customers out at four a-m in the Minocqua area where iced lines and falling tree limbs were two common problems. We Energies had 19-hundred homes and businesses out near Milwaukee, and Wisconsin</p>

Power-and-Light reported 200 customers out in Rock County. Expect a two day break before another storm heads to north central Wisconsin.

Two central Wisconsin lawmakers are proposing a bill in which school districts would no longer need voter approval to raise taxes for security equipment.

Assembly Democrat Amy Sue Vruwink of Milladore and Senate Democrat Julie Lassa of Stevens Point want schools to be allowed to raise their state-mandated revenue limits for security equipment. The increase would be 100-dollars a student or 40-thousand-dollars – whichever is the most. She says Wisconsin schools would not be forced to add safety equipment – but with tight budgets, the taxing authority would make it

					<p>easier for them to do so. A number of school referendums throughout Wisconsin this month included borrowing for security equipment. Some measures passed, and some failed.</p> <p>A ticket sold in Kewaunee won four-million dollars over the weekend in the Wisconsin Megabucks' lotto game. The ticket matched all six numbers to win the top prize for the first time since last October third. Megabucks is a Wisconsin-only lotto game. The top prize for Mega Millions is 74-million-dollars for tomorrow night. The Powerball jackpot is at 80-million for Wednesday night.</p>
Tax day	News	4/15/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Thousands of Public Service customers in Minocqua are back on line after being without power all morning. Lean Van Zile of WPS tells us the initial calls began</p>

around midnight as rain changed to sleet and as temperatures dropped, so did tree limbs onto power lines, or the lines themselves. Near 4000 people were affected and the weather either closed or delayed schools around the Lakeland area. Minocqua town Chairman Mark Hartzheim even stressed staying off secondary roads until plows could clear the several inches of ice and slush. It's Tax Day – and despite having months to prepare, thousands of Wisconsinites have waited until the last minute to file. As of April first, about a million state tax returns had not been filed yet. Midnight is deadline to either send the returns on your computer, or make sure they're postmarked. To check the hours for your post office,

					<p>go to USPS-Dot-Com. Governor Scott Walker heads to China this weekend, his first overseas trade mission. The trip is slated for business briefings with Wisconsin's third largest export market behind Canada and Mexico. He says the trip should make inroads for Wisconsin companies as well as attract investments in the state by the Chinese. The man who helped design the regulatory framework for Wisconsin's wolf hunt is now the state's new carnivore manager. David MacFarland is stationed in Rhinelander and will be responsible for the DNR's wolf and bear management efforts and the cougar response programs. He's been with the agency since 2010 as a staff specialist.</p>
	News	4/16/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Wisconsin's two intelligence

Boston Marathon bombings

centers are helping out with the investigation into yesterday's bombings at the Boston Marathon. Governor Scott Walker said the Statewide Information Center in Madison and the Southeastern Wisconsin Threat Analysis unit are both working with local-and-federal homeland security officials in Boston. Three people were killed and 140 were injured at last word – none from Wisconsin. Almost 450 state residents entered the Boston Marathon, and just over 350 finished the 26-plus-miles. Closer to home, grade schoolers were taken through a drill and practiced a "code red" lockdown. Minocqua police and school officials with the Minocqua J1 School District want to be prepared in case of a Sandy Hook type

emergency. As sad as it may sound, principal Rob Way said, It's just part of our culture of safety so it's not something where it is shocking or alarming to the kids. It's part of the way we do business now. While no specifics about the plans were shared, Minocqua Police Chief Andy Gee said there's always some looking back and planning on what we would do if this were to happen here.

Mother Nature's wrath on spring continues to wipe out high school athletics across the North. With more snow predicted heading into the weekend and temperatures nearly 10-degrees below normal outdoor sports competitions for area schools have been cancelled. This weekend's girls' soccer invitational at DC Everest is off, as are all other outdoor events

					through Friday. The Rhinelander/Lakeland track meet today was moved indoors. Other events are day-to-day according to athletic directors.
Backlash from Boston marathon bombings	News	4/16/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Don't be surprised to see tighter security at running events across the nation, in the wake of yesterday's bombings at the Boston Marathon. Sean Ryan, director of the Cellcom Green Bay Marathon, said he never thought a road race would be a target for an apparent terrorist attack but quote, "Today changes all that." Ryan said it would be extremely hard for communities to control a 26-mile marathon course – but he expects races throughout the nation to try their best. He said it's not like an event at a stadium, where it's much easier to control the environment. Ryan was in Boston to help

with security work at the finish line. But once the bombing occurred, he was helping coordinate shuttle buses at the starting line. It won't be long before Ryan's own event will be put to the test. The Green Bay Marathon is set for May 19th.

The Rhinelander Tourism marketing committee is accepting applications for the summer disbursement of room tax community grants. Funding is available for groups and organizations focused on bringing people to the area. Last year over 74-hundred dollars was awarded. For more information contact the Rhinelander area chamber of commerce.

Michelle Grant of Denmark in northeast Wisconsin cashed in her four-million-dollar Megabucks ticket

					<p>yesterday. She won the jackpot in Saturday night's drawing. Grant chose the one-time cash option of two-point-nine million dollars – and she's getting just under two-million after taxes. Grant and lottery officials will hold a news conference tomorrow in Kewaunee, where she bought her ticket.</p>
Food stamp fraud	News	4/17/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A Neenah woman was among the more than 170 injured in the explosions at the Boston Marathon. Linda Witt was watching her son cross the finish line at Monday's race when she was knocked to the ground by the blast. She said she was hit by debris and was covered in blood and pieces of human flesh, suffered a loss of hearing and was taken to a hospital where the FBI interviewed her about what she saw. Witt plans to return to</p>

Wisconsin tomorrow.

More types of food stamp fraud would become illegal under a bill passed by the state Assembly yesterday. Trafficking of Food-Share benefits would be a crime at the state level. The federal government recently expanded its definition of the practice. It's now illegal to buy food with fraudulent Food-Share cards sold by others. The bill now goes to the Senate. The Food Share cards were found being sold on Facebook, a practice that's now monitored by the state.

The funeral for 79-year old Paul Dean is today in Rhinelander. He served on the city's police force nearly 30 years and represented his home township of Pine Lake on the county board for 13 more. Fans of the martial

					<p>arts also knew and respected him across the North.</p> <p>Emergency sirens will blare across the state tomorrow in a coordinated mock tornado drill. The national weather service will conduct the test between 1 and 1:45 tomorrow afternoon. Ironically, there's a threat for severe weather tomorrow and Friday at which point the test will be postponed or cancelled.</p>
Motorcyclist dies from crash	News	4/17/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A motorcyclist hurt in a crash north of Wausau died yesterday from his injuries. Marathon County sheriff's deputies say they're still trying to figure out why 51-year-old Gerald Russell of Merrill veered into a freeway median on a sweeping curve, and was thrown from his bike. It happened Monday night</p>

on northbound Highway 51 at Brokaw. Russell died early yesterday at a Wausau hospital. Investigators hope toxicology tests will provide clues of what happened. Flood warnings continue on parts of five rivers in Wisconsin – and with heavy rain and snow in the forecast, officials are keeping a close eye out for other flooding as well. The National Weather Service says the heaviest rains are expected tonight– and it could freeze in the north. Wisconsin Emergency Management says 1-to-4 inches of rain are possible. On top of that, northwest Wisconsin expects to get six-inches of new snow. Various advisories and watches are already in effect. Wisconsinites will get their say next week on a bill to create a hunting season for

					<p>woodchucks. The state Assembly's Natural resources Committee will hold a public hearing on the measure next Wednesday in Madison. Lawmakers of both parties support the idea. It would remove woodchucks from the state's protected species list. And it would let hunters take an unlimited number of the animals from March through December. Small game or trapping licenses would be required. Supporters of the hunt say woodchucks are getting more numerous, and they're digging up land. Three neighboring states have woodchuck hunts – Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan.</p>
Motorcycle crash and death	News	4/17/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A motorcyclist hurt in a crash north of Wausau died yesterday from his injuries. Marathon County sheriff's deputies say they're still trying to figure out why 51-</p>

year-old Gerald Russell of Merrill veered into a freeway median on a sweeping curve, and was thrown from his bike. It happened Monday night on northbound Highway 51 at Brokaw. Russell died early yesterday at a Wausau hospital. Investigators hope toxicology tests will provide clues of what happened. Flood warnings continue on parts of five rivers in Wisconsin – and with heavy rain and snow in the forecast, officials are keeping a close eye out for other flooding as well. The National Weather Service says the heaviest rains are expected tonight– and it could freeze in the north. Wisconsin Emergency Management says 1-to-4 inches of rain are possible. On top of that, northwest Wisconsin expects to get six-inches of new snow.

				<p>Various advisories and watches are already in effect.</p> <p>Wisconsinites will get their say next week on a bill to create a hunting season for woodchucks. The state Assembly's Natural resources Committee will hold a public hearing on the measure next Wednesday in Madison.</p> <p>Lawmakers of both parties support the idea. It would remove woodchucks from the state's protected species list. And it would let hunters take an unlimited number of the animals from March through December. Small game or trapping licenses would be required. Supporters of the hunt say woodchucks are getting more numerous, and they're digging up land. Three neighboring states have woodchuck hunts – Illinois, Iowa, and Michigan.</p>
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States rain swollen rivers	News	4/18/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>State and local officials are keeping a close eye on Wisconsin's rain-swollen rivers, as more rain moves in. Wisconsin Emergency Management says some places could get totals of up to three-and-a-half inches through tonight. The National Weather Service has flood warnings out for 11 rivers and creeks in the southern two-thirds of the Badger State. The northwest corner expects 3-to-6 inches of new snow through tomorrow.</p> <p>Wisconsin's largest annual farm show will head to Walworth County for the first time. Officials of Wisconsin Farm Technology Days selected the far southeast part of the state for the 2016 show, in the county that includes Elkhorn and Lake Geneva. The show used to be called Farm Progress Days until the</p>
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				<p>name was changed in 2003. It normally attracts around 60-thousand visitors over three days, as it highlights the latest in farm equipment and techniques, plus home-related demonstrations. This year's Farm Technology Days are set for July ninth-through-11th at the Breezy Hill Dairy near Dallas in Barron County. The 2014 show is scheduled for the second week of August near Plover. The 2015 show takes place in late August near Sun Prairie in Dane County. The long winter is expected to have an effect on Wisconsin's inland sport fishing season, which begins two weeks from Saturday. The D-N-R says anglers may have to adjust their strategies for catching the big one, as the result of the cold-and-snowy spring. Experts say the best fishing</p>
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					will be in areas that have lots of exposure to the sun, and slower and deeper waters.
Plans to build an overpass on hwy 51 by Merrill	News	4/19/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Plans to build an overpass on Hwy 51 outside Merrill could start in a couple weeks. The Department of Transportation plans work at the Hwy C and north star road intersection. You may recall the protest last year when the family who owns a gas station at that corner walked to Madison in an ill-fated effort to stop the project. The Hwy will remain open during construction, which should be complete by late September.</p> <p>When your city is land-locked by water, parking spaces are at a premium and Minocqua wants to change that. If you've ever traveled through the area in the summer you know how crowded the popular</p>

				<p>tourist spot can get and last night the town board tendered an offer on a piece of property near downtown to create a parking lot. The cost of the project is estimated at \$74,000 and was approved. Wisconsin has a new trade office in China. Governor Scott Walker announced the opening of the Wisconsin Center-China yesterday, as part of his 10-day trade mission to that country. Walker said the new office would strengthen the State's relationships and give Wisconsin businesses more assistance and resources for growing their exports. As part of Governor Walker's budget bill, a measure prohibiting cities and towns from enforcing so-called residency laws is included. That's the practice of requiring</p>
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					<p>municipal employees to live within the city limits. Rhinelander alderman Alex Young disagrees with it saying it's a safety issue and an issue of local, not state control. Rhinelander requires police and firefighters to live within 20-minutes of town. The Governor has said he wants cities to hire people based on merit, not where they live.</p>
Drought plaguing Wisconsin	News	4/19/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>The drought that plagued Wisconsin over the last year seems to be disappearing all at once, thanks to our late winter. Only about the northwest third of the Badger State has any dry conditions to speak of, after virtually the entire state was thirsting for moisture as recently as last October. Now, the U-S Drought Monitor says 41-percent of the state's land area is abnormally dry or worse.</p>

That's down from 70-percent a week ago. Dry conditions continue northwest of a line from Winona Minnesota to Florence. Wausau, Marshfield, Neillsville, and Stevens Point are among the places that went drought-free over the past week. The forecast was only for 3-to-6 inches – but up to 14-and-a-half inches of new snow fell in parts of northwest Wisconsin by early today. And the region could get up to another foot by the time the storm clears out.

Now that frost has been easing from the ground, Rhinelander's water utility announced the running water credit for approved customers has come to an end. It's no longer necessary to run water to prevent freezing in the

					<p>public water system. The program again successfully minimized the freezing that can occur in the system during the winter months. Credits will not be allowed for water supplies metered with excess flow after today.</p> <p>The Oneida County Humane Society and The Fix Is In are partnering for a low cost, pet vaccination clinic in Minocqua tomorrow. From 9 to noon, Saturday at the American Legion Hall downtown pets will get their shots for rabies, parvovirus distemper and other diseases at reduced prices.</p>
Oneida Co. Depts. Merging	News	4/22/13	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Oneida county's emergency management and sheriff's departments are merging. The move was originally suggested as a cost-saving measure some time ago, but the</p>

numbers reveal the convergence will basically cost the county about the same as far as operating costs go. However, sheriff Grady Hartman told county board members last week it will be a more efficient operation by combining the departments. The merger will be examined for 20-months and evaluated along the way.

Gypsy moth eggs will start hatching soon, so now is the time to find and destroy them. The DNR urges homeowners to search trees, houses, firewood piles, play sets and any other outdoor surfaces for the egg masses which are tan and about the size of a quarter. You can use horticultural oil designed to kill them like Golden Pest Spray Oil – or, you can scrape the egg mass free

					<p>and drown them in soapy water.</p> <p>Not a single town on the Mississippi River is relaxing, even though most managed to head off flooding as the river was rising in the last few days. The growing accumulation of snow in the Upper Midwest and a forecast calling for more rain suggest river waters could start rising again. In some locations, the Mississippi is now 10-to-12 feet above flood stage. Just a few weeks ago, the river was so low barge operators were calling for federal help. Winter Storm Warnings are again posted for the NW corner of the stretching into Vilas County for up to 9-inches of new snow through tomorrow night.</p>
Woman missing	News	4/22/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Thirty year old Kira Steger Trevino has been missing for two months, but the search

goes on. Volunteers were scanning two parks in Minnesota's Ramsey and Anoka counties. The Wausau native's husband is charged with killing her. The Ramsey County district attorney's office believes Jeffrey Trevino hid his wife's body after murdering her. The 39 year old Minnesota man goes on trial next month. Organizers of the effort say their search will coincide with Earth Day clean-up activities in both of those parks in the Twin Cities suburbs.

A Bayfield woman accused of causing a fatal traffic accident will be in court next month. Chelsea Cadotte is charged with second-degree reckless homicide and three counts of first-degree reckless injury. Cadotte's two year old daughter died in the crash last July and three

other relatives were injured. Investigators say she was speeding on Highway 13 near Washburn when a child in the backseat distracted her, causing the vehicle to swerve into a ditch.

Most football fans attending the University of Wisconsin spring game at Camp Randall in Madison were just fine with the tighter security they encountered. Some say they were nervous being part of a big crowd. The annual spring game drew a little over 12 thousand over the weekend and with the images from the Boston Marathon bombing looming in everyone's mind, stadium officials say it was important to make sure everyone felt safe. Fans were cooperative as security personnel checked jackets and bags a little

					more thoroughly than normal. Additional officers and bomb-sniffing K-9 units were present.
Vilas Co. authorities warn of phone scam	News	4/23/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Vilas County authorities warn of a phone scam asking for credit or debit card information. The Sheriff's department's been receiving calls from residents about an automated call requesting a callback to unlock frozen accounts due to online orders. Callers are then asked for account verification. The calls actually go to the Roxbury, New Jersey Town Hall and authorities say their phone system was hacked and used in the scam. If you receive such messages, don't call back. This next bout of winter weather isn't helping county highway departments. A quick canvas of salt and sand

supplies find quantities dwindling and that's impacting the budget. While northern counties typically load up, the levels are below normal but manageable while places like Lincoln county find this long winter tough to deal with and may have to drop some summer projects to balance the budget.

Governor Scott Walker's back from a trade mission to China and already has a 200 million dollar transaction completed. Wisconsin-grown ginseng will be sold to one of China's largest medicine companies. Walker says the 10-day trip is already producing tangible results. There is said to be a second deal being worked on to sell animal feed products to a Chinese dairy company. That one could be as big as

					<p>the ginseng deal. Walker says there is a growing market for Wisconsin-made products like Harley-Davidson motorcycles. He says the trade mission could wind up being worth even more millions of dollars if it leads to more opportunities like these in the future.</p>
<p>Three people charged in growing marijuana plants</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/23/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The latest food fad known as the cinnamon challenge involves daring someone to swallow a spoonful of ground cinnamon in 60 seconds without water. The 'prize' could end up being a hospital stay. Doctors warn the stunt is dangerous. While a light sprinkle of cinnamon enhances some foods, the spice is caustic. Trying to gulp it down can cause choking, throat irritation, breathing trouble and even collapsed lungs. The number of calls for medical attention have skyrocketed due to the</p>

practice and doctors say people with asthma or other respiratory conditions are at an even greater risk.

Three people charged with growing hundreds of marijuana plants in the northeastern Wisconsin woods have been sentenced. U.S. District Judge William Greisbach yesterday sentenced Javier Magana to five years in prison, Marco Magana to four years and Maria Hilda Magana-Mendoza to three years. Two others involved in the operation were sentenced earlier this month. Federal prosecutors charged the group last summer, accusing them of growing marijuana on their two properties in the towns of Athelstane and Middle Inlet in central Marinette County. Police observed more than 1,000 plants at

					<p>each location</p> <p>Wisconsin residents could learn about an approaching tornado by an alert on their cell phone soon. Cell phone alerts are already being used in some locations, but they are an add-on to the tornado sirens. Emergency management officials in some Wisconsin counties say there is real value in having more than one delivery system for storm warnings. Cell phone technology is said to be cheaper and potentially more reliable.</p>
<p>Kwik Trip to build in Rhinelander</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/24/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Campgrounds and recreational trails in the Chequamegon/Nicolet national forest's one and a half million acres won't be opening until next month. All trails will be shut down due to the snowpack and</p>

wet conditions until about May 17th. State agency officials say the trails on the Lakewood-Laona District could open the week before that if conditions improve. Users are being told to check the forest web site or call the district offices to check on the new opening dates.

Wisconsin-based Kwik trip has a clear path to open in Rhinelander. Back in January the city council voted to allow convenience stores within the city limits to sell beer and that's all the company needed. May 13th the building plans are expected to be approved and construction could follow soon after near the WalMart Supercenter on Eisenhower Parkway. Meanwhile, the city of Tomahawk could be in line for a new business as

					<p>officials there consider a proposal for a new Shopko Hometown general merchandise store. The household basics store is a scaled-down version a full Shopko location. The potential building site is north of town by Hwy A. Most Shopko Hometown locations are converted Pamida stores, like the one in Eagle River. The one in Tomahawk would be only the second one in the state built from scratch.</p> <p>And in sports the Bucks dropped the second game in their eastern conference playoff game to the Miami Heat 98-86. Game three moves to Milwaukee on Thursday. And the Brewers win their ninth in a row, beating the Padres 6-3.</p>
Cocaine possession and delivery charges	News	4/24/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Facing charges of cocaine possession and delivery, 45-year old Andrew Prokudowicz of Irma

waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Lincoln County Court, yesterday. He was arrested following an undercover drug bust, along with two others last month. A not guilty plea was entered by the court and he'll be back before the judge next Thursday.

The new owners of Wausau Paper Company are shoring up their facilities in Rhinelander and Mosinee. KPS Capital Partners in New York announced plans to combine the two into a much larger company. KPS bought the two mills that employ over 1000 workers last month and they've now picked up Thilmany Papers with mills in Kaukauna and DePere. The merger would create the largest specialty papers company in North America, but still requires federal approval and a

new collective bargaining agreement with the union, both expected later this summer.

Several long running events and a deep pool of volunteers brought more tourism dollars into Eagle River last year than ever before. Chamber exec Connie Heeg says the success of signature events like Klondike Days, Cranberry Fest, Journey's Marathon, World championship Snowmobile Derby and lately the US Pond Hockey tournaments make all the difference.

The DNR says recycling is the way to deal with used electronics, not just throwing them out. State law prohibits dumping most electronics in landfills. The DNR reminds you the steel, aluminum, plastic and other metals inside electronics

					are often very valuable. You can find out more by visiting the E-Cycle Wisconsin page on the DNR's website. There are more than 400 collections sites around the state.
Indian tribe and dnr set to meet	News	4/25/13	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The Lac du Flambeau band of Chippewa and DNR are set to meet on Monday and one state lawmaker says he won't interfere, for now. Republican state representative Dean Kaufert says he's willing to put on hold a call to revoke a quarter million dollar grant to help build a native American cultural center on the reservation. He proposed pulling the funding after the tribes dramatically increased their walleye spearfishing goals, a move Kaufert says would hurt the North's economy. He said he's delaying until next month the vote before the state building

commission so as not to interfere with ongoing negotiations between the state and tribe.

Wisconsin small business owners believe the economy is recovering, but they're still cautious about expansion. A new survey by U.S. Bank shows 47 percent of small business owners responding do think the U.S. economy is improving.

Another 39 percent say it's still in a recession. The remaining 14 percent simply aren't sure. About two-thirds of the 210 Wisconsin business owners contacted are hesitant to make major investments in their companies and they say they probably would not do so in the next year.

The DNR reports the unseasonably cold weather has delayed the sturgeon spawning season. State biologists say this shouldn't

					<p>impact the survival rate of sturgeon eggs, but it could be a factor in the size of the fish. The sturgeon had taken over the Wolf River for spawning well before the end of March last year. That hasn't happened this year. Pike and walleye spawning is also about two weeks late. Late ice may negatively impact the spawn this season across the North.</p>
Call for tuition freeze	News	4/25/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>The call for a tuition freeze for students in the University of Wisconsin System is bipartisan. Democrats have joined Republicans in demanding the freeze and it comes in response to a memo released last week by the Legislative Fiscal Bureau. It showed the system finished the last</p>

fiscal year with almost 650 million dollars in reserves. Republicans immediately asked how the Board of Regents could justify raising tuition the last six years with that much money in reserve. Democrats, normally strong supporters of the system, sent a letter to system President Kevin Reilly calling for the tuition to be frozen for the next two years.

A vote to rescind a quarter-million dollar state grant to partially fund a Native American cultural center has been delayed. It's on hold until DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp meets with tribal leaders next week. Republican state

Representative Dean Kaufert first proposed taking away the grant to the Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa as retribution for six tribes raising their walleye spearfishing goals. Kaufert said that could be devastating to tourism in Wisconsin's Northwoods. Governor Walker has said he supports the funding for the cultural center. If there is a vote, it won't happen until next month.

The NFL draft opens tonight and there's no clear direction from the Green Bay Packers. While the offense hasn't disappointed, defense has been the issue for the team. The top three

					needs according to insiders? Shoring up the defensive line, picking up a running back they can build on and adding another center for depth at that position if nothing else.
Marathon Co. inmate will face trial for attacking guards	News	4/26/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The Marathon County Jail inmate who attacked two guards will have to face trial. 20-Year old Fredrick Morris made a court appearance under heavy security, waiving his right to a preliminary hearing. More than a dozen law enforcement officers were reportedly in the courtroom at the time, making sure Morris' appearance was a peaceful one. He's accused of attacking two corrections officers at the jail last month and Thirty-six year old Julie Christensen remains in the intensive

				<p>care unit of Aspirus Wausau Hospital.</p> <p>Budget negotiators approved the elimination of 32 positions in the DNR.</p> <p>West Bend Republican Senator Glenn Grothman proposed the cuts yesterday, saying the jobs have been open for at least a year, though his formal motion didn't limit the cuts to currently vacant positions. Democrats on the Joint Finance Committee argued Grothman's proposal wasn't specific enough, failing to include information about the positions he had targeted. Republicans answered the positions were apparently not critical, since the DNR has been doing its work without filling them. The proposal was approved on a 12-to-4 party line vote.</p> <p>A Washington DC researcher says the</p>
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				<p>Affordable Care Act seeks to improve the quality of care people get in this country. James Reschovsky says that doesn't necessarily mean the costs will go down. Reschovsky is a senior fellow at the Center for Studying Health System Change and says the new federal health care reform law is pushing states to become more aggressive about finding their own solutions. He says that helps bring on improvements.</p>	
<p>Winter's negative impact on northern Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/26/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Winter took its time getting here this season and that negatively impacted business across the North. And now that winter has decided to hang on abnormally long, that too will have an effect on the economy. Even the week prior to the opening of the state hook and line fishing season, travelers head up</p>

to open homes or cabins, not so this year and it's been nearly 20-years since this has happened. Sporting goods stores and restaurants, typically bustling right now are pretty quiet but some store owners we talked with said, unlike being unable to make up for not having snow...there will be plenty of open water and fish to catch up on the business season.

A dozen years ago plans for the abandoned Badger Army Ammunition Plant near Baraboo included using the land for conservation, education and agriculture, plus low-impact recreational activities like hiking and bird-watching. Now, the DNR says it has to weigh whether conditions have changed and the use of the land should change

					<p>with them, like allowing ATVs. Three alternatives will be offered this summer and the department will conduct open houses to see what the public wants.</p> <p>The Green Bay Packers selected UCLA defensive end Datone Jones with the 26th pick of last night's NFL draft. The 6-4, 280 pound Jones tallied 6.5 sacks and 19 tackles for losses last season. He's expected to be a big part of the Packers youth movement and considered to be versatile enough to line up at multiple positions. The draft continues tonight and tomorrow.</p>
Wausau getting ready from visit from Republicans	News	4/29/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Wausau is getting ready for a visit by hundreds of Republicans this weekend. The 2013 Republican Party of Wisconsin State Convention starts Friday

				<p>and runs through Sunday at The Patriot Center in Rothschild. Several high-profile speakers are on the agenda, including Governor Scott Walker, Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus and Congressmen Sean Duffy and Paul Ryan. The party is expecting a crowd of about 800 people to attend. Organizers say there will be some talk about policy, but the annual gathering is more about energizing the base and creating the potential to reach more voters. In a national effort by the Drug Enforcement Agency, local police departments over the weekend collected prescriptions for all sorts of medications and pills that won't end up in the wrong hands, the landfill or the water. Four</p>
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moving boxes of medications were collected in Rhinelander after the drug take back where unused drugs could be dropped off anonymously and free. Statewide last year near 30 tons of unwanted medication was turned in. The PD now has a permanent collection box where old prescriptions can be dropped off during business hours.

Racine physical education teacher Betsy Kippers will take over as president of the Wisconsin Education Association Council next August, succeeding Mary Bell. The state's largest teachers union announced her election over the weekend. Bell has served as WEAC president for six years. Kippers says raising the bar on student achievement and on

					<p>educator performance are important to union members. The new vice president will be Ron Martin, a middle school teacher from Eau Claire.</p>
<p>Search for Lincoln Co. woman continues</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/30/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The search for a Lincoln County woman continues. 48-year old Anita Bucki disappeared from her town of Corning home late last week and the sheriff's department says the investigation is far from over. Her husband, Mark Bucki reported her missing early Friday morning and authorities do not consider him a suspect and also don't believe foul play was involved. They're urging anyone with information to contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department. Public school districts across the state will share in over 30-million dollars in library aid paid from the Common School Fund, the only state</p>

funding specifically for purchasing library materials such as books, media materials or computers.

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Superintendent Tony Evers said this is often the only source of library funding received in many districts.

Among area schools, Antigo receives nearly \$93,000, Lakeland, 28-thousand, Eagle River, 11-thousand, Rhinelander more than 81-thousand, three lakes 19-thousand and nearly 39-thousand for tomahawk.

A couple weeks ago we told you about the pending Hwy 51 reconstruction at county C and North Star Drive and the efforts of a gas station owner to stop the project, which would restrict access to his store. Raj Bhandari and his family own a Citgo convenience store on that corner and

					<p>last year walked from Merrill to Madison in an effort to draw attention to their plight and kill the multi-million dollar project. That didn't work so now he's ramping up the challenge by filing a federal lawsuit and will be back in Madison Friday. The project is set to begin May 13th.</p>
<p>Eight people charged in drug bust in Forest Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>4/30/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Eight people have now been charged in that large scale drug bust in Forest County. 35 year old Tonya Malone of Crandon faces the most serious charges- 31 felony drug charges including maintaining a drug trafficking place. 37 year old Patrick Malone is also charged with maintaining a drug trafficking place, and 18 additional drug charges. Both co-defendant are free on \$12,000 cash bonds. The six other suspects in the case all face similar but less</p>

serious drug offenses.

Even though area lakes have significant amounts of ice as we head into the state fishing season, authorities stress using common sense and safety in the wake of several area accidents. Tomahawk rescue crews saved three people after their ATV broke through on Lake Alice over the weekend. One man was treading water when they arrived while another and his teenage daughter were stranded on thin ice. All three are okay.

Governor Scott Walker says many Wisconsin business people have told him they're hiring part-time workers instead of full-timers, because of the uncertainty over the Obama health reform law.

					Walker made the remark yesterday in Washington, where he and two other Republican governors appeared at a national business lobbying event. Tom Corbett of Pennsylvania and Paul LePage of Maine all expressed concerns about the Obama health law that continues to be phased in. They also touted regulatory reforms and tax cuts in their respective states. The U-S Chamber of Commerce put on the event.
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	Lincoln Co. Woman missing	News	5/1/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Lincoln County authorities will have a briefing later today on the disappearance of a town

				<p>of Corning woman, missing since last Friday. Deputies last night cordoned off the area around the family home, the last place 48-year old Anita Bucki was seen. Her husband Mark reported her missing saying he went to bed but when he woke up, she was gone. Wegner Road, leading to the house was closed and a check with the Sheriff's office this morning had nothing new except that information would be released later today.</p> <p>A Lac du Flambeau teen is still in jail on a \$10,000 bond and headed to trial after pleading not guilty to attempted intentional homicide and two other felonies. 17-year old Christian Soulier's accused of stabbing his mother's boyfriend, Robert Johnson, to death last January. Psychiatrists testified Soulier</p>
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						<p>suffers from several mental disorders but the court ruled he'll still be tried as an adult. A pre-trial conference is set for July. No word on what sparked a grass fire that stalled traffic along highway 107 and Forest Drive in Merrill late yesterday afternoon. Traffic was stopped just after 5:00 according to the Merrill Fire Department as crews took about an hour to douse the half acre of grass. The DNR says this points to the fire danger that exists now that the snow cover is rapidly disappearing, exposing dead, dry vegetation beneath.</p> <p>The Mega Millions' jackpot, 126-million dollars for Friday night after no winner last night. The 165-million-dollar Powerball jackpot is up for grabs tonight.</p>
	Underage drinkers	News	5/1/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	A state Assembly committee has voted to let

underage drinkers be sued if they're caught using fake I-D's to hoodwink bars and liquor stores into selling them alcohol. The state affairs panel voted 9-to-nothing yesterday in favor of a bill from De Pere Republican Andre Jacque. It lets alcohol sellers file small claims suits of up to a thousand dollars against those under 21 who try to buy beer-or-booze under false pretenses. A similar bill is pending in the state Senate.

Problems have been building for years at the Marathon County Jail in Wausau. That's what a citizens committee was told yesterday, as it begins consider improvements in the jail's procedures following the attacks of two correctional officers by an inmate in late March. A sheriff's lieutenant said

some jail officers have waited for years to get basic training – even though the state requires such training to be completed within one year. County Administrator Brad Karger (car'-gr) described a series of surveys showing a lack of leadership in both the jail and the sheriff's department a "complete collapse of culture." The mercury almost hit 90-degrees in parts of Wisconsin yesterday, while a major snowstorm was brewing to the west. That storm is due in today across the northwest where warnings-and-advisories are in effect through tomorrow evening. Six-to-nine inches of snow are predicted for the corner while the west could see three-to-six inches. Temperatures records were set all over, even Ashland had 82

						degrees. Forecasters say we won't be getting back to what's considered normal for at least another week.
						<p>Pine Lake, Pelican and Rhinelander firefighters were called to a house on Harbor Road shortly after 2:00 yesterday when smoke was reported coming from outside vents. The fire was contained to the top level of the house but smoke and water damage will keep the family in temporary shelter for the time being. No one was injured but the family cat was lost. The cause of the fire is unknown.</p> <p>Officials in Lincoln County continue their search for Anita Bucki. The 48-year old town of Corning woman disappeared a week ago from her rural Merrill home without a trace. At a news conference yesterday</p>
	House fire on harbor rd.	News	5/2/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	

afternoon, Lincoln County Chief Deputy Nathan Walrath said they've gone through the house and the surrounding area with K-9 units. Mark Bucki, Anita's husband reported her missing early last Friday. Things are slowing down a little more in Minocqua as construction continues on Highway 51 just north of downtown. Traffic has been squeezed to one lane as workers install a new storm sewer, curb, gutter and new pavement. Project supervisor Robin Stafford reminds drivers to be aware of constantly shifting lanes as work progresses and watch out for workers. The next informational meeting for the community will be a week from today. Traffic also came to a standstill on Highway 51 last night just south of Wausau

					as concerns about a construction crane collapsing. The State Patrol reports a section of the highway near Cedar Creek was shut down for about 10 minutes around 6:00. A truck pushed the boom of the crane out of harm's way.
					Ellsworth in far western Wisconsin had 14 inches of snow by 5:40 this morning – and the National Weather Service says it'll be 18 by the end of the day. Over 11 inches fell near Hayward, and nine-inches at River Falls. Ashland had almost eight inches of snow this morning, after it was 82-degrees in that city on Tuesday. The weather might have played a role in a traffic death. The State Patrol said two semi-trucks collided around one this morning while heading east on Interstate-94 near
	Snow in western Wisconsin	News	5/02/2013	1201p,520p	1:30

Menomonie. One of the drivers was killed, and the other was taken to a hospital.

The man charged with killing Wausau area native Kira Steger Trevino has asked his trial be delayed. 39-year-old Jeffrey Trevino of Saint Paul is scheduled in court May 28th on two Minnesota counts of second-degree murder. But his lawyer, John Conard, says the prosecution hasn't turned over all its evidence and he's challenging the state's request to double the prison time if Trevino's convicted. Conard says there's not enough proof his client hid his wife's body and failed to help her after she was injured, which is what the state claims. Prosecutors say she was unhappy in her marriage, and her apparently planned on leaving.

						<p>Meanwhile Lincoln County sheriff's deputies say the disappearance of Anita Bucki is still not considered suspicious. She vanished from her Town of Corning home west of Merrill last Friday. Her husband said they went to bed in the early morning hours, but when he woke up the 48-year-old woman was gone.</p>
	<p>St. Germain woman charged in dealing drugs</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/3/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Already accused of dealing drugs, homicide charges are pending for Jennifer Heiting. The 27-year old St. Germain woman was originally charged with felonies for selling heroin but the death of a Crescent man from an overdose last December now brings first degree reckless homicide charges. Judge Michael Bloom ruled there is enough evidence to continue and Heiting will</p>

enter a plea in Oneida County Court June third. A Merrill gas station owner gets his day in court today in an effort to save his family's business. Raj Bhandari owns a small convenience store on the corner of Hwy 51 and north Star Drive, where a new overpass is planned. Bhandari maintains the work will cut off access to his station. When his pleas to make changes failed in Madison last year, he said the courts were his last chance. Construction begins May 13th. You may want to swap the fishing rods for cross country skis across the north as tourism officials are promoting a rare skiing opportunity this month. Over 18-inches of snow fell in the northwest part of the state since Wednesday and the Wisconsin Tourism

					<p>Department revived its, "snow condition report" with most areas boasting very good conditions. The American Birkbeiner trail near Hayward is open and for at least a couple days, will provide good skiing. Wisconsin's fishing season also opens tomorrow but the DNR says nearly all popular lakes across the North are still frozen. The extended forecast into next week shows more precipitation but it's mostly rain with more seasonal temperatures.</p>	
	<p>Snow is holding up some plans</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/3/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The new snow is holding up plans to look for iron deposits at the site of the proposed Gogebic Taconite mine in Ashland and Iron counties. The company was planning to start field work at the site by drilling core samples. But the work was delayed after the region got up to 16-</p>

					<p>inches of snow over the past two days and now it might be another two weeks before Gogebic submits a new application to dig for samples. The company needs the samples to secure approval to open the mine.</p> <p>Rescuers spent two days this week on the water of the Chippewa River in Eau Claire looking for two canoeists who reportedly vanished. Today, a 30-year old Manitowoc man is in jail for making it all up. The suspect said he was kayaking when he saw two men clinging to a capsized canoe and he tried to save them. Officials said everyone put their own well being at risk in the rescue effort. The man faces possible charges of obstructing an officer, among others.</p> <p>The greatest two minutes in</p>
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					<p>sports, the 139th running of the Kentucky Derby comes up Sunday and Antigo native and hall of fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas has two horses in the field. "Oxbow", is a long shot at 33-1 odds and starting from the 2nd post position, as well as "Will take Charge" at 20-to-1 and starting in the 17th post. With a field of 20, Lukas says it's hard to say how it'll all play out when they're on the track together.</p>
	<p>State fishing season opened over the weekend</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/6/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus says the GOP can't start running campaigns five months before an election and instead must work year-round on organizing and attracting more people to the party. He spoke at the state's annual convention in Wausau over the weekend. Republicans</p>

haven't won a presidential race in Wisconsin in 24 years. They lost in 2012, even with Wisconsin native Paul Ryan on the ticket as vice president. Priebus is also calling for changing the Republican presidential primary system saying last year's 23 primary debates a "traveling circus" that is going to end. Ryan meanwhile addressed the group yesterday and landed on President Obama's Affordable Care Act. He told party members health insurance costs will skyrocket for individuals once the plan goes into effect, employers will drop coverage for their workers and Republicans need to be there for those who get angry about it. Ryan says his party has to offer real alternatives.

						<p>The state inland fishing season opened over the weekend to mixed success. Most major lakes in the north still had significant ice and some anglers took advantage of that. Many of the smaller lakes offered varying degrees of success because of the cold water temperatures. Anglers across the northern zone are reminded both largemouth and smallmouth bass are both catch and release until the season opens June 15th and muskie doesn't open until May 25th. Wisconsin's free fishing weekend is June first and second.</p> <p>The Powerball jackpot is 222-million dollars for Wednesday night, after nobody won it on Saturday. The Mega Millions' jackpot for tomorrow night is at 139-million dollars.</p>
		News	5/6/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Last week's snow-and-rain

Snow and rain reduced the risk of fires

reduced the risk of wildfires of Wisconsin, at least for now. The D-N-R's Web site shows none of the 72 counties had high fire dangers this morning. Thirty-one counties had moderate risk, close to a line from Platteville in southwest Wisconsin to Florence in the northeast. The other 41 counties had low wildfire risks. Yesterday, a 76-year-old man collapsed while burning garbage that got away and started a grass fire near Tomahawk. He was hospitalized in critical condition at last word, and officials said a medical condition may have caused the problem. Wisconsin's total number of dairy farms has dropped below 11-thousand. The Wisconsin Ag Connection news service finds it's the first time in many

generations the number of active milking herds dropped below 11-thousand. The state said there 10-thousand-915 such herds, 600 fewer than the same time a year ago. Clark County has the most herds with 911 herds with Forest County the least with just one.

A summit in Madison this month will work to determine how to carry out Wisconsin's first statewide plan to control invasive species. The Wisconsin Invasive Species Council is urging leaders from government, education, business, and non-profit groups to attend the meeting on May 23rd. The goal is to come up with ways to implement a plan that's been drafted over the last two years. Among other things, it calls for the increased reporting of

						invasive species, creating more extensive maps of where they're located, and ways to control them.
State lawmakers want online retailers to charge a state tax on purchases	News	5/7/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30		Wisconsin's two U-S senators split their votes yesterday, when the Senate agreed to force online retailers to charge state sales taxes – just like brick-and-mortar stores have to do. The measure was passed 69-to-27. Wisconsin Democrat Tammy Baldwin voted yes, and Republican Ron Johnson voted no. He said he favors a level playing field but the bill puts “too much of a burden on online retailers.” State revenue officials say Wisconsin would get an extra 95-million-dollars a year, with the tax in place. The bill now goes to the House, where observers say it faces tougher sledding. The Marathon County Jail inmate accused of

attacking two guards in March entered a not guilty plea in court yesterday. 20-year old Fredrick Morris faces three felony battery charges in the attack that still has one of the officers, 36-year old Julie Christensen, in intensive care. His lawyers claim a mental disorder prompted the attack when he was supposed to return to his cell but refused. Next up, an assessment by doctors to determine his mental state before the next pretrial conference set for June 7th.

America has a new potato chip flavor with a Wisconsin twist. Linda Weber-Mendham of Land o' Lakes submission in the Lay's "Do Us A Flavor" contest of cheesy garlic bread won the nationwide Facebook voting along with a check for a million dollars. It's the

					<p>first time in the 75-year history of the Texas-based company that a consumer-inspired potato chip has gone to market. And in sports, the Brewers are back in action tonight, hosting the Texas Rangers.</p>
<p>New marathon co. sheriff could be announced soon</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/7/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A new sheriff for Marathon County could be announced as early as tomorrow – but it appears somebody spilled the beans on Facebook. For a short time yesterday, Trinity Lutheran School in Wausau had a photo on its Facebook page showing Governor Scott Walker posing with Chief Deputy Scott Parks and his wife Theresa. She runs the early childhood learning center at Trinity – and the photo indicates that Walker has chosen Parks as the new sheriff. The photo was removed from Facebook within an hour, but not</p>

before a Wausau radio station captured the image and placed it on its Web site. The station says tweets indicate Walker will announce Parks' appointment as the new sheriff tomorrow. Neither Parks nor the governor's office has commented. Parks has been filling in for Randy Hoenisch (hay-nish), who announced his retirement in February. Minocqua police will join hundreds of law enforcement agencies across the state for the annual Click It or Ticket campaign. From May 20th thru June second officers will be on the lookout for unbuckled drivers. According to the DOT one out of five motorists in Wisconsin don't buckle up and more than half of those involved in an accident didn't survive.

					Speaking of driving, a Wisconsin Assembly committee votes next week on a bill to restore mandatory prison sentences for the state's most chronic drunk drivers. The measure would require judges to impose minimum prison terms of three years for a drunk driver's seventh, eighth, and ninth convictions – and a minimum of four years for 10 convictions or more.	
	Utility work begins in Rhinelander	News	5/8/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	A main artery into Rhinelander shuts down this month as extensive utility work begins. Kemp Street will be closed from Arbutus Street to the Wisconsin River Bridge through the summer as underground utility lines and new road surfaces are replaced. A significant impact will also be seen in the area around the River Walk Center downtown. The city of Rhinelander

Water and Sewer Utility will host two meetings at City Hall on the 15th for business owners and residents to lay out the plans. Detours around the construction will be clearly marked. This work is part of a two phase project to update the city's infrastructure.

Much of Northern Wisconsin and UP were without Internet service yesterday thanks to a nationwide service outage by CenturyLink, the nation's third largest service provider. Nearly six million customers were affected, confirmed by a spokeswoman. Trouble with the companies core routers, or systems that transfer data were the cause. Most locations were back online overnight.

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's

						<p>board will meet in Waukesha today to go over a scathing audit of the job creation agency. Governor Scott Walker, who chairs the board, called an emergency meeting. He wants the board to review every detail of the recent audit. It found that the agency broke state laws in failing to adopt certain policies, and made various mistakes in awarding and monitoring tax-funded grants-and-loans to companies to create jobs. Walker says he wants the agency's own board to respond to the audit before it comes up tomorrow in a pair of legislative meetings.</p>
	<p>Federal lawmakers investigate sewage plant</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/8/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin's federal lawmakers are being asked to investigate the E-P-A's actions involving the sewage plant at Odanah. The plant serves the Bad</p>

					<p>River Indian Reservation in Ashland County, one of the biggest opponents of a new iron ore mine that's planned upstream. State Senate Republican Tom Tiffany of Hazelhurst, who played one of the biggest roles in approving a new mining bill, asked the state's House and Senate members to look into the E-P-A's handling of the Odanah plant citing reports showing e-coli bacteria exceeded allowable levels – and in some cases, no reports were filed. Tribal leaders had blamed poor reporting and human error for the sewage violations, and chairman Mike Wiggins said they were in the process of being fixed. He also said the water downstream from the plant was deemed safe to drink. Remember when heroin was just a big city problem?</p>
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Not anymore. Marathon County sheriff's official Gary Schneck says heroin use in the Wausau area has jumped rapidly in the last three years, and they've started a campaign called "Push Back Against Drug Abuse." It seeks to educate people how dangerous drugs are and how they affect the community. Schneck says Wausau is now a hub for dealers who import drugs to northern Wisconsin.

A national program debuts in Rhinelander this weekend with the Northwoods walk for multiple sclerosis. A self help group formed last year and coordinator Janet Marie Carlstedt says it's a learning experience for everyone. The 2-1/2 mile MS Walk starts at the high school Saturday at 10:00 and more information's available at

					nationalmssociety-dot-org.
	Marathon co. has a new sheriff	News	5/9/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30 Marathon County gets a new sheriff today. Chief Deputy Scott Parks will be sworn in this morning to take over the office and manage the overhaul of a department in disarray. Former Sheriff Randy Hoenish resigned during a legal investigation, a brutal jail attack and a tarnished image are all inherited by Parks, whose been with the county over 30 years. He became Chief Deputy in 2007. Governor Scott Walker, in making the appointment called Parks a calm and compassionate leader. With the summer business tourist season nearing, northwoods businesses took a step to beef up their customer service. More than 30 employees attended a back to basics training session yesterday at

					<p>Nicolet Area Technical College. Conducted by the Rhinelander Chamber the session provided tips on treating customers right down to being helpful and smiling. Executive Director Lara Reed hopes to offer a similar session next month. The effects of our extended winter are slowly being felt, the latest being the impact on the cranberry crop. The shorter growing season will most likely yield a crop that's smaller and lighter in color according to growers. While that doesn't affect the taste, it could change profits. Bob Winter of Vilas Cranberry in Manitowish Waters says they may have to wait a bit longer to get not only a deeper color but a bigger berry because growers are paid by weight. Marshes are already being flooded in a effort to get the remainder of the frost</p>
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					out of the ground.
	Missing woman possibly found	News	5/9/2013	1201p,520p	<p>1:30</p> <p>The Ramsey county, Minnesota sheriff's department reports a body's been recovered from the Mississippi River in St. Paul. Deputies there are among those investigating the disappearance of Wausau native Kira Trevino Steger. She's been missing since February and officials fear she's dead because of the amount of blood found in her home and car. Her husband Jeffery Trevino is charged with homicide in her death. More information is expected later today.</p> <p>Federal air traffic controllers will continue their 24-hour service at Milwaukee's Mitchell International Airport. But the jury's still out on whether eight other</p>

Wisconsin airports, including Central Wisconsin in Mosinee, will lose their control towers due to the federal budget sequester. The F-A-A said yesterday it would not cut off overnight service at Mitchell and 71 other facilities around the country. But the agency has not decided whether it will move ahead with a planned shutdown of 149 towers at smaller airports. The F-A-A is giving those airports and their communities until June 15th to pay for the service themselves, until the next federal budget kicks in October first.

Federal health officials have released figures on what hospitals charge for 100 common medical procedures. But private analysts say the numbers are meaningless, because they don't reflect the

					<p>discounts that insurance companies negotiate. They say the new government figures are “sticker” prices that are often twice as much as what insurers and patients actually pay. However, the numbers do show that it pays to shop around.</p> <p>The Powerball jackpot is up to 270-million dollars for Saturday, and in Mega Millions, the top prize 154-million for tomorrow night.</p>
Missing woman’s body found	News	5/10/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>The hopes of family and friends of finding Kira Steger Trevino alive came to a tragic end yesterday when police in St. Paul, Minnesota, confirmed a body found in the Mississippi River is the Wausau native. Searchers have been looking for the 30-year old woman since she disappeared in February. She was reported missing when she failed to show for</p>

her job at the Mall of America. Police say Trevino's body is at the medical examiner's office after a passer-by spotted it in the river. Trevino's husband, 39-year old Jeffrey, has been charged with murder in the case and his trial comes up later this month.

Gogebic Taconite is closer than any mining company in decades to getting an application from the state to do business. The company's applied for an exploratory license to begin opening an iron ore mine in Ashland and Iron Counties. The state has 10 days to deny or grant the application. If successful, G-TAC must still secure federal approval and that process could take up to four years. Mine supporters are eager for the jobs while opponents say the mine will

					<p>harm the environment. The Northland Pines school district was one of several across the North to approve referendums this year and voters will soon see another step to protect their kids. Miron Construction won a \$210,000 bid to install firewalls in the K-8 building, used to block smoke and flames from moving quickly through the structure in case of a fire. The work is set to begin next month and be completed by mid-August.</p>
	<p>Human remains found in Taylor Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/13/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>Wauwatosa police aren't saying if anybody has been arrested, but they did apparently head off a bomb plot at Wauwatosa East High School. They were able to stop the attack when a student reported hearing two teenagers talk about putting a small bomb in a stairwell. Their plan was that blast would lead</p>

people to another part of the school – where an even more-powerful bomb would go off. Investigators seized computers, cell phones and other materials the teens were thought to be planning to use. The suspects may have had as many as four different attack plans, including one involving a suicide bomb. The Wisconsin State Crime Lab and the Department of Criminal Investigation are working with local officials to identify human remains found in Taylor County. Because nearby Lincoln County has three open missing persons cases, officials were notified. Neither the possible age nor gender of the person has been released so far and an autopsy is underway. This gives new hope to the families of 48 year old Anita Bucki, 56 year old Robert

					<p>Cartwright and 21 year old Ben Wilberding, all looking for closure.</p> <p>Furnaces were running and plants were covered in much of Wisconsin overnight, as the state continues to trudge through the winter that never seems to end. It was down to 21 degrees at four o'clock at in Rhinelander, Land O'Lakes, and Tomahawk. It was expected to get even colder before daybreak, with frost advisories and freeze warnings posted for much of central and northern Wisconsin. Parts of the state could see the 80's tomorrow .</p>
Mining incentive package	News	5/13/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>The state Natural Resources Board is expected to adopt rules next week for carrying out the new mining incentive package approved by Republicans. A scope statement will be up for approval on May</p>

22nd. Governor Scott Walker gave his blessing to the statement soon after he signed the mining bill. It gives a general list of objectives, plus the expected economic impact on small businesses. The new mining law sets a time limit for the agency to act on requests for mining permits. It also relaxes certain environmental rules. The law was designed to help Gogebic Taconite open a new iron ore mine in Ashland and Iron counties. Last week, the firm applied for a permit to conduct exploratory drilling at the site.

Another Honor Flight took off from Wisconsin early this morning – and this time, there are mostly Korean War veterans aboard. The Honor Flight program started several years ago, so the dwindling number of

						<p>World War Two veterans could see their national memorial in Washington D-C before they die. Today, 95 Korean War vets were on the latest one-day Honor Flight from the Central Wisconsin Airport at Mosinee. Three of the vets were from World War Two, and one other served in Vietnam. They are due back around 8:30 tonight. Wisconsin has a new Alice in Dairyland as Kristin Olson of Windsor in Dane county was crowned. She grew up showing dairy animals and is now the dairy advertising coordinator at Accelerated Genetics in Baraboo. As the 66th Alice, Olson will spend the next year promoting Wisconsin's food products, and helping teach youngsters about the state's 59-billion-dollar agricultural industry.</p>
		News	5/14/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The body discovered in

Body identified in Taylor Co.

Taylor County last week was identified as 48-year old Anita Bucki and now her husband is charged with her murder. The Town of Corning Woman was reported missing by her husband, Mark April 27th and a search by Lincoln County authorities, family and volunteers came up empty until last Friday. He told officers they had an argument and she left without her car, purse or cell phone. He was arrested yesterday and charges are expected today. Anita Bucki's remains were discovered along Country highway M northeast of Medford last Friday.

An undercover drug bust in Rib Mountain last week has two people formally charged. 35 year old Juan Quintero and 49-year old Bonnie Michelotti made

					<p>their initial appearances in Marathon County Court yesterday. Both suspects are convicted felons and face numerous charges including possession/delivery and manufacturing heroin and THC along with possessing a firearm. Both remain in jail pending their return to court later this month.</p> <p>Wisconsin would be one of the toughest states in the nation to keep unemployment benefits, under a budget measure endorsed yesterday.</p> <p>Majority Republicans on the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee voted 12-to-4 to make those who receive state benefits look for new jobs four times a week instead of the current two.</p> <p>If you've been sneezing, have watery eyes and runny nose, you're not alone as the allergy season</p>
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					<p>is in full bloom. Spring's late arrival has amplified the pollen counts and it's expected to stay that way for a while. Health officials say keeping your hands clean, keeping windows closed and a visit to the doctor for recommended treatments are all good options.</p>
	<p>Wausau woman charged with giving the heroin that killed her boyfriend</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/14/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>A Wausau woman has been charged with providing the heroin that killed her boyfriend. 33-year-old Nycole Creed made her first Marathon County court appearance yesterday on a felony charge of manufacturing-or-delivering heroin. The boyfriend, 30-year-old Thomas Knickerbocker, died March 11 at his home from a heroin overdose. Prosecutors said two young children were in the house when he died. The judge ordered a 25-hundred-</p>

dollar cash bond for Creed, plus a signature bond. She's due back in court a week from tomorrow, to determine if there's enough evidence to order a trial. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Department confirms the arrest of 49-year old Mark Bucki, the husband of Anita Bucki, whose body was found late last week. He's in court this afternoon facing murder charges in the case where his 48-year old wife was said to have disappeared the morning of April 27th. He told authorities he talked with her Thursday night at their home in the Town of Corning before going to sleep. When he woke up about 5:00 she was gone. Her body was found late Friday near Medford. Family members told investigators she was going to divorce him.

						<p>The next informational meeting on Minocqua's hwy 51 construction is set for Thursday morning at the Minocqua Center. Work is progressing nicely according to engineers and the traffic, for the most part has been moving just as well. While travel will be reduced to a single lane for most of the project, drivers are reminded to be aware the routes through the construction are constantly changing. The Chamber Website provides weekly updates for travelers.</p>
	Merrill man charged in death of wife	News	5/15/2013	601a,,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A Merrill man stabbed his wife seven times, tried to strangle her and then hid her body in some woods near Medford following a discussion about the couple getting divorced, a prosecutor said yesterday. Mark Bucki was ordered jailed on \$2 million cash bond after he was charged</p>

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<p>DNR speaks of the wildfire in northern Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/16/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p><i>The Department of Natural Resources now says that wildfire which burned more than nine thousand acres and destroyed at least 17 homes in Douglas and Bayfield counties is northern Wisconsin's biggest forest fire in nearly 33 years. That fire started Tuesday afternoon. The DNR is investigating to find whether logging activities might have started the fire, which was helped along by dry and windy conditions. The state suspended burning permits statewide</i></p>

today, with a red flag warning in Florence and Marinette counties. Activists will attend a workshop this weekend to learn what organizers call “peaceful resistance techniques” in protesting Gogebic Taconite’s iron ore mine in the North. The Central Wisconsin Action Camp issued a statement about the training session, which begins tomorrow at a site in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest. Organizer Thistle Petterson of Madison said the protestors will learn anti-oppression training, direct-action training, blockades, and tree-climbing techniques – things that can be hurdles to Gogebic’s advance work at the proposed mining site in Ashland and Iron counties. Casey Martinson of the Action Camp said

						<p>mining opponents learned from the former Ladysmith mine that opponents must show their strength early, before the mining company spends a lot of money on their project. During Rhinelander's community referendum meetings, School Officials heard people ask what they can do to help change the current school funding formula. Since the February referendum, there have been developments along those lines the district will share the new information at a special meeting next Wednesday at James Williams Middle School at 5:00 and district residents are urged to attend.</p>
	Gov. Walker has declared an emergency for counties hurt by wildfires	News	5/16/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Governor Scott Walker declared a state-of-emergency for Douglas and Bayfield counties,

where an intense wildfire destroyed over nine-thousand acres. It was finally contained around nine last night, as a line of bulldozers circled the perimeter. It could be several days before it's totally out, but lighter winds and cooler temperatures are expected to help the fire-fighting efforts today. No one has been injured since the wildfire began early Tuesday afternoon southeast of Solon Springs. The cause remains under investigation. Forty-seven structures have been destroyed, including 17 homes and cabins. Roads were re-opened in the area last night. D-N-R officials are urging extreme caution in all outdoor activities statewide due to the dry conditions. Authorities have been looking for a drug convict

				<p>who ran away from his parole officer in north central Wisconsin. Officials said 36-year-old Christopher Meindel of Merrill refused to provide a urine sample for a drug test, and then ran away from his parole agent's office on Tuesday. Meindel has had previous drug convictions, and he's been free on a signature bond on four new drug counts filed in January. They include possessing materials for making methamphetamines, and storing ammonia in illegal containers. Officials expect bail jumping to be added to the list. Lincoln County deputies believe Meindel may have fled to the Baraboo area, where he was working.</p> <p>The Powerball jackpot jumped to 475-million dollars for Saturday, after nobody won the top prize</p>
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pickup truck at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Boger City, N.C., about 40 miles northwest of Charlotte. Foul play is not suspected. Trickle, a Wisconsin Rapids native, was the Winston Cup series rookie of the year in 1989 but never won a Cup race. He won two Busch Series races.

A Marinette County man was saved from a bear attack by his wife's keen use of a shotgun. But not the way you think. When Marie Ninnemann of Silver Cliff saw a black bear attack her dog, then knock her husband to the ground, biting and clawing him, she grabbed the gun but didn't know how to load it. She proceeded to beat the bear over the head, with it, allowing her husband to escape. Gerry was taken to an area hospital and there's no word on his

					condition this morning.
	Logging equipment caused the fires in northern Wisconsin	News	5/17/2013	1201p,520p	1:30 Logging equipment caused this week's massive wildfire in far northwest Wisconsin. The D-N-R said a contractor was cutting logs on private industrial forest land near Simms Lake in Douglas County when the operator of a large wood-cutter saw smoke and tried putting it out. It was almost extinguished when flames suddenly jumped 40 yards into a group of trees, and it spread quickly from there. Officials called the fire an accident, and prosecutors said they would not file charges. The number of burned acres was downgraded yesterday from just over nine-thousand to 81-hundred-31 in Douglas and Bayfield counties. Governor Scott Walker toured the damage, and assured affected landowners that the state

would help them recover and rebuild. Seventeen homes and 30 other structures were destroyed. Gogebic Taconite has reduced from 13 to 8, the number of holes it plans to drill, to check the potential output for the iron ore mine it wants to build in Ashland and Iron counties. G Tac said it removed five of the original test holes, so it could gather information about addressing storm-water concerns. The D-N-R identified storm-water issues Tuesday, when staffers inspected the proposed drilling locations and access roads. The state will now review the new application before granting an exploratory permit. A joint state-and-tribal effort to treat drug users instead of jailing them will be unveiled next week. It's called the "Healing to

trail east of County Road B and hit a tree. He was pronounced dead at Good Samaritan Hospital. Investigators concluded speed was the main factor and while the driver was wearing a helmet, it was not properly secured. And just after midnight today a crash on Milan road in Armstrong Creek killed a 26-year-old Goodman man. The Forest County Sheriff's department is still investigating.

Wisconsin had two winners of a million-dollars each in Saturday night's Powerball drawing. Tickets sold in Antigo and Milwaukee won the game's second prize by matching all five regular numbers but not the Powerball. One ticket sold in the small city of Zephyrhills Florida got all the numbers right to win 590-

					and-a-half million-dollars, the second largest prize in world lottery history. The Mega Millions jackpot is also back at its minimum of 12-million for tomorrow night. Tickets sold in Virginia and New Jersey shared Friday night's top prize of 190-million dollars.
Elderly Tomahawk woman loses money in a scam	News	5/20/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	An elderly Tomahawk woman lost a-thousand-dollars in a contest scam – but she could have lost a lot more if her daughter hadn't come to the rescue. Lincoln County authorities said the victim got a call, claiming she won the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes – but to get the prize, she had to send in 35-hundred dollars for processing. After she took the bait, the caller demanded a four-thousand-dollar money order, plus a pair of money cards totaling a-thousand-

dollars. The woman told her daughter what happened. She called a bank to stop payment of the check and the money order. The scammer had already used the money cards. Officials urge folks to teach their elderly relatives and friends about these scams.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker visits Iowa this week to deliver a speech that may bolster speculation he will run for president in 2016. Walker addresses a Republican fundraiser in the Des Moines area Thursday on the invitation of fellow Governor Terry Branstad. Walker says visiting a neighboring state isn't necessarily tied to presidential politics but he is a favorite of many conservatives because he fought to limit collective bargaining for public

					<p>workers in Wisconsin, then survived a recall election.</p> <p>Bayfield County got the most rain by far, as a series of thunderstorms rumbled through Wisconsin over the past day. Clam Lake and Namekagon each had nearly 3 inches of rain in the 24 hours ending at seven this morning. It was just another notable weather development, in a region that was so dry last week that an eight-thousand-acre wildfire burned – and a freak snowstorm dropped up to 21-inches two weeks before that.</p>	
	Wausau Paper has a new owner	News	5/21/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>It's official, Wausau Paper has a new owner. The deal with KPS Capital Partners, a New York based private equity firm was signed yesterday. The company has significant experience in the paper industry. The</p>

company is also acquiring the specialty paper business, Packaging Dynamics Corporation which operates mills in DePere and Kaukauna. A collective bargaining agreement with unions at the Mosinee, Rhinelander and Kaukauna sites has been negotiated and ratified. The goal for KPS is to create a leading North American manufacturer of specialty paper products for the food packaging, industrial and pressure-sensitive release liner segments for the industry.

It would be harder to recall local government leaders under a bill that up's for a public hearing today at the State Capitol. Almost two dozen Republican lawmakers are co-sponsoring the measure. It

would allow recalls of municipal officials and school board members only if they're charged with crimes, or accused of ethics violations. The bill does not apply to state officials and legislators – a number of whom were put up for recall because of their votes for-or-against the 2011 law which virtually ended collective bargaining by most public employee unions. Robert Kraig of Wisconsin Citizen Action says the bill would make local leaders less accountable to the public.

A Minocqua girl is the finals of the national geographic bee, competing for a \$25,000 scholarship. Asha Jain, the younger sister of last year's runner up made it through yesterday's preliminaries , narrowing the field of 54 state level

					<p>winner to the final 10. They'll answer questions about history, world cultures, landmarks and climates posed by Alex Trebek of Jeopardy. The show is broadcast Thursday on the National Geographic Channel.</p>
<p>Wisconsin residents gear up for Memorial day weekend</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/21/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin officials say the Oklahoma tornado tragedy should be a "wake-up call" for what might happen here. Tod Pritchard of Wisconsin Emergency Management says the cold spring might have lured us into a false sense of security. All has been quiet on the Wisconsin tornado front this year – and because of the drought, the state only had four twisters in 2012, well below the average of 24. At least 51 people were killed in a huge tornado that hit suburban Oklahoma City yesterday. Pritchard said</p>

people only had up to 12 minutes of advance warning – and quote, “that’s very little time.”

As Wisconsinites gear up for Memorial Day Weekend, gas prices are inching toward the four-dollar mark. The Triple-“A” said this morning the average statewide price for regular unleaded is about 3.94-a-gallon. That’s almost two-cents more than yesterday, 16 cents more than a week ago, and 34 cents more than a month ago. Eau Claire reported an average of 4.14-a-gallon today. Other parts of Wisconsin are in the 3.80’s-and-3.90’s. Expect peak prices later this week, with a slow drop after the holiday and a more rapid decline in mid-June.

A familiar face to Great Northern Conference

					<p>basketball comes to Rhinelander as former Northland Pines boys coach Ryan Clark takes over the Hodag girls program. Clark, who coached the Eagles for eight years resigned in March for family reasons. He was approved for the position by the school board last night, along with a teaching position in the Rhinelander district.</p>
Lac Du Flambeau man in court	News	5/22/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A Lac du Flambeau man is due court this morning, accused of stabbing a man over the weekend. Thirty year old James Peterson allegedly stabbed a 19-year old man in the leg early Sunday morning. Peterson was also injured in the altercation. Both were treated at Ministry Howard Young Medical Center with the victim later transferred to Marshfield. Peterson is in the Vilas County Jail awaiting the hearing.</p>

Wisconsin farmers have taken advantage of the recent warm-and-dry weather to catch up on their spring planting. Officials said 43-percent of the state's corn crop was in the ground as of Sunday, compared to just 14-percent the week before. Normally, about two-thirds of the state corn has been planted by now, but farmers have been hampered by the long winter this year.

Ministry Health Care which operates 15 hospitals in Wisconsin, and one in Minnesota, is announcing system-wide layoffs. They anticipate 225-250 employees will be affected.

According to a news release from their public relations department, high-deductible health insurance plans have led to

						<p>decreased demand for physician and outpatient services and the sequestration has resulted in a \$10 million annual reduction in payments to Ministry for Medicare services. Ministry employs more than 12,000 associates including 650 physicians and advanced practice clinicians.</p> <p>A Milwaukee man claimed the first million-dollar prize from last weekend's record Powerball drawing. Jason Peck turned in his ticket yesterday. A ticket sold in Antigo also won a million, but we don't know who yet. One player in Florida claimed the Powerball-record 590-and-a-half million dollars.</p>
	Man dies in industrial accident	News	5/22/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Authorities in Superior are investigating the death of a man in an industrial</p>

accident. First responders were called about seven last night to a plant that makes wood shingles. Other details of the incident were not immediately available. Several companies are located in the same building, located off Saint Louis Bay.

It's been almost three months since the automatic federal spending cuts took effect – and government jobs are not the only ones being dropped anymore. Ministry Health Care said yesterday that it would cut about 225-to-250 full-time equivalent employees at its 15 hospitals and 47 clinics in Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. The company said the federal sequester reduced its Medicare revenues by 10-million dollars. And as deductibles rise for health insurance, people are making fewer

					<p>visits to doctors and out-patient facilities.</p> <p>Spokesman Geoffrey Huys said Ministry hopes to achieve the employment cuts through resignations as well as layoffs. He said the process is in the beginning stages, and he could not say what types of jobs would be cut or when they would take effect.</p> <p>An average of nine people die in traffic accidents over the Memorial day weekend and the State Patrol is taking steps to drop that number. More airplanes will be used to catch speeders. Four planes and a dozen pilots will be in the air this summer. Transportation secretary Mark Gottlieb says over 400 law enforcement agencies will be busy watching traffic over the holiday. Speed is a factor in nearly 30-percent of the fatalities</p>
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					over the weekend which runs from Friday through Monday.
State's DNR creates new program	News	5/23/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The state D-N-R has created a new program to improve Wisconsin fishing by expanding the walleye population. Governor Scott Walker unveiled the "Wisconsin Walleye Initiative" yesterday, seeking to increase the number of walleye in state waters, by expanding production at state, tribal, and privately-owned fish hatcheries, increase stocking efforts, acquire more fingerlings from outside sources and expand the state's tribal youth program relating to natural resources. Nearly 12-million dollars is being pumped into the startup of the program. The Wisconsin Conservation Congress praised the new initiative, calling it a "substantial

investment" to improve the walleye fishery in the north. A Lac du Flambeau man is facing first degree intentional homicide charges. 30-year old James Peterson is in the Vilas County Jail on \$15,000 cash bond following a fight early Sunday morning in which a 19-year old man was stabbed. Peterson had his initial appearance in court yesterday. Both he and the victim were treated locally for injuries while the victim was later transferred to Ministry St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield.

The unofficial yet widely accepted start to summer hits this weekend with Memorial day and the North is ready. While the Triple-A says holiday traffic will be down a bit from years' past it's still a long getaway for tourists and a major destination is up here.

					<p>The Minocqua Chamber is open 24-hours into the weekend while the businesses are ready for numbers.</p> <p>Another million dollar lottery winner in Wisconsin as a ticket for Powerball's second prize was sold in Fremont. Antigo and Milwaukee had million dollar winners on Saturday.</p>
	<p>State lawmakers battling Indian tribe</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/23/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>The vice-chairman of the State Building Commission backed off on HIS threat to withhold a quarter-million-dollars in grant money for the Lac du Flambeau Indian tribe. Assembly Republican Dean Kaufert of Neenah said a few weeks ago he wanted to pull back funding the commission approved in 2011 for a new tribal cultural center. That was because six Chippewa tribes said they would jack up their federally-approved</p>

					<p>spearfishing quotas, leaving less fish for sport anglers in northern Wisconsin. Kaufert retreated yesterday saying the cold spring hampered spear-fishing, and the D-N-R promised him more fish would be made available for others. The Commission was originally scheduled to consider the funding withdrawal last month, but the panel wanted to give Governor Scott Walker more time to seek a compromise. He announced just a few hours before yesterday's meeting he'll pursue a major walleye stocking increase that will benefit both sport anglers and tribal fishers. He said the D-N-R proposed the program – but agency secretary Cathy Stepp says the stocking plan had nothing to do with the tribal dispute. She said fish experts have been wanting</p>
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						<p>for years to increase walleye stocks. Walker's plan includes eight-million dollars in bonding authority and two-million in grants. How big should Wisconsin's next wolf hunt be? That question considered today, by the state's Wolf Advisory Committee meeting near Wausau. The 26-member panel is expected to recommend a quota for the state's second wolf hunt due to begin in October despite a legal challenge from animal rights' groups who seek to put wolves back under federal protections.</p>
	Fire in "Rhineland	News	5/24/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>An early morning fire in Rhineland gutted an apartment building. City firefighters were dispatched just after 2:00 this morning to a structure fire at 254 West Hill Road on the west side. Immediate assistance was requested from both</p>

Crescent and Newbold volunteer departments. Rhinelander Chief Terry Williams confirmed five people were taken to the hospital and their conditions are unknown. Crews were still on the scene several hours later. On a 14-to-2 vote last night, the state Legislature's finance committee rejected a proposed funding increase and tuition hike for the University of Wisconsin System. Lawmakers took their anger out on the U-W, for imposing maximum tuition increases for six straight years while quietly sitting on 650-million dollars in cash reserves. Instead, lawmakers said they would increase their scrutiny of the U-W – and students will get a two-year tuition freeze. Republican co-chair Alberta Darling called for

				<p>the removal of U-W System President Kevin Reilly, saying the cash reserves breached a trust with lawmakers. Governor Scott Walker kept his 2016 presidential options open last night by telling Iowans he's really one of their own. The Wisconsin Republican spent seven of his childhood years at Plainfield in northwest Iowa. Walker mentioned his accomplishments in getting rid of Wisconsin's budget deficit, and the need to push for entitlement reforms to reduce people's dependence on government. Iowa's caucuses are the first test in the parties' nominating process. Walker joined Mitt Romney, Newt Gingrich, and Michele Bachmann in using the Des Moines event to lay a possible groundwork for a White House bid.</p>
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Fire in Rhinelander gutted building

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Fire destroyed an apartment building in Rhinelander early this morning. Just after 2:00 city firefighters arrived at 254 Westhill Road and immediately asked for mutual aid from Crescent and Newbold townships. Fire Chief Terry Williams told us four people in the building were taken by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital and another went on their own. Investigators did locate the point of origin of the blaze but are still working to determine the actual cause. Crews spent about three hours at the scene and there was no word on the condition of those hospitalized. Wisconsin sport anglers can take a lot more walleye than expected, after Chippewa spearers failed to meet their goal of thousands more fish than

normal during the off reservation harvest. Starting tomorrow, bag limits for sport anglers will increase to five walleye on 288 lakes, four-per-day on three waters, three on 131 lakes, and two on 101 lakes. Officials said the six Chippewa bands speared just over 28-thousand walleye and 249 muskie this spring, the lowest harvest since 2008, and about 700 below normal – most likely because of the late spring. Wisconsin's rent-to-own businesses have to keep following state consumer protection laws, after the Legislature's finance panel said no to looser regulations. The panel voted 10-to-6 last night to reject Governor Scott Walker's request to give the industry a break. The State Supreme Court ruled 20 years ago rent-to-own

						contracts are credit transactions, and therefore must follow state consumer protection disclosures.
						Only New York and Florida recorded more boating deaths than the eight seen here in Wisconsin last year. Despite the numbers, a bill making things tougher on drunken boaters failed to find any traction with state lawmakers. The measure by state Representative Garey Bies proposed a bill in the 2011 session which would have allowed judges to ban a person convicted of driving a boat for more than a year, making jail time possible and even suspend car-driving privileges for a second offense. It died in committee, but it could be re-introduced this year.
						A couple outbuildings were destroyed by fire over the
	Buildings destroyed by fire over the weekend	News	5/27/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	

weekend. Smoke was reported from a garage on Anna road in the Town of Merrill Saturday afternoon. Lincoln County authorities got the call just before two and found the building fully involved when they arrived and flames were spreading into the nearby woods. The blaze was quickly contained. Later that day a careless cigarette butt started a grass fire and burned down a barn in Lake Tomahawk.

Wisconsin is becoming the state of millionaire lottery players. For the fourth time in a little over a week, a Powerball player in the state won a jackpot worth a million dollars. The winning ticket this time was sold in Reedsburg, matching five of the six winning numbers for last Saturday's drawing. The big pay day for the

						<p>unknown winner comes a week after three tickets worth a million were sold in Antigo, Fremont and Milwaukee. Only the Milwaukee winner has come forward so far.</p>
						<p>An elderly Merrill man was in the wrong place at the right after being injured in a motorcycle accident yesterday afternoon. Lincoln County authorities report 87-year old Leonard Benson lost control of his bike shortly before 2:00 while northbound on Hwy 51 when he lost control and crashed in the median. He was immediately treated at the scene by several off duty medical personnel who'd witnessed the crash. Benson was airlifted to Aspirus Hospital in Wausau with unknown injuries.</p>
	Motorcycle accident in Merrill	News	5/27/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Will Howard Young Medical

Center be able to house its helicopter at the woodruff facility? That question may finally be answered Wednesday. Oneida county's Planning and Development Committee meets and what could be the final decision is on the agenda. The Woodruff town board rejected the plan last month but the committee has the final say whether or not a helicopter hanger and garage plus a 10-thousand gallon fuel tank can be built adjacent to the medical center. Neighbors worry about the noise and potential loss of property value while the hospital maintains quicker patient access and time savings during critical times are ensured if the chopper is in Woodruff and not Rhinelander.

Time is growing short if you

					<p>want to be protected from unsolicited telemarketing calls and text messages. Friday's the deadline for the state's "no call" list. Persons already on that list have to re-register every two years. Consumers who add their phone numbers to the list this time will be protected from solicitation calls starting July 1st. That list is updated four times a year. Call 866-966-2255.</p>
	<p>Rhineland man involved in car crash</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/28/2013</p>	<p>601a ,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>A 55-year old Rhineland man died in a car crash last night. The Oneida County Sheriff's Department was not releasing the identity yet early this morning. The one vehicle accident happened about 6:30 just south of Mark Road on County Highway G. Pelican Fire and Rescue joined deputies in responding. Updating the story we had yesterday about 87-year old Leonard Benson of</p>

Merrill. He's listed in critical condition and still in intensive care at Aspirus Hospital in Wausau following a motorcycle accident Sunday afternoon.

A public hearing is set for today on a bill to make it against the law for Wisconsin adults to either allow underage drinking, or fail to stop it. The Assembly's Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee will take testimony during the noon hour at the State Capitol. The panel's chairman, De Pere Republican Andre Jacque, authored the bill. Right now, adults are required to stop underage drinking only if it happens at a bar or a liquor store they own. Jacque's bill would force adults to stop teen alcohol use at their homes, and all other properties

					<p>they own. The Oneida County Highway Department's plans for work on County Trunk J are headed for a public hearing next week. An informational meeting is set for next Thursday, June 6th at the Woodruff Town hall at 6:30 for the project involving the well-travelled link between Minocqua and Woodruff from Hwy 51 to 47. Discussion will center on the scope of the work, closures, rights of way and roadway impacts.</p>
	<p>One vehicle crash kills local man</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/28/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>A one vehicle crash last night claimed the life of a Rhinelander man. 55-year old James Hagen was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident on County Hwy G, just east of the city around 6:30. Wisconsin income taxes would be cut by 751-million dollars over the next two years – over twice what</p>

					<p>Governor Scott Walker proposed – under a lawmaker’s plan unveiled today. Assembly Republican Dale Kooyenga of Brookfield said he’s taking a step toward flattening Wisconsin’s progressive income tax, in which high-income people pay proportionately more than others. Kooyenga is on the Joint Finance panel, which is in the final stages of recommending a new state budget to both houses. Kooyenga, an accountant, says his plan would lower taxes in all five brackets – not just the lowest three, as Walker recommends. It would also eliminate the alternative minimum tax, the estate tax, and 18 business tax credits. Kooyenga also proposes other tax credit changes to put them in line with federal policies. It’s not</p>
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						<p>certain how much support Kooyenga's plan has among majority Republicans.</p> <p>San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro will give the keynote speech at the Wisconsin Democratic Party Convention next month. According to media reports, party chairman Mike Tate gave the word in an e-mail to supporters today. Castro was a keynote speaker at last year's Democratic National Convention. The 38-year-old Castro was re-elected earlier this month to a third term as San Antonio's mayor. His Wisconsin speech is set for June seventh at the state's Democratic gathering in Oconomowoc.</p>
	Cause of local fire still unknown	News	5/29/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The cause of a fire that gutted an apartment building in Rhinelander last week is still unknown. Five

people were hospitalized early last Friday morning when the blaze swept through the fourplex on Westhill Road and reignited later that day. Fire Chief Terry Williams said early investigations located the potential location of the fire in the building but not the root cause. Yesterday that cause was still listed as undetermined.

Since a brutal attack on a corrections officer a couple months ago, the Marathon County Jail has been under the microscope and authorities there don't like what they see. The state jail inspector says problems there come from a lack of communication and cooperation and department officials admit the system is a failure. Sheriff Randy Hoenish resigned in March mired in controversy and a month

later the jail administrator did the same. Scott Parks was appointed head the department while a new administrator is still being sought. A committee of community members are reviewing the department and uncovered everything from lack of oversight to low morale and holding inmates accountable as primary areas of concern. Officials say they're taking all recommendations to heart and working on improvements in the system.

Wisconsin high school juniors would have to take the A-C-T college entrance exam, under a budget measure considered by the state Legislature's finance panel today. Governor Scott Walker and state school Superintendent Tony Evers want to use the A-C-T and other tests to replace

					the long-running W-K-C-E achievement exams. All the tests are aligned with the state's new education standards.
Oneida Co. man gets out of prison	News	5/29/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>An Oneida County man convicted of sexual assault gets out of prison this weekend and will be living again in Rhinelander. 51-year-old Dennis Williams was convicted of 2nd degree sexual assault of a child in July of 1998 when he threatened a 14-year-old girl with a screwdriver. Williams will be released Saturday and will be supervised by the probation and parole office. He'll also wear an electronic monitoring device and sign up with the state sex offender registry.</p> <p>Almost two-thirds of Wisconsin's corn crop has been planted. Officials say over 20-percent of the crop</p>

was put into the ground last week. But corn planting is still 21-percent below the average for the past five years. Wisconsin is the only Midwest state with less than 80-percent of its corn planted. There are reports that growers are thinking about switching some of their normal corn acreage to soybeans, due to the planting delays caused by the extended winter.

The state Justice Department will close its field office in Superior to save money. Attorney General J-B Van Hollen says two of the four special agents in the office are retiring. The other two will keep working, but their boss will be the agent-in-charge of the Eau Claire office, Jed Sperry. The man who headed the Superior office, Jay Smith, will keep working without his administrative

bomb squad was called to a rural home and determined a suspected device was not an explosive. Sheriff Grady Hartman said the incident Tuesday began with a complaint that a home about 20 miles northeast of Rhinelander in the Town of Piehl had a suspected "improvised explosive device." The Marathon/Oneida County Bomb Squad determined the device was inert, the sheriff said in a statement. A small amount of fireworks were also found in the residence and were disposed of.

The Northern Wisconsin Wildfire Fund is providing money, items and a helping hand to those affected by the May 14th Germann Road Fire in Douglas and Bayfield counties that charred more than eight

					<p>thousand acres, destroyed 17 homes and nearly 50 structures. Insurance is helping many of those impacted by the huge fire, but it doesn't cover everything. What started as a faith-based initiative has now expanded to include seven churches, many town board members, volunteer firefighters, banks, business owners and people in the community. Volunteers are offering to help with everything from cleanup to rebuilding.</p>	
	Antigo woman sent to prison	News	5/30/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>An Antigo woman will spend three years in prison for injecting morphine into a 12-year-old girl against her will. 21-year-old Nicole Bessert was sentenced yesterday in Langlade County. When she gets out of prison, she'll have to spend three years under extended supervision and two more years on</p>

				<p>probation. The youngster was asked if she wanted to try and drug – and after she said no, Bessert gave it to her anyway. She was convicted of child abuse and contributing to a child's delinquency.</p> <p>First Sergeant Gregory Fulton of Arbor Vitae will receive the military's third-highest award for valor, the Silver Star, during a ceremony tomorrow at Volk Field in Juneau County.</p> <p>Fulton is the first from the State National Guard to be so honored. He was in Afghanistan with the 951st Engineer Company, when he helped the Afghan National Army clear a building filled with hostile insurgents. His unit is based in Rhineland and Tomahawk.</p> <p>More reward money is being offered to help authorities find the people</p>
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						<p>who illegally shot a hibernating bear in northwest Wisconsin. The D-N-R said the bear was shot in February while sleeping in a culvert near Star Prairie. It was dragged to place near Somerset where it was decapitated. The Star Prairie Fish-and-Game Association put up a 500-dollar reward for information leading to the shooter's conviction. The Wisconsin Bear Hunters Association, the Mid-State Houdsmen Association, and others added to the fund that's now over \$1700. The D-N-R said the bear weighed 300 pounds, so it's likely that more one person killed the animal.</p>
	<p>Mining in Northern Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>5/31/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The D-N-R gave Gogebic Taconite permission yesterday to drill eight holes along the four-mile mining site in Ashland and Iron counties. The mining</p>

company says it will provide a lot of environmental data – including the amount of pyrite material in the waste rock that could potentially hurt groundwater on the site. Officials said mining opponents have been clamoring for more information about the proposed mine – and the drilling will supply that. Wisconsinites are cleaning up from a second day of severe weather. The National Weather Service said a funnel cloud was spotted in Janesville just after seven last night. About 40 minutes later, officials reported a 10-mile swath of tree damage to the east between Delavan and La Grange. Closer to home high winds knocked down trees and power lines from Antigo to Eagle River. A steel roof was ripped from a building in Deerbrook.

Spotty storms remain in the forecast through tomorrow.

The law requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls is constitutional according to the State Appeals Court.

Republicans passed a law in 2011 requiring voters to show photo IDs as a way to combat election fraud. The League of Women Voters filed suit in Dane County Circuit Court challenging the law. Judge Richard Niess ruled the law was unconstitutional in March 2012, saying it would abridge the right to vote. That decision was reversed yesterday by the 4th District Court of appeals, saying the league failed to prove the measure is unconstitutional. Implementing the law, however is still tied up by other lawsuits.

	Antigo man to stand trial	News	5/31/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>An Antigo man will stand trial, after authorities said he was driving a pick-up truck while his girlfriend fell out and later died. 27-year-old Brandon Bender is charged in Marathon County with felony reckless endangerment, and a misdemeanor count of driving under a restricted controlled substance. Prosecutors said Bender and 27-year-old Catherine Borchardt of Wittenberg drank at several Wausau area bars – and Bender also reportedly smoked marijuana – before driving his pick-up into Elderon on April seventh. Officials said Bender first claimed that his girlfriend was the driver when the vehicle took a hard left turn and she fell out – but he later changed his story. At a preliminary hearing yesterday, a</p>
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sheriff's detective said Borchardt could have survived her head injuries had she received immediate emergency care – but she didn't. Bender is free on a signature bond.

This coming weekend will be filled with free fun in Wisconsin with free fishing and free bicycling, inline skating and horseback and ATV riding on state trails Saturday and Sunday and free admission on Sunday to all Wisconsin state park and forest properties. People can fish anywhere in the state without a license or trout stamp, including Wisconsin's waters of the Great Lakes and Mississippi River. Dozens of free fishing clinics are being offered by fishing clubs, local parks departments, community centers and

its top, causing minor injuries to the 50 year old pilot, who was alone in the plane.

The motorcyclist who crashed on Highway 51 Memorial Day weekend has died. Lincoln County Sheriff's officials say 86-year-old Leonard Benson of Merrill lost control of his bike, ending up in the median. He was air lifted to Aspirus Hospital in Wausau where he died on Thursday. Deputies still don't know what caused the accident.

The DNR wants to add almost 150 river segments, streams and lakes to its list of impaired waters, bodies of water that don't support fish and aquatic life, recreation or public health. Federal statute requires the DNR's list be updated every two years. The state agency says the list of 147 water bodies was formed

					<p>with the help of public comments from Wisconsin residents and federal environmental regulators.</p> <p>Working through a public university in four years with only a minimum-wage summer job and part-time work study is nearly impossible without family or need-based financial aid. A published report says tuition at four-year University of Wisconsin campuses has risen above the rate of inflation since 1987 while state support has been below it since 1980. That leaves students with a difficult choice -- work endless hours or graduate deep in debt.</p>
State lawmakers close to a major budget deal	News	6/3/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Governor Scott Walker and the Republican leaders of both houses are getting close to a major state budget deal that includes

more tax cuts, an expansion of private school choice statewide, and a rejection of new federal Medicaid funds. Senate G-O-P leader Scott Fitzgerald told the A-P during the weekend they're quote, "actually pretty close" to something. The Republican Walker agreed, saying quote, "I think we're getting there." We'll find out more tomorrow, when the Legislature's Joint Finance Committee meets – possibly to put the finishing touches on a two-year budget package that the full Legislature would consider.

We're in one of the worst time for accidents in the state and it can be summed up in one word...deer. The Department of Transportation warns car-deer crashes typically peak in the fall but June is one of

the most dangerous months for drivers. Deer are on the move as they search for places to give birth and young deer separate from their mothers. And they seldom travel alone. If there's one crossing the road odds are there are more right behind. So keep an eye out.

Summer is only 18 days away – and temperatures still dropped below the freezing mark this morning in northern Wisconsin. It was 30-degrees at Minocqua and Land O'Lakes at six o'clock, and Eagle River was at the freezing point at 32. Clear skies and virtually no wind allowed the cold to sink in – and temperatures will stay below normal for a while. The National Weather Service says the mercury might not hit 70 until Friday.

The St. Germain woman accused of supplying a deadly dose of heroin pleaded not guilty yesterday in Oneida County court. 27-year-old Jennifer Heiting and another man were arrested in December. That was after they found David Stahl's body in his home near Rhineland. He apparently overdosed on heroin, allegedly supplied by Heiting. She faces up to 40 years in prison for a reckless homicide charge in addition to delivery. She's back in court in August.

An experimental light plane crashed at the Eagle River Union Airport last night. City Police reported the craft, piloted by 71 year old Carl Schels, Jr of Eagle River was landing when a wind gust tipped the plane and when the wing hit the ground it

nosed over, coming to a stop. Schels was treated for minor injuries.

Only 45 high schools in the state take part in the Model United Nations in New York and Lakeland in Minocqua is one of them. Taking part in the conference for several years, students were familiar with the program and ended up with six awards in three categories. The group represented China with the assignment to develop policies to combat invasive species there and in other countries. The program includes debating, negotiating and learning about global affairs.

The Milwaukee Bucks have officially announced Larry Drew as the new head coach of the team. The 55-year-old former coach of the Atlanta Hawks says he's

					<p>"excited" to be part of the organization. Team officials say Drew signed a three-year deal, worth about \$10.5 million dollars</p>
<p>Wisconsin safety checks of vehicles</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/4/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>For the next three days, Wisconsin law enforcement will step up their safety checks of large commercial vehicles. The State Patrol is taking part in the annual Road-Check program put on by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance. The goal is to get more truckers to comply with all the equipment regulations – and to encourage more drivers to wear seat belts. The D-O-T said the numbers of crashes involving large trucks dropped by 27-percent between 2003 and last year – and related deaths during that decade fell by 33-percent. One way to raise money to help spruce up your city and improve signage is to</p>

have those who travel here pay for it. That's Merrill tactic as they work to double the city's hotel room tax rate. Right now that rate's at 4%, collecting about \$38,000 a year. The increase could add another \$40,000 to the budget. The city council takes up the proposal next week and could have the new rate in place by July first.

Three federal judges approved an out-of-court settlement ending a long legal challenge to the re-drawing of Wisconsin's legislative districts in 2011. The Democrat and Hispanic groups filing the suit kept accusing majority legislative Republicans of not giving them all the documents the court told Republicans to release, showing how the G-O-P secretly redrew the maps. Three computers

					<p>were turned over earlier this year – and the plaintiffs raised questions about whether the G-O-P purged the most damaging documents in the case beforehand. They couldn't prove it, so they obtained a settlement and a caution not to do it again.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders business owner facing multiple charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/5/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Rhinelanders businessman faces charges of insurance fraud and identity theft. Law enforcement executed a search warrant Monday at Custom Collision and Rick's Towing, then arrested 42-year old John Henricks. He was referred to the Oneida County District Attorney on four different felony charges. The FBI assisted Rhinelanders Police in the investigation. Kim Swisher, the School District of Rhinelanders's Community Education Coordinator submitted her resignation yesterday and</p>

will leave the two year old position at the end of the month. Swisher helped develop the new program, established to not only handle PR duties but effectively market the district, as evidenced by the highly publicized and recently successful school referendum. She's accepted another new position, this one as the communications coordinator with the Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa. Swishers said she's excited about the new challenge ahead. Incoming School Superintendent Kelli Jacobi said the opening will be posted as soon as possible.

Republican legislative leaders reached agreement on increasing public school funding, expanding private school

					<p>vouchers and cutting income taxes. The marathon session, still going early this morning, will include roughly \$680 million in income tax cuts over the next two years, more than double what Gov. Scott Walker first proposed.</p> <p>Major League Baseball is preparing to suspend about 20 players including Brewers outfielder Ryan Braun. This is in connection with a Miami-area clinic involved in a performance enhancing drug scandal investigation. ESPN is reporting 100-game suspensions could come in the next few weeks. If upheld, this would be the largest such action in American Sports history.</p>
Wisconsin's economic recovery lags behind other states	News	6/6/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Wisconsin's economic recovery lags behind most other states. The Federal

Reserve Bank of Philadelphia ranks the Badger State 49th in an index of leading economic growth indicators. We're one of just five states to have an overall decline in those indicators, and only Wyoming is worse. Reports find Wisconsin is being held back by a large manufacturing base struggling to keep up with strong foreign competition. Meanwhile, Tomahawk's economy is in line for a boost as the city council approved development of a new Shopko Hometown store just north of town. Developers hope to be open in fall with a store offering many of the same products as a traditional Shopko but with a more local flavor. A state appeals court ruled a tavern cannot be sued for negligence, because an

					<p>underage drinker showed a fake I-D and later injured one of her friends. The Second District Appellate Court in Waukesha ruled late yesterday Jennifer Serkowski cannot win a lawsuit against the bar, because she failed to show the place acted in bad faith. Serkowski was accidentally hurt by her friend in 2010, after they drank at a bar in Waterford. Serkowski later sued the bar for negligence in serving her friend, even though her I-D claimed she was legal. A circuit court ruled in favor of the bar. That judge said the tavern had no idea the drinker was underage, because the person showed a false I-D and appeared old enough to be at least the legal age of 21.</p>
Athens woman dies from a traffic accident	News	6/6/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	A 26-year old Athens woman died following a

traffic accident early yesterday morning north of Stratford. Janade Lotzer was driving on Highway 97 near County Highway P when she collided head on with a semi. The truck jackknifed into the ditch, shutting down the roadway for several hours. The 52-year old truck driver was not injured. Marathon county Investigators are still working on the cause of the crash.

Bond was set at \$2500 cash for John Henricks III, the 42-year old Rhinelander man facing three felony fraud charges and one for identity theft. The criminal complaint details numerous insurance claims made by Henricks, who runs a body shop and towing service, than netted him nearly \$100,000. He's also been convicted previously for similar felonies in the past.

He's back in Oneida county court July 15th.

Word comes this week of Dunkin Donuts setting their sights on Rhinelander. They've already announced plans to open a store in Marshfield later this year or early next. The company says it's part of a plan to build several restaurants in Central and Northern Wisconsin. The first opened in Plover last year and potential locations for the new stores is expected in the next month or two.

Wisconsin's Special Olympics begin tonight in Stevens Point. For the 32nd year, law enforcement officers are running with torches from several parts of the state to support the event. They'll converge in Point for the Opening Ceremonies at seven at the Colman Track on the U-W

					<p>campus. About two-thousand Special Olympians compete in track-and-field events, soccer, power-lifting and aquatic races through Saturday.</p>
<p>Antigo school superintendent steps down</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/7/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Just months after taking over as superintendent of the Antigo School District, longtime central Wisconsin educator Steven Smolek has resigned, saying he'll step down July 31. The 55-year old Smolek declined to elaborate but did say there's not another job and he may even consider early retirement. He was hired last June with a three year contract. The school board has yet to act on the resignation</p> <p>Minutes after a 911 call to the Oneida County Sheriff's department reported a reckless driver on Highway 51 north of Tomahawk</p>

yesterday, another call came in reporting a crash. Sheriff Grady Hartman said the driver of a car that struck a semi trailer died in the accident just north of Highway 8 shortly after 2:00. Investigators say the car crossed the centerline and hit the truck. The name of the victim was still not available this morning.

25-year old Ashley Baumann of Merrill will be in court in December, accused of killing two women in a traffic accident last June. She faces nine felonies after police say she driving drunk and crashed her car on Merrill's west side, killing 33 year old Jessica Hartwig and 31 year old Misty Glisch. Another woman was seriously injured. Charges range from homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle

					<p>to reckless driving. The parents of one of the victims has also filed a wrongful death suit against her.</p> <p>Last fall voters in Boulder Junction approved building a new community center. The 2-million dollar project began yesterday with a groundbreaking ceremony. The new 16,000 square foot building will house the library, police department and community offices.</p>
Fatal accident in Tomahawk	News	6/7/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Traffic on Highway 51 north of Tomahawk was rerouted for several hours yesterday afternoon following a fatal accident. 42-year old Jason Smoker of Harshaw was pronounced dead at the scene after his car crossed the centerline and struck a semi trailer. The accident happened just after 2:00 about three miles</p>

north of Hwy 8. Minutes before the accident the Oneida County Sheriff's Department received a 911 call about a reckless driver.

Wisconsin House Republican Jim Sensenbrenner – who wrote the U-S-A Patriot Act soon after 9-11 – said the secret surveillance of Americans' phone records goes way beyond what the law intended. A British newspaper uncovered a court order this week that requires Verizon to turn over records of all landline and mobile calls made by its U-S customers on a daily basis. Investigators can look for calling patterns that hint of terrorism, then seek court approval to wire-tap those numbers. House Intelligence Committee leaders say the effort helped thwart at least one terrorism attempt in the U-S, saving American lives.

					<p>Despite that, Sensenbrenner says there's a consensus from both parties the surveillance program is a serious over-reach of the Patriot Act, and a violation of privacy. Former U-S Senate Democrat Russ Feingold of Wisconsin, who cast the only vote against the Patriot Act in 2001, said the new revelations are "deeply troubling."</p> <p>Antigo school district superintendent Steven Smolek resigned yesterday, announcing he'll step down at the end of July. Smolek, just finishing the first year of a three year contract gave no explanation other than saying he may seek other opportunities or retire altogether.</p>
Hit and Run in St. Germain	News	6/10/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The Vilas County Sheriff's department is looking into what may be a hit and run accident in St. Germain.

Just before 3:00 Saturday morning a 911 call reported a man laying on Hwy 155 near Birchwood Drive. He was taken to Howard Young Medical Center then airlifted to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield for further treatment. His injuries or name were not disclosed.

Meanwhile, deputies in Lincoln County are searching for a Gleason man who took off Friday night. 49-year old Timothy Lee Tutor is wanted by parole agents for failing to pay child support. Officers spotted him outside a home on Hwy 17, just south of County road X and when they tried to take him into custody, he ran. The K-9 unit from Tomahawk PD assisted in the search and tracked him to the area around Town Hall Road before losing the scent.

					<p>Two Gleason residents are suspected of helping Tutor escape. He stands 5-8, weighs 150-pounds has blonde hair and blue eyes. If you have any information you're asked to contact the Lincoln county sheriff's department.</p> <p>It's shaping up to be a bad summer for ticks in Wisconsin – and that may lead to more cases of Lyme disease. Experts say ticks love a moist climate and warm weather and Wisconsin is getting both. Wisconsin has at least 16 species of ticks, but U-W experts say only a few bite humans. That includes the deer ticks known for causing Lyme disease. Last year's hot-and-dry summer resulted in a decrease in Wisconsin Lyme cases.</p>
Crash in Portage Co.	News	6/10/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	A 23-year old Wausau woman died and two

others injured in head-on crash in Portage County yesterday. The sheriff's department reports the accident happened around 5:00 yesterday on Hwy 161 near Nelsonville. Investigators say the woman crossed the centerline, striking an oncoming vehicle. Her husband and another passenger were taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield with non-life threatening injuries. The highway was closed for three hours while crews cleared the scene.

Meanwhile Vilas County authorities are trying to figure out how a St. Germain man either fell out or jumped out of a vehicle early Saturday morning. 47-year old Ronnie Schilling, Jr is in stable condition at St. Joseph's hospital in Marshfield but deputies

have yet to question him about the incident. The Sheriff's office received a 911 call just before 3:00 Saturday morning that a man was found lying on the side of the road on Hwy 155 near Birchwood drive in St. Germain.

U-S Senate Republican Ron Johnson of Wisconsin says we need a "very delicate balance" between protecting civil liberties and gathering intelligence to fight terrorism. Johnson, a member of the Senate Homeland Security panel, was on "Fox News Sunday" to discuss the recent reports about the monitoring of phone calls and Internet usage. Johnson said he was, "every bit concerned" about civil liberties as many Americans who criticized the extent in which national security personnel search for patterns of terrorist

					activity. Still, Johnson calls intelligence-gathering capabilities is, in his words, "our greatest line of defense" against terrorism.
Fire destroys area cabin	News	6/11/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A rental cabin at White Birch Village in Star Lake was destroyed by fire yesterday, sending one person to the hospital. Several others got out safely. The blaze was reported at the business on Highway K about 9:30. Firefighters say it began in a utility room but the exact cause is unknown.</p> <p>A sad reminder that school's out for the summer as a youngster was struck by a car yesterday while riding a bike on Baird Avenue in downtown Rhinelander near the Courthouse. The child was taken to the hospital and city police remind all drivers, especially with road</p>

				<p>construction in progress to be extra aware of your surroundings while driving. A Gleason school bus driver faces two felony charges in connection with sending unwanted text messages. 52-year old Bobb Bergman pleaded no contest in Lincoln County Court and secured a plea deal to avoid trial. The parents of an 11-year old complained Bergman was sending sexual texts. The DA originally charged him with exposing himself to a child, causing mental harm, exposing a child to harmful material and stalking but two of the charges were dropped in the deal. He'll be in the sex offender registry and will be sentenced later this month. Wausau teachers will see a salary increase next year. The school board approved the 2.07% raise after a two</p>
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					<p>year wage freeze and set the new starting salary at \$35,211 for new hires in the district. Board president Michelle Schaefer said both the teachers and administration are happy with the deal.</p>
<p>Bill to increase weekly jobless benefits</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/11/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Wisconsin Senate votes today on a bill to increase weekly jobless benefits, while making it easier to recover money overpaid to recipients. The bill would increase the weekly payments by one-to-seven dollars, while letting officials check private bank accounts for evidence of overpayments. Banks doing business with the state would have to disclose information about the accounts held by those who owe money to the unemployment fund. Those measures are expected to bring in eight-million dollars a year, to help pay a half-</p>

billion dollars back to the federal government for helping the state provide jobless benefits during the recession. The Senate bill would also toughen the standards for those applying for benefits after they rejected job offers. They would not be eligible for benefits until they find a job and make six times their weekly benefit rates. That's up from the current four times. Several other controversial components on the bill are up for discussion.

The Wisconsin D-N-R has a new deer-and-elk researcher. Dan Storm was recently promoted to replace the departed Jared Duquette. The D-N-R says Storm will work on mortality studies for bucks-and-fawns, and the nutritional content of deer killed by vehicles. He'll also

					<p>be a consultant to D-N-R managers on a host of issues that involve deer-and-elk. Storm joined the department last year as a researcher.</p> <p>State Democrats are mum when it comes to naming a possible candidate for Governor in 2014. There's no clear frontrunner but Congressman Ron Kind announced over the weekend that he is not interested in running for Governor.</p>
<p>Minocqua woman pleads to theft charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/12/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Minocqua woman faces jail time and heavy fines after pleading no contest to three misdemeanor theft charges. 41-year old Michelle Popenhagen was the head cashier at SaveMore Foods back in 2004 when she was accused of stealing over \$28,000 over an 11-month period. She originally faced four felonies and is now</p>

looking at two years in jail and \$30,000 in fines when she's sentenced later this year.

The driver of an ATV was injured and flown to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield following a crash last night. The Marathon County Sheriff's department reported the accident just before 10 last night on Blackberry Road in the Township of Hall. Alcohol is suspected to be a factor in the crash.

The Gleason man on the run since 2011 for failing to pay child support is back in jail. Timothy Lee Tutor was arrested yesterday and a family member cited for obstructing an officer after concealing him. A Lincoln county sheriff's deputy pulled his taser and ordered Tutor to surrender when he was spotted.

					<p>Downtown Rhinelander Incorporated has done several studies over the years to breathe life back into the business district but this time, it has the city on board. The Rhinelander city council approved 32-thousand dollars and hired a firm to develop a plan for Brown Street and adjoining locations. The four month study should yield a design plan including updated sewers, sidewalks and more. The project is expected to cost several million dollars and be complete in three years. Federal grants should help fund much of the project.</p>
<p>Wausau man sentenced to prison</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/12/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Wausau area man has been sentenced to five years in prison, for extorting almost 100-thousand dollars from another man. 28-year-old Dustin Congleton of Weston must also spend five</p>

years under extended supervision, after he pleaded no contest to felony extortion and illegally possessing a firearm as a convicted felon. A count of receiving stolen property was dropped in a plea deal. A second defendant, 29-year-old Alex Santiago of Ringle, has pleaded innocent to similar charges. The status of his case will be reviewed on June 24th. Wisconsin's average gas price dropped below four-dollars a gallon this morning. The Triple-"A" said regular unleaded sold for a statewide average of 3.99-point-seven – down from 4.01-point-two yesterday. Prices hovered about four-dollars since late last week, after a refinery near Chicago was shut down longer than expected for maintenance. Gas Buddy analyst Tom Kloza said the

refinery at Joliet Illinois is back online, and another large refinery in northwest Indiana vows to ramp up production soon after its maintenance work is done. Kloza said this is the busiest refinery reconfiguring period we've seen in a generation – and he added that “the worst is over.”

Saving money and improving emergency response paved the way for the village of Weston and town of Rib Mountain to combine their fire protection and emergency medical services. A public forum last night embraced the merger even though some of the firefighters and EMS crews are worried about losing their jobs. The new service should be operational by the beginning of the year.

Car accident in Rhinelander	News	6/13/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Rhinelander fire and rescue crews needed the jaws of life to remove a woman from a car following a collision yesterday afternoon. She was a passenger in a car that turned into the path of an oncoming vehicle at the corner of highways 8 and 47 west of the city just before 1:00. She was taken to Ministry St. Mary's Hospital for treatment. The two drivers appeared unhurt.</p> <p>Gogebic Taconite started drilling test holes yesterday at the site of its proposed iron ore mine in Ashland and Iron counties. The D-N-R confirmed the drilling, one day after about 15 protestors showed up at the site. Iron County Sheriff Tony Furyk said they scattered into a wooded area before his officers got there and investigators are reviewing</p>
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					community to embrace all the people.
Fire in downtown Woodruff	News	6/13/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A fire in downtown Woodruff yesterday could have been far worse if not for the actions of some contractors. Working in the attic of a home near the theater about 1:00, one of the men noticed smoke and called for help. Woodruff Fire Chief Mike Timmons said that not only saved the house but potentially a lot more. Departments from Woodruff, Minocqua and Arbor Vitae all responded and things were under control quickly. Damage was contained to the attic and only minimal damage reported.</p> <p>A new ordinance in downtown Wausau now allows cafes and restaurants to serve customers on the sidewalks</p>

outside their establishments. It's a popular trend all over the country and allows businesses to not only capitalize on the nicer weather but increase their seating. There are guidelines of course, like having four feet of space for people to walk through. Wausau is also unique in that it allows mobile food vendors and another ordinance approved requires them to stay at least 75 feet away from restaurants. Most cities in the state allow food vendors to only be in a fixed location.

Wisconsin attorneys have a new leader. Patrick Fiedler (feed-ler) was sworn in last night as the new president of the State Bar Association. Fiedler has been a Dane County circuit judge, state Corrections Secretary, U-S Attorney for the western

					<p>half of Wisconsin, and an assistant district attorney in Waukesha County. He specializes in litigation and alternatives for resolving disputes. Fielder will serve a one-year term as the bar's president and replaces Kevin Klein of Phillips.</p>
<p>Mosinee man in court on drug charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/14/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A proposal to change some of the state's voter I-D laws in an election reform bill was struck down by the state Assembly. The provision was dropped because of conflicting legal opinions. Wisconsin's voter I-D law is already involved in four lawsuits, two of those are pending.</p> <p>A Mosinee man will be in Marathon County court this afternoon on drug charges...the case stemming from a fatal traffic accident in late March. 22-year old Kyle Kennedy allegedly provided heroin to Michael</p>

Dixon, who ended up getting killed in the crash on Thomas Street in Wausau on March 23rd. His four year old son was critically injured. Police said the two men met at a gas station a short time earlier. Kenned was booked on charges of delivering heroin, obstructing an officer and bail jumping.

With multi-million dollar utility projects underway, Rhinelander city officials are eyeing rate increases as one way to help pay for them. Federal grants offset some of the expenses but low interest loans also used allow for rates to slowly go up over time. City Administrator Blaine Oborn says there are reserves to fall back on and any utility rate increases would potentially be small and phased in over time. The Price County

					<p>Courthouse got a technology shot that will immediately save money. New videoconferencing gear will modernize a very manpower intensive process. Judges can now hold a variety of pre-trial hearings without the need to transport inmates from the jail to the courthouse, many times at significant expense. The video upgrade has been in the works for four years.</p>
Cleaning up shorelines	News	6/14/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>The DNR will now allow inland waterfront property owners to clean up their shorelines, like landowners along the Great Lakes do now. The agency will extend the same general clean up permits, good for five years. Previously, inland waterfront owners had to apply for individual permits and go through a 30-day public comment period. Folks in northwest Wisconsin</p>

and Upper Michigan should not be alarmed if they hear a helicopter close by. X-cel Energy says it will use choppers to inspect electric transmission lines starting Monday. The utility says its helicopters will fly within 50-feet of the power lines – and they'll get closer to a structure if they believe it needs a more detailed inspection.

A central Wisconsin baby who touched thousands of hearts around the world died yesterday. One-year-old Treyden Kurtzweil of Stratford spent most of his life battling lymphocytic leukemia, which destroys bone marrow cells. Almost 25-thousand people followed Treyden's story on Facebook, where his mother Cassie wrote almost every day about her son's accomplishments and struggles. Last Friday,

					<p>doctors said there was nothing else they could do to help the child. Monday night, about 500 people gathered outside Treyden's hospital room in Marshfield for a candlelight vigil marking his first birthday. He died about 3:30 yesterday afternoon. In announcing the death on Facebook, the Kurtzweil family thanked people for their prayers and support. They said, "Treyden received his wings today ... he was surrounded by nothing but love." Within hours, more than 700 followers posted condolences.</p>
Storms in the area	News	6/17/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A series of storms beginning late yesterday afternoon has utility crews still restoring power to several thousand customers. Wisconsin Public Service reported early this morning the lights were still out in parts of Newbold,</p>

Lake Tomahawk, Cassian and Pine Lake. The company hopes to have all power restored by about noon.

About 700 Wisconsin National Guard members will lose 11 days of work-and-pay due to the federal budget sequester. The furloughs affect Defense Department technicians, ranging from mechanics and pilots to human resource and finance specialists. Major Paul Rickert says the automatic spending cuts have caused the Guard to make "significant adjustments" to training and operations. Most of the Wisconsin Guard's 10-thousand members are not affected by the furloughs because they're either active duty personnel – who are exempt from the sequester – or state employees.

The Highway Patrol reported a motorcycle accident last night in Marathon county. The crash happened on county hwy J in the town of Reid just after 8:00 last night. The bike apparently struck a deer and the driver was taken to Aspirus Hospital in serious condition.

School boards across the state are always looking at ways to save money in this economy and the Rhinelander district is no different. The board meets tonight and on the agenda is whether or not to pave the parking lot at Crescent elementary school. The project runs \$63,000. School officials maintain it's a safety issue first then phy ed classes could get back outside because there's no basketball or tennis because of the current conditions. The board

					meets at six tonight.
Plane crash	News	6/17/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Federal officials continue investigating a weekend plane crash that killed two men on Madeline Island. A witness told Ashland County authorities a plane was trying to land Saturday night, but the pilot aborted the effort and tried a second approach. Officials said the single-engine craft burst into flames in a wooded area up to 200 yards south of the airport runway at La Pointe on Madeline Island, which is between Ashland and the Apostle Islands' chain. Authorities have still not identified the victims. The plane was registered to a company from LaCrosse. The last of a series of storms up North had power out for about seven hours early this morning. Wisconsin Public Service reported a

transmission line break north of Rhinelander that affected the towns of Newbold, Cassian, Pine Lake and Lake Tomahawk. Nearly everyone was back on line by 9:00.

A couple weeks ago Oneida County's Planning and Development committee ended months of wrangling over citing a heliport at Ministry Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff for the Spirit Air Transport by approving building a hangar and associated buildings for the staff. The chopper is currently housed in Rhinelander. It's back to square one as the Woodruff Town Board is appealing the decision with the Board of Adjustment. Neighbors near the hospital are concerned about the noise, possible loss of property value and other issues while

					<p>Ministry maintains having the service housed locally saves precious minutes in emergency situations. The Board now has 30-days to formalize their request in writing before any hearing dates can be scheduled.</p>
<p>Salary increases for teachers in Rhineland</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/18/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Teachers in the Rhineland School District are getting salary increases. The School Board's Employee Relations Committee and Rhineland Educator's Association reached the accord last week and it was approved by the board last night. The 2.07% bump is for the upcoming school year and is the maximum allowable base wage increase allowed under Wisconsin's Act 10 legislation. Both incoming superintendent Kelli Jacobi and REA president Connie Samz are pleased with the new contract.</p>

The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office is looking for any information about a fire that may be related to a murder investigation. Anyone traveling on County Road M or Wegner Road between 4:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. on Friday, April 26, 2013 are asked to contact the department as this large fire could be connected to the investigation into the murder of Anita Bucki, who was reported missing that same day. Her husband, Mark Bucki, has been charged in her death. Investigators say he told authorities he talked to his wife at their home on Wegner Road in the Town of Corning before she disappeared. Her body was found in May in Taylor County.

Minocqua's Winter Park complex has a new

					<p>executive director, and it's someone familiar with the surroundings. Tim Collins, originally from Central Wisconsin, worked as the assistant operations manager and literally hits the ground running as the Lakeland Ski Touring Foundation puts together the annual Muggy Buggy Fun run next month. Collins says he's looking forward to promote this winter haven as his primary job. The facility brings in over 10,000 winter enthusiasts ever year.</p>
State business to be sold	News	6/18/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A New York hedge fund says Smithfield Foods should be sold for more than the four-point-seven billion dollars that a Chinese firm plans to buy it for. Smithfield, which owns the Patrick Cudahy meat plant near Milwaukee, plans to sell its entire business to China's Shuanghui Company. The Starboard</p>

				<p>Value hedge fund, which owns almost six-percent of Smithfield stock, says the firm could attract more money if it was broken up into three parts and sold separately. Starboard C-E-O Jeffrey Smith says that if Smithfield was broken up into its pork production, pork processing, and international business units, they could get a combined 44-to-55-dollars a share instead of 34-dollars offered by the Chinese firm. You might remember that Starboard Value also used its weight as a stockholder to claim that Wausau Paper should leave Wisconsin, and focus on the production of paper towels for public restrooms. Instead, Wausau sold its mills in Rhinelander and Mosinee this spring to an equity firm that will keep running the plants and preserve hundreds of jobs.</p>
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					<p>A former business partner is suing Eau Claire billionaire John Menard. Tomisue Hilbert claims that the home improvement magnate pressured her for sex, and later retaliated by firing her husband and filing suits against them and their friends. The 43-year-old Hilbert filed her suit in Hamilton County Indiana. She accused Menard of extortion, battery, assault, and a breach of fiduciary duty for firing her husband Steve as the C-E-O of a private equity firm that Menard and the Hilberts started in 2005 in Indianapolis. Menard's attorney denies any inappropriate conduct.</p>
State budget debate	News	6/19/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A debate over the new state budget lasted only 15 minutes in the Assembly yesterday, as majority Republicans spent most of their time behind closed</p>

doors adding some last-minute items. The debate is scheduled to resume at 9:30 this morning. A vote was set for 5:30 this afternoon. The Senate is currently scheduled to take up the two-year, 68-billion-dollar budget tomorrow. The two houses are not in full agreement of a package yet – and talks among Republican leaders continue.

The major route through Rhinelander is in line for utility work and now, with the July Fourth holiday looming, the job has been postponed. Contractors won't begin the sewer and water line work on Kemp Street until July 8th. The road, which is also business highway 8, will be closed nearly four months as the utility work moves to the River Walk Center and Davenport Street. The city

					<p>Website includes information about the project and updates. A section of Sherman and West Streets in Wausau were blocked off late yesterday morning as firefighters battled a residential house fire. Officials say an 88-year old man tried to burn grass clippings in his garage when the flames got out of control and ended up burning down the house. The fire started around 11:00. The man and one other person in the house were not hurt. The Merrill man sought by authorities for bail jumping may be linked to more than 40 meth labs discovered in Lincoln County. 36-year old Christopher Meindel was already facing drug charges when he took off.</p>
Protesters at mining site	News	6/19/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Gogebic Taconite says about a dozen protestors

are camping without permission, close to where they're conducting early drilling for a new iron ore mine. Gogebic spokesman Bob Seitz (sights) says protestors are walking on the mining site and yelling threats to workers. That was about a week after protestors caused about two-thousand dollars in vandalism damage. The proposed mining site in Ashland and Iron counties does include public recreation land.

A state wildlife expert says it's really unusual for one black bear to attack a human – much less two. Northern Wisconsin had its second bear attack in two months Monday night, when Jerry Brown of rural Shell Lake and his dog were hurt in their yard. D-N-R carnivore specialist David MacFarland said Brown's

				<p>dog was apparently the first to have contact with it – the animal then mauled Brown who's in critical but stable condition. Last month, a dog tangled with a bear in Marinette County before the bear attacked Gerre Ninneman. His wife then beat the bear's head with a gun, until it ran off. A man who helped provide marijuana to teachers and school staffers in Antigo and Merrill is sentenced to six months in jail. 47-year-old Bradley Maahs of Wittenberg will also spend two years on probation, along with 150 hours of community service. He was originally charged with four counts of manufacturing marijuana in Langlade County, and three counts in Shawano County. Maahs was one of over a dozen people charged a year ago in the school marijuana</p>
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					ring that resulted in the resignation of Antigo High School football coach and elementary principal John Lund.
Possible home invasion in Bevent	News	6/20/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The Marathon County Sheriff's department reports a possible home invasion early this morning in the Town of Bevent. The call came in just before 5:00 and sources say no one was hurt.</p> <p>Attempted homicide charges were dropped in a plea deal against a Forest County man, but additional charges will put him in jail. 53-year old Forres Schaller of Armstrong Creek pleaded guilty to recklessly endangering safety and felon possessing a firearm after he pointed the weapon at his wife and discharged it in their home. Schaller will serve a year in the Forest County Jail with</p>

work release privileges and be on probation for eight years.

An Oshkosh hospital is the latest to drop one of its treatment units, after its parent firm announced up to 250 layoffs throughout its health system. Mercy Medical Center of Oshkosh plans to close its sub-acute care unit next week. It helps serves patients recovering from major problems like strokes and surgeries. Ministry Health Care says it's working with other local groups to provide short-term rehab services. Company officials in Marshfield said the same thing last week, when Saint Joseph's Hospital announced that it would close its drug-and-alcohol rehab program which serves a-thousand patients

				<p>a year. Ministry Health Care announced its impending layoffs almost a month ago for its 15 hospitals and 47 clinics in Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. They blamed declines in the numbers of patients, due to higher deductibles for health insurance. The firm also said the federal budget sequester reduced its Medicare revenues by 10-million dollars.</p>
<p>Plane crash on Madeline Island</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/24/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p> <p>The National Transportation Safety Board said a plane that crashed on Madeline Island bounced out of control on a runway just before it exploded. La Crosse doctor Richard Renwick and his brother Bruce were killed in the mishap June 15th. The N-T-S-B says it needs 12-to-18 months to complete its investigation. In a preliminary report, officials said the plane's propeller</p>

made slash marks on the runway before it began to climb, apparently for another landing attempt.

About 300 people walked a gay rights march in Wausau Saturday afternoon. Event organizers say the march went without incident and was very festive. A previous gay rights march was cancelled after its organizer said there were fears for the safety of the participants after comments made by a city council member.

Wisconsin is the 12th-best state for a child's well-being, up from 15th last year. That's according to the annual "Kids Count" survey by the Annie E. Casey Foundation. Bob Jacobson of the state's Council on Children-and-Families says Wisconsin has long been a good state for kids, mainly due to previous

					<p>investments in education and health care. However, he says conditions are nowhere near as good as they were before the Great Recession.</p> <p>State Highway 98 in Marathon County will be closed for a while, beginning today. The railroad crossing at the hwy 98 and 13 intersection is being rebuilt and will close the road until July second.</p> <p>A Wisconsin Megabucks' ticket from Merrill won the jackpot of one-point-four million dollars over the weekend. The ticket was sold at Drew's Supermarket East.</p>
Crash near Kewaunee harbor	News	6/24/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Police in Kewaunee continue looking into the cause of a crash that killed a 40-year man yesterday morning, but his five year

old son survived. Reports say a van lost control and landed in the water near Kewaunee Harbor. Witnesses found the boy hanging onto the side of a boat and when they lifted him out he said he couldn't find his parents. The still unidentified driver was found nearby in about 16 feet of water.

Wisconsin House Republican Paul Ryan says the man who leaked the story about government surveillance of domestic phone calls and Internet usage must be "brought to justice." Ryan, the 2012 G-O-P vice presidential nominee from Janesville, says Edward Snowden is proving to be an embarrassment to Washington. Ryan said on M-S-N-B-C this morning that Snowden's leaks have

raised troubling questions about the government's wide-ranging electronic surveillance. Still, he says Congress needs to know how-and-why a federal contracting agent obtained such sensitive information in the first place.

U-S Senate Democrat Tammy Baldwin says Wisconsin will have more of a say on controlling climate change. Baldwin was recently named to the Senate's Energy and Natural Resources Committee. She served on a similar panel in the House, during the final eight years in which she represented the Madison area before being elected to the Senate last November. Baldwin says "Global climate change is real. Its impact can be seen on

					<p>agriculture, bio-diversity, rising sea levels, and extreme weather.” She says the question is not whether climate change is occurring but quote, “how our nation is going to respond to it.”</p>
<p>Woman dies in Wausau car crash</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/25/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An elderly woman died in a Wausau car crash yesterday. Police reported the unidentified 87 year old was stopped at the Stewart St and 17th Avenue intersection shortly after 11 when she was struck from behind by a speeding SUV. Her car was then shoved into a box truck. Investigators say the 52-year old driver of the SUV had a medical condition, causing the crash.</p> <p>You’ll be hearing a lot more about Obama-care soon, as Wisconsin gears up for those parts not rejected by Governor Scott Walker –</p>

				<p>and that leaves quite a bit. The Wisconsin State Journal says “navigators” will soon be hired to help people get enrolled in coverage if they’re already not, and a public information campaign will begin. Also, details will be released for the private insurance plans to be offered in the program’s new health exchanges. Lisa Olson of the Wisconsin Primary Health Care Association says the goal is to get as many people as possible informed about their options – so they can make the right ones when the exchanges begin enrolling people on October first. Most Americans will have to be under some type of plan by January first, or else they’ll be fined. There was a great turn-out for yesterday’s public chat on deer implementations.</p>
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					<p>Coordinator for D-N-R deer trustee Eric Lobner says topics from crossbows to antlerless hunting was discussed in the latest series of scheduled chats with the public. The trustee's recommendation for a state-wide ban on feeding and baiting deer was also a hot topic – The next chat is scheduled for July 24.</p>
School starts in the state	News	6/25/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin schools would not have to wait until September to start classes, under a bill that two Republicans are proposing. Mequon Representative Jim Ott and River Hills Senator Alberta Darling are seeking co-sponsors for their measure. Many rural schools used to open in mid-August, so farm kids could finish their classes in May and help their families with spring planting and field work. That didn't help tourist businesses, many of</p>

				<p>which lost their summer help before Labor Day. So in the late 1990's, former Governor Tommy Thompson agreed to make schools wait to open until September, unless they held public hearings and passed resolutions to start earlier. Dozens of schools did just that – so in 2001, former Governor Scott McCallum closed the loophole, and said schools had to prove a hardship to open in August. They didn't bother. In 2009, Senate Democrat John Lehman of Racine proposed a bill to abolish the mandatory September start date. That measure went nowhere. Twenty Wisconsin counties are under flash flood watches through tomorrow morning. They cover about the southwest third of Wisconsin, where another one-to-four inches of rain</p>
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					<p>are possible through tonight. The National Weather Service says 1-to-2 inches could fall by noon in parts of west central and southwest Wisconsin – plus another couple inches this evening</p> <p>With family members by his side, 61 year old Vilas County Sheriff Frank Tomlanovich passed away Wednesday, succumbing to cancer. Tomlanovich, who worked for the department more than 30 years hadn't been on the job the last couple weeks, having been in the hospital. A memorial will be established in his name.</p>
Pay increases for state and university employees	News	6/26/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker laid out a plan to give a pay increase to state and University of Wisconsin employees. In a letter to a special legislative committee, the plan calls for a 1-percent raise each</p>

year for the next two years. It's been four years since state workers received across the board pay raises. The committee is scheduled to vote on the plan tomorrow (WEN).

State emergency officials say three Southwestern Wisconsin highways are closed because of flooding and mudslides. Authorities say Highway 61, between Highway 60 and a bridge to Boscobel in Crawford County, is buried under 25-foot of mud after a landslide. Another landslide happened on Highway 35 near Lynxville to Prairie du Chien in Crawford County. Flooding has also closed several other highways in those areas. A flash flood warning remains in effect for Crawford and includes Kenosha, Lafayette, Grant, Vernon, Rock and Green counties. Authorities say no

					<p>one was reportedly injured in those landslides.</p> <p>After a couple years of negotiation, ground will be broken next month for the Northwoods Zip Line tour in Minocqua. Town Chairman Mark Hartzheim said liability was the biggest issue. The new attraction will run parallel to highway 51, just south of Gun Club Road and is expected to be open by next May.</p> <p>And speaking of Minocqua, all five lanes of highway 51 just north of town that've been under construction for a few months are expected to open Friday. Paving, sidewalks, terracing, utility and other work is virtually complete, and the striping and cleanup is all that's left.</p>
Quota for wolf hunt gets finalized	News	6/26/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	The quota for Wisconsin's second wolf hunt gets finalized today. The state Natural Resources Board is in Wausau where staffers

proposed a quota of 275 wolves – but hunters may only get a chance to shoot 160 of them. The Chippewa tribes could claim the other 115 as part of their long-held treaty rights – and they strongly oppose killing any wolves as part of their heritage. The total quota would be 74 more than last year. The hunt was made possible after Upper Midwest grey wolves were removed from the endangered species list. Animal rights groups have a lawsuit pending seeking to restore federal protections for the animals. The state Justice Department will provide grants to local law enforcement to fight heroin use – and teach the rest of us about the dangers of the drug. A number of agencies have applied for the one-time grants and

Attorney General J-B Van Hollen says the funds will help police, social service agencies, and health care providers work as a team to prevent and treat heroin use. Van Hollen says heroin abuse has become prolific in every part of Wisconsin. Gas prices that exceeded four-dollars a gallon before Memorial Day are now almost 50-cents cheaper. The Wisconsin Triple-“A” said this morning the average price of regular unleaded is 3.56-a-gallon – almost three-cents lower than yesterday. Patrick DeHaan of Gas Buddy-Dot-Com said the big reason for the drop is that Exxon Mobil is making fuel again at its refinery near Chicago. That facility was down for maintenance, and another refinery in Whiting Indiana slowed its production due to a reconfiguration.

Heavy storms in the area	News	6/28/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Torrential rains, golf ball-sized hail and high winds roared across the North again last night. Winds up to 75-miles per hour were clocked in parts of northeastern Wisconsin dropping trees and knocking out power. Some 6000 WPS customers were in the dark at some point during the cluster of powerful storms that triggered warning sirens by late afternoon. Another couple inches of rain was reported from Minocqua and Three Lakes down to parts of Oconto County. Quarter-sized hail was about average with numerous reports of hail exceeding two inches in diameter around Newbold and McNaughton. More potentially severe weather is forecast to hit the state again today.</p> <p>Several criminal charges</p>
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					<p>Transportation will suspend most major road construction projects over the July 4th holiday, but warn drivers to be wary of narrow lanes and lane shifts as they travel. Last year three people died in traffic accidents over the Fourth.</p>
<p>Central Wisconsin girls basketball coach back in court</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>6/28/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The defense makes its case today in the trial of Rory McKellips, a former central Wisconsin girls' high school basketball coach accused of sexually assaulting a player. Marathon County prosecutors rested their case yesterday, after more than three days of testimony. He's accused of having sexual contact three times in the summer of 2011 with a girl who was 15 while coaching at Athens High School. McKellips previously coached at Mosinee High School for 16 years. A new federal indictment accuses the owner of four</p>

automotive businesses in Rhineland of defrauding insurance companies of almost 20-thousand dollars. 42-year-old John Henricks-the-Third is charged in federal court with identity theft and three counts of mail fraud. That was after similar state charges were filed almost a month ago. Federal prosecutors said Henricks filed a false insurance claim using another person's identity. An indictment said he also used one incident of vehicle damage to file multiple claims with different insurers. He's due in Oneida County Circuit Court Wednesday for a motion hearing on those felony charges. There's apparently been a dramatic drop-off in the amount of timber harvested from the Chequamegon/Nicolet

				<p>national forest. Congressman Sean Duffy said yesterday the number dropped from 150-million board-feet per year about a quarter century ago, to 98-million now. Duffy, a Wausau Republican, says the current harvest is well below what the U-S Forest Service suggests to keep the forest healthy and sustainable. Duffy said the Forest Service should open up its national forests, instead of letting what he called a "noble resource" rot and burn.</p>