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Govt. shutdown	News	10/1/2013	601a,701a,810a	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's federal lawmakers stood with their parties, as they voted their way to the government's first shutdown in 17 years. The final roll call wrapped up just after midnight, with a request for negotiations to be considered later today. The Republican-controlled House voted to keep funding the government on this first day of the new fiscal year -- but only if key parts of President Obama's Affordable Care Act are delayed. The House took a similar vote earlier in the evening, which the Senate later rejected . Wisconsin's votes went 5-to-3 with the</p>

Republicans, while the state's two senators split their votes. State officials are as curious as we are whether or not the new online federal marketplace for health insurance is going to work. Today's the first look at the system for the marketplace, or exchange that's supposed to offer a consumer friendly way to shop for federally mandated healthcare coverage. Wisconsin state health and insurance officials say they've done all they can to prepare. You can apply online at healthcare-dot-gov. Nearly 700,000 Wisconsinites are expected to be eligible for the program.

Lac du Flambeau tribal members head to the polls today in a general election. On the ballot, four seats on the tribal council as well as

					<p>the offices of secretary and treasurer. The council is also looking to amend their self governing constitution to allow for longer terms for those elected. Voting takes place at the William Wildcat Senior Community Center from 10-8 today.</p> <p>And construction on highway 17 is underway with traffic to one lane between county G and Norwegian Road in Lincoln county. Things should wrap up by the middle of the month.</p>
Health Ins. For state govt. workers	News	10/1/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker is looking at the idea of having the state government provide its own health insurance to its employees, instead of having outside H-M-O's do it. A consultant says the state could save 4-to-5-percent a year by becoming self-insured --</p>

				<p>mainly by avoiding taxes and fees under President Obama's Affordable Care Act. Today, the Republican governor will learn more about the proposal by speaking with health plan executives. A committee of the state Group Insurance Board is scheduled to consider the idea on October 11th.</p>
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A stalemate in Congress over Obama-care has led to the federal government's first shutdown in 17 years. Ironically, the Affordable Care Act is still going full-tilt, because it's a federal entitlement that's required to keep going -- although you might not find a federal employee to answer questions. Still, today's the day that 500-to-700-thousand Wisconsinites can start enrolling for the health insurance they'll be

required to have come January first. Most Wisconsinites can choose from at least two plans in the federal government's purchasing exchange. You'll find it online at Healthcare-Dot-Gov.

A central Wisconsin man accused of cashing a relative's Social Security checks for over 30 years is headed to trial, after an apparent plea deal fell through. 72-year-old Ronald Disher of Amherst Junction tried but failed yesterday to get a 20-thousand dollar bond reduced, so he could get out of jail for the first time in over a year. A three-day trial is now set to begin January 29th in Portage County. Disher is one of three people charged with defrauding Social Security out of 175-thousand dollars.

Jeffrey Trevino trial continues	News	10/2/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A jury resumes deliberations this morning in the trial of Jeffery Trevino -- the Saint Paul man accused of killing his wife, Wausau area native Kira Steger. After hearing closing arguments yesterday, the jury of eight men and four women deliberated for seven-and-a-half hours before they called it a night around 9 p-m. Steger had been missing for two-and-a-half months before her body was found in the Mississippi River in Saint Paul in early May.</p> <p>Police are looking for a man who walked away from a Camp McNaughton State Prison job site. Todd Brecht was working in Vilas County on HWY 70 when he took off around noon. Brecht is 54 years old, 5'6" tall and 160 pounds with brown hair and hazel eyes. He was convicted of first degree</p>
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murder in 1985 in the shooting death of his brother-in-law. If you have any information please call your local sheriff's office.

A Green Bay man has covered a lot of ground since Sunday. 68 year old Jim Whittaker is walking from Packerland to Rhinelander to attend his 50th class reunion, about 135 miles. He's also raising money for third world hunger and already surpassed \$2500. He was in Antigo yesterday and expects to hit Rhinelander tomorrow.

A ticket sold in Maryland won the 189-million dollar Mega Millions jackpot last night. The jackpot was the second-highest of the year for Mega Millions. It goes back to 12-million dollars for the next drawing on Friday

					<p>night. In Powerball, the top prize is 70-million for tonight.</p>
<p>Govt. workers paid while shutdown goes on</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/2/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The people who brought you the U-S government shutdown continue to get paid while most federal employees won't. Members of Congress are still drawing their 174-thousand-dollar annual salaries -- but at least three Wisconsin lawmakers say they won't take the money. U-S Senate Republican Ron Johnson and House Democrat Ron Kind of La Crosse both won't take paychecks and Wausau area House Republican Sean Duffy asked the House chief administrative officer to withhold his pay -- something that may not be constitutional. According to the Washington Post, the 27th Amendment says salaries of House and Senate members cannot</p>

be changed until after the next elections for their seats. There's also a permanent law requiring everyone not on annual appropriations to keep getting paid. Congress is part of that exception, because their salaries only every change every 2-to-6 years.

Shutdown or not, the White House warned there would be glitches on the first day people could buy health insurance in the Obama-care exchanges. In Wisconsin, many who tried signing up online yesterday were greeted with a message that "The system is down at the moment." Those signing up by phone had long waits. State officials hope it's not a sign of deeper problems and the bugs will be worked out soon.

Fire-fighters stopped the

					spread of what was supposed to be a controlled burn that got away in northwest Wisconsin. The D-N-R wanted to blacken about 500 acres to restore wildlife habitat in the Crex Meadows Wildlife Area near Grantsburg in Burnett County. But an additional 600 acres burned yesterday.
Jeffrey Trevino convicted	News	10/3/2013	601a,701,801a	1:30	The family of Kira Steger Trevino say they finally have justice. Her husband, 39-year old Jeffery Trevino was convicted yesterday of murdering the Wausau native and DC Everest graduate. She disappeared in February and her body was found in the Mississippi river near St. Paul a couple months later. Trevino was found guilty on one count of second degree intentional homicide and will be

sentenced later this month. Prosecutors plan to seek the maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

Authorities are still searching for 54-year old Todd Brecht, an inmate at the McNaughton Correctional Center. He walked off the job while working at a St. Germain golf course Tuesday and failed to return to the Lake Tomahawk minimum security facility. Brecht was transitioning back to public life following a 1985 homicide conviction.

Republicans and Democrats alike now say the federal government shutdown could last two weeks or more. About 800 thousand federal workers have been furloughed. A Wednesday afternoon White House meeting between the President and leaders of the House and

					<p>Senate produced no agreement. All state parks, trails, and recreational facilities are open, despite federal orders to shut them down.</p> <p>While Mother Nature won't cooperate too much, the state's youth deer hunt takes place this weekend. Young hunters, age 10-15 will take to the woods with a parent or mentor to learn safety, appreciation for the outdoors and hopefully experience a successful hunt. Last year more than 85-hundred deer were taken and the DNR says licenses are still available. They also remind young hunters to wear their blaze orange</p>
Glitch in health care website	News	10/3/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Federal officials are upgrading a computer system that's prevented millions of people from shopping for health</p>

				<p>insurance in the Obama-care exchanges. Healthcare-Dot-Gov has been jammed ever since people were allowed to start enrolling Tuesday for the coverage they'll be required to have in January. The state Health Department tried to help people enroll online -- but they didn't get a single application through the system. The Centers for Medicare-and-Medicaid Services blame high user volumes for the hold-ups and say If the bugs can't be fixed quickly, the government should consider delaying the enrollment deadline. Governor Scott Walker says he's, "still committed" to helping create a quarter-million jobs in Wisconsin. Walker urged about 500 business people at a state chamber meeting in</p>
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				<p>Madison to spread the message of what's happening here. His preferred labor report recently showed the state created 24-thousand private sector jobs during the year ending in March -- but on a percentage basis, it was the 34th-slowest growth rate in the country. With the economic recovery still sputtering at times, Walker has tried to downplay the campaign promise that helped get him elected in 2010. Lately, he has called the quarter-million job promise a "goal" instead.</p> <p>An Adams County sheriff's deputy received a purple heart award from his department. Todd Johnson was shot-and-wounded February 19th when he showed up at a house in Big Flats to look for a missing couple from suburban</p>
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					Milwaukee involved in a domestic dispute. Shots were fired at officers when they arrived and Johnson was hit. He returned to active duty last month
Assault at a daycare	News	10/4/2013	601a,701,801a	1:30	<p>Last month William Anderson of Crandon was charged with sexually assaulting two young children at his mother's daycare. Yesterday she was charged with seven counts of child neglect and failure to have a daycare license. 63-year old Nancy Anderson operated the daycare out of her Crandon home and would leave the kids alone with her son while she ran errands. Her initial court appearance in Forest County Court is October 30th.</p> <p>Former Forest and Oneida County medical examiner Traci England was charged over a year ago for</p>

				<p>allegedly using human body parts to train a cadaver dog. She was due in court next month on the felony charges but because her attorney is involved in another case it's been pushed back to next February. Forest County DA Chuck Simono said the families of the victims deserve better.</p> <p>An emotional public hearing yesterday provided testimony on a Republican bill to make it harder to force Wisconsin public schools to drop their Indian team names. The new measure would basically un-do a 2009 law from Democrats allowing one-or-more people to complain about a school's Indian team name -- and then the school board must prove that it doesn't discriminate, or else they can be fined a thousand dollars a day until</p>
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					<p>they drop it. With this bill, complaints would not be considered unless petitions are filed with signatures equaling 10-percent of a school's student population. The bill would also force Indians to prove why school nicknames discriminate against them -- instead of schools having to prove that they don't.</p>
<p>Controversary rages on at mining proposal</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/4/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>As the controversy rages on over Gogebic Taconite's proposed iron ore mine, Wisconsin officials are touting a former Ladysmith mine as a true environmental success story. This week, officials from Minnesota and the Gopher State's Iron Range toured the now-closed Flambeau mine with Wisconsin D-N-R staffers. Tom Landwehr of Minnesota's D-N-R said they wanted to see what a closed mine looks like, as</p>

				<p>they continue to work on their own environmental protection measures. What they saw were nature trails and buildings converted to other uses including a D-N-R office. The Flambeau Mine operated from 1993-to-'97, producing copper and zinc. Its reclamation was finished in 1999. In the ensuing years, environmentalists said the Flambeau River remained polluted due to the mine -- and they filed suit. Last July, Federal Judge Barbara Crabb said Flambeau Mining deserved "commendation, not penalties" for its superior environmental care in operating the mine. Still, Crabb said there were small discharges which violated the Clean Water Act, and she fined the firm 275-dollars.</p> <p>Construction has started on</p>
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					<p>a new emission control system at the Weston Power Plant Number-three near Wausau. The Wisconsin Public Service utility says it will result in a cleaner and more efficient way to burn coal. The technology will clean up sulfur, mercury, and nitrous dioxides from the coal-burning process. The utility says it hopes to sell the sulfuric acid by-product to vendors for use in batteries, fertilizers, and food production. Public Service says over 200 construction jobs are being created by the 275-million-dollar project. It's expected to be finished in 2016.</p>
Inmate caught	News	10/7/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The inmate who took off from his work release detail in St. Germain last week was picked up in Orlando. 54-year old Todd Brecht was serving out what was left of his sentence at the McNaughton Correctional</p>

				<p>Center in Lake Tomahawk. He was convicted of murder in 1985. He now faces charges of felony escape. He was up for parole in March. Oneida County Sheriff Grady Hartman said it was multi-agency cooperation in the investigation that led to Brecht's arrest in Florida. Meanwhile, authorities in Lincoln County are looking for a man in connection with a string of burglaries and thefts. 27-year old Dustin Elsholtz is a person of interest regarding property crimes in the Merrill area dating back to August. Thursday, officers stopped a car with Elsholtz inside but he got away by bolting into the woods. He's 5-9, 160 pounds with tattoo on both upper arms and his chest and should be considered dangerous. You're asked to contact the nearest law</p>
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					<p>enforcement agency. This winter will be a bit warmer for a Wausau family. Dan Hackbarth entered the Heat UP Wisconsin program, sponsored by Lennox. The last three years the company has provided high efficiency gas furnaces to people in need. The family furnace was over 50 years old and after losing his job and going through deaths in family, things have been rough. The program is supported by select Lennox dealers, who've installed over 300 units to families across Wisconsin, Minnesota and the UP.</p>
Opposition for Gov. Walker	News	10/7/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Former Trek Bicycle executive Mary Burke announced this morning she'll run as a Democrat against Governor Scott Walker in 13 months. Burke unveiled a three-minute</p>

				<p>video on You-Tube, highlighting her Wisconsin roots and business background. State Democratic Party chairman Mike Tate said last week Burke would provide a quote, "phenomenal alternative to where Scott Walker is taking this state." She was the state's commerce secretary for two years in the last decade, and currently on the Madison School Board. Mary Burke is the daughter of Richard Burke, who founded Trek Bicycle in 1976 in Waterloo. Senate Democrat Kathleen Vinehout of Alma plans to decide early next year whether she'll run for governor for a second time. Wisconsin's second wolf hunt begins a week from tomorrow. About 25-hundred permits were issued. As of Friday, the D-</p>
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				<p>N-R said just over a-thousand hunters bought their licenses. Wolf hunting continues to be controversial. State officials jumped on the opportunity almost two years ago, because of all the livestock and crop damage caused by a wolf population that grew larger than expected. Animal rights activists condemned the, and filed suit to return the animal to the federal endangered species list. That lawsuit remains pending.</p>
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The Powerball jackpot is back above 100-million dollars, after an almost 400-million-dollar prize was won in South Carolina 19 days ago. The current jackpot is at 108-million for the next drawing on Wednesday night. That's after nobody won the top prize during the weekend. In Mega

					Millions, the jackpot is at 14-million dollars for tomorrow night.
Wausau School district under fire	News	10/8/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Asbestos has been found in a rock sample at the proposed Gogebic Taconite iron ore mine -- and one opposing group says the project should be tabled because of it. The D-N-R said yesterday mineral fibers of the cancer-causing asbestos were confirmed by the state's Geological and Natural History Survey. That's after a D-N-R geologist suspected the carcinogen during a visit to the proposed mine in Ashland-and-Iron counties this spring. GTac has been conducting exploratory work at the site of the four-mile-long mine that could cost up to one-and-a-half billion dollars. The D-N-R says the extent of the asbestos is not known yet.</p>

				<p>The state Division of Motor Vehicles will close its customer service centers next Monday. Staff members will be training, and get updates on their job procedures. Officials tried to pick a day that affects the general public the least. Next Monday is Columbus Day. State government offices remain open -- but it's a federal holiday, and officials say the numbers of visitors to the D-M-V is normally smaller that day.</p> <p>The Wausau School District is under fire after a controversial proposal to limit religious songs, namely Christmas carols. District leaders are concerned about a winter program for a popular high school choir group. This sparked a heated debate and some serious questions. School board members are furious,</p>
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					saying they were totally left out of this decision. And now, the Wausau West Master Singers has temporarily disbanded, according to its director as attorneys decide what can and can't be performed.
Position filled with the Lac Du flambeau tribe	News	10/8/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's outgoing attorney general says a prosecutor would be his best replacement. J-B Van Hollen announced yesterday he won't run for a third four-year term next fall. Waukesha County District Attorney Brad Schimel said he would consider running as a Republican -- and expects to make an announcement in a couple days. Two Democratic state representatives also said they might throw their hats in the ring.</p> <p>A newly created position</p>

				<p>within the Lac du Flambeau tribe has been filled. Ryan Champagne is the State of Emergency Facilitator. He's been working with at-risk children and families more than a decade and will be responsible for maximizing the tribe's human services resources, through a strengths and needs assessment and strategic plan dealing with substance abuse and other social issues on the reservation. Champagne is known for developing tribal programs that meet the unique needs of the tribal community.</p>
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				<p>Green Bay Packers' quarterback Aaron Rodgers spoke at a rally at U-W Madison where he asked the makers of consumer electronics to stop using minerals from the Congo.</p>
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<p>Christmas music at issue with Wausau school district</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/9/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wausau's school board meets in special session tomorrow to see just how far they can, according to one parent, take political correctness. At issue, Christmas music. Yesterday we told you about Wausau West High School</p>

				<p>disbanding a popular choir because of the religious nature of a series of upcoming concerts. Now it's not just concerts the board has to worry about, it's lawsuits. Administrators say performing songs around the holiday could be viewed as promoting religion. Reaction has been swift and in some cases not too pleasant. The board will begin their meeting in closed session before opening to the public at 6:30.</p>
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				<p>Schools across the nation have taken the safety of students to new levels, sparked by recent tragedies. One local high school's learned they're on their own when it comes to paying for it. Northland Pines in Eagle River applied for but just found out they won't get a federal grant to have a full time law</p>
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					<p>enforcement presence on site. They've been working with the Vilas County Sheriff's Department and will continue to use them as a resource to develop plans to keep students and staff safe at a manageable cost. The man found dead in the woods near Antigo in August died of natural causes. Langlade County Coroner Larry Shadick says the result of forensic results on 77-year old Leonard Peth revealed nothing out of the ordinary and officially the cause of death is unknown. His body was discovered by a hunter west of Antigo and was likely in the woods since February.</p>
<p>Wisconsin house rep. gets into verbal clash with news reporter</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/9/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>U-S House Republican Sean Duffy of Wausau got into a verbal clash with MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell yesterday over the federal shutdown, the same day President</p>

				<p>Obama said he would negotiate spending issues with Republicans only after the two parties approve a continued spending package with no strings attached. G-O-P House Speaker John Boehner said Obama wanted his party to cave into everything the president wants -- including the current start of the Obama-care health insurance exchanges. On Mitchell's show, she scolded Duffy for making a, "non-negotiable demand" to hold up Obama-care. Duffy responded he only wanted the same type of delay for ordinary Americans that businesses got, when their mandate to provide health coverage was delayed by a year. Duffy said Obama doesn't know what people are going through because he and his family have a</p>
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				<p>quote, "gold-plated health care plan." Mitchell said Duffy has the same thing -- and he corrected her, saying members of Congress get their coverage through the exchanges. Duffy then scolded Mitchell and said the media should do its job. In Heaven, there is no beer - - and in Wisconsin, there could be less beer if the federal government shutdown keeps dragging on. That's because the Treasury Department's bureau for alcohol-and-tobacco trade stopped considering applications from craft brewers. One Milwaukee based brewer said he would lose about eight-thousand dollars each month his plans are delayed. The craft brewers, a multi-million dollar industry in the state, say the Washington politicians don't</p>
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					seem to care how much damage they're causing.
Bridges out in Rhineland	News	10/10/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Travelers around Rhineland are just getting used to one bridge reopening to traffic when another one into downtown is set to close. The Davenport Street bridge closes Monday as work on the city's sewer interceptor project continues. And it's actually good news because the work is significantly ahead of schedule. The closure, according to city officials is necessary for underground utility pipeline replacement. Traffic will be rerouted for about four weeks and detours will be clearly marked. The Kemp and Phillip Street bridges will be open as alternate means to cross the Wisconsin River. Customers of DISH Network in this area may lose local NBC programming.</p>

				<p>Rhineland-based WJFW TV-12 has been in prolonged negotiations with the satellite service and so far it appears the last day for programming is October 15th, the day their contract expires. Vice President and general manager of the station, Pete Marquardt tells us the talks continue but people may want to explore other services. The first of four public hearings across the state for the Rural School Task Force takes place in Rhineland this month. Chaired by republican state representative Rob Swearingen, the task force will look for solutions to problems facing rural schools including declining enrollments and transportation issues. The initial hearing takes place October 23rd at Rhineland High School. Swearingen</p>
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					<p>says while the legislature has passed bills increasing funding for key services, much of it goes to the urban schools in Milwaukee and Madison. He wants to provide those same opportunities to rural districts, especially in the North.</p>
<p>Disaperence of Wausau woman</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/10/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>It was three years ago tonight when a Wausau woman disappeared. Now, police believe Stephanie Low was murdered in her apartment, and was then taken away. Police say they've checked out almost 400 leads in the case, some as recently as last week. Kristopher "Spider" Torgerson has long been a person-of-interest in the case and is now a suspect...but officials have not given a reason for that conclusion. Low was 22 when she vanished after she abruptly hung up while talking to a friend on the</p>

				<p>phone. At the time, her mother said Stephanie was threatened before she disappeared – but she never said how.</p> <p>The owners of the famous Hard Rock Café would build-and-manage the Menominee Indian casino-and-resort that's being proposed for Kenosha. Media reports say the Seminole tribe, which owns the Hard Rock, will enter into a management-and-development deal for the 800-million dollar project. More details are due out tonight. Governor Scott Walker has the final say on whether the casino gets built, after the U-S Bureau of Indian Affairs gave its blessing earlier this year. The Republican Walker has said that all 10 other Indian tribes in Wisconsin would have to approve it, but that isn't likely</p>
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					<p>A City Council member in Ashland is seriously thinking about running against U-S House Republican Sean Duffy of Wausau next year. Kelly Westlund has a consulting firm in Ashland. She's the first to publicly consider a run against Duffy, now in his second term. She's a graduate of "Emerge Wisconsin," which trains Democratic women to run for office.</p>
<p>Restaurant destroyed in Rib Mt.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/11/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A fire that most likely started in the kitchen last night destroyed the Wendy's restaurant in Rib Mountain. Five area departments responded to the call just before 11:00 and were still there several hours later. Employees were able to evacuate the building and no injuries were reported.</p> <p>The body of a missing fisherman was recovered</p>

				<p>yesterday morning in Price County. The sheriff's department received a call that a man had not returned from a fishing trip to Letourneau lake in Flambeau township Wednesday night. His body was found just before noon yesterday and his identification is not being released until relatives are notified. The Sheriff's department was joined by the Park Falls, Fifiel and Pike lake fire departments, park falls ambulance, Oneida and Tri-County dive teams and the DNR all assisted in the search.</p>
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				<p>Hundreds packed a special meeting of the Wausau School Board last night as the group voted to delay a decision about rules for holiday concerts. The issue came a head earlier this week when a popular high school choir was disbanded</p>
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					<p>over Christmas Concert music that was deemed to promote religion. The reaction was swift. After several hours of discussion and comments, the board decided to have the music teachers and individual schools handle things for now and will look at things in depth after the coming holidays.</p> <p>If Wisconsin's national parks stay open, we'll have to pay for it. The Obama administration handed down that decision yesterday and the DNR won't accept it. The state's already paying extra to keep seven parks open whose funding's been cut off.</p>
Christmas music flap in Wausau schools	News	10/11/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	The Wausau School District is backing off from its administrative policy of limiting Christmas music by choral groups -- at least

					<p>until after the holidays. The School Board held a closed session last evening to discuss a possible lawsuit in the matter. Then, around 50 people spoke their minds on the issue as over 450 others looked on. The original policy from school administrators would have resulted in elementary schools canceling their holiday programs -- and the Wausau West High School Master Singers scrapping around 15 community appearances in December that feature Christmas carols. Now, the West Master Singers will start rehearsing again on Monday -- and elementary principals can once again schedule concert dates. House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan of Janesville was among the Republican leaders who met with President Obama last night</p>
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				<p>to try-and-work out a deal to end the federal shutdown. The G-O-P offered the president a temporary increase in the debt ceiling to avoid a default next week. In exchange, the president would start negotiating with Republicans on its budget priorities. Ryan said the president "didn't say yes, didn't say no," and the two sides will keep talking.</p> <p>Amazon-Dot-Com's new distribution center in Kenosha will come at a cost to Wisconsin customers. That's because we'll start paying sales taxes on purchases from the giant Internet retailer. The state Revenue Department says the firm must start charging sales taxes on Wisconsin residents because they now have a presence here. A bill is still pending in Congress to require sales taxes on all</p>
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					Internet purchases.
Traffic accident claims a 2 nd victim	News	10/14/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A traffic accident yesterday afternoon has claimed a second victim. Two women died in a collision on Highway 10 and County K in Portage County just before 2:00. Their names have not yet been released. The highway was closed for several hours after the crash, which apparently happened when a car crossing the eastbound lanes of Hwy 10 was struck broadside by an oncoming vehicle. An 85-year old woman was pronounced dead at the scene while the other, a 92-year old woman passed away later at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield. The other driver, a 26-year old Minneapolis woman is at St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point in stable condition.</p>

				<p>Officials in Lincoln County are asking for help in finding those responsible for vandalism at the former Scott School. The owner of the building reported significant damage with smashed doors to gain entrance and a number of items in the gym destroyed. If you have any information you're asked to contact the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department.</p>
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				<p>The 7th annual Zoo-Boo took place over the weekend at Wildwood Wildlife Park in Minocqua, with thousands attending the family Halloween event.</p>
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					the final event of the season, with the park already closed. It reopens May first next year.
Deadly traffic accidents over the weekend	News	10/14/2013	1201p.520p	1:30	<p>At least seven people were killed in Wisconsin traffic accidents during the weekend. A deadly crash closed down Highway 51s northbound lanes for nearly three hours in Lincoln County. The crash happened shortly after 1:30 Saturday morning near Irma. A SUV ran off the road and into the median, going airborne into the oncoming lane. The driver, 34-year-old Kevin Eggebrecht of Tomahawk, was pronounced dead at the scene. He was the only person in the vehicle. Two elderly Stevens Point women died in an accident Sunday afternoon in Portage County on Highways 10 and K. A 26-year old Minneapolis</p>

				<p>woman remains hospitalized.</p> <p>The Wisconsin Assembly is scheduled to vote tomorrow on two bills preventing the state from losing some of its precious federal highway dollars. Senate Republican Jerry Petrowski of Marathon is the lead author of both measures, designed to put Wisconsin in line with federal guidelines. One bill requires knowledge tests for military drivers who apply for commercial licenses. The other modifies how the state handles out-of-service violations for truckers' logs. Petrowski says the federal government threatens to withhold 25-million dollars a year for states which don't follow federal codes to the letter -- and the funding loss could rise to 50-million dollars in the second year of a variance.</p>
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					<p>The Powerball jackpot is 156-million dollars for Wednesday night. Nobody won the top prize on Saturday. Wednesday night's cash option is about 89-million dollars. In Mega Millions, the top prize for tomorrow night is 29-million dollars.</p>
<p>Ordinance passed to raise chickens in Rhinelander</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/15/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The two Stevens Point women who perished in a traffic accident Sunday afternoon have been identified. 92-year old Adeline Zaidel and 85-year old Rita Kozak died when their car was struck crossing an intersection on Hwy 10 near Point. The other driver, a woman from Minneapolis, remains hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries. The Wausau School board will review the performance of its superintendent. Sparked by the controversy over not allowing all Christmas carols to be</p>

				<p>performed at holiday concerts, and having the issue reach national proportions, Kathleen Williams will face tough questioning next week. Last week the board held off making any changes and Williams even apologized for the way the situation was handled. She also said the entire issue should be reviewed, not just her role. An ordinance allowing people to raise chickens within Rhinelander's city limits passed last night. The proposal, brought by resident Jen VanOrder, mimics similar regulations in other cities with a permitting process allowing for objections from neighbors. The Fire Department is ironing out the final details. And a reminder to drivers heading into Rhinelander that effective yesterday,</p>
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					<p>the Davenport Street bridge into downtown is now closed. Alternate routes are posted coming into town from all directions. The closing is due to the continuing work on the sewer interceptor project that has major utility work involved. The bridge will also be closed to pedestrian traffic. City officials expect it to be closed for about a month but point out the project is well ahead of schedule.</p>
Heavy Metal bus tour	News	10/15/2013	1201,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's governor led the way, as school students in Wisconsin Rapids toured local manufacturers yesterday. It was called the "Heavy Metal Bus Tour," aimed at encouraging youngsters to consider manufacturing careers -- and get the high-tech skills needed for lots of jobs now sitting vacant. Eighth, ninth, and 10th graders joined</p>

				<p>Governor Scott Walker, Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch, Workforce Development Secretary Reggie Newson, business leaders, and officials of Mid-State Technical College on the tour. Walker told the students they can have decent-paying careers right here.</p> <p>A teenager has pleaded innocent to organizing the failed robbery of a 96-year-old woman and her corner grocery store in Marshfield. 17-year-old Cordell Ellingson of Arpin was ordered yesterday to stand trial in Wood County Circuit Court. He then entered his plea to an adult felony charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Ellingson allegedly encouraged a 13-year-old boy to commit the robbery. Investigators said a 13-year-</p>
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					<p>old wore a mask and demanded money from store owner Marge Wolf at knifepoint. She offered him Tootsie Rolls instead. The incident made national news.</p> <p>Wisconsin schools would find it easier to keep their Indian nicknames and mascots, under a bill in the state Assembly today. The Republican bill would weaken a 2009 Democratic law in which the state takes complaints about Indian names, decides if they discriminate, and can order school boards to change the names or face heavy fines. This measure would make Indians prove they've been hurt by their school nicknames, instead of school boards having to prove otherwise.</p>
Property tax cut	News	10/16/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The Wisconsin Senate passed Governor Scott

Walker's \$100 million dollar property tax cut proposal yesterday. It's estimated to lower property taxes on the typical home by \$13 dollars this year and \$20 next year. The fast-moving measure, introduced just last, now moves to the Assembly.

A water main break in the city of Phillips will result in a drawdown of water from several area lakes. Price County workers will drop the level of the Phillips Chain of Lakes about six inches a day to about two feet beginning tomorrow. Duroy, Elk and Long Lakes in addition to the Wilson Creek Flowage will be affected. The repair is expected to take a day then emergency workers will then bring the lake levels back up and that should be completed by next week.

No one was hurt in a Lincoln

County school bus accident last night. It was reported the bus went into a ditch on county road J, east of Hwy 107. It's unknown whether or not any students were on the bus

Ministry Howard Young Health Care has a new president. Monica Hilt was named to the newly expanded role in addition to her duties as president of Ministry Sacred Heart-Saint Mary's Hospital. She'll now oversee all four Ministry northern region hospitals. Hilt joined Ministry Health Care in 1991 and held a number of leadership roles within the organization. She's also a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives, serves on a number of community boards and active in local civic organizations.

Ski Resort has a new owner	News	10/16/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	One of Wisconsin's most famous -- and troubled -- ski resorts has a new owner. The Telemark Lodge near Cable was bought by Newco L-L-C of Colorado during a sheriff's auction yesterday in Bayfield County for 926-thousand dollars. Telemark went into bankruptcy, and was abandoned by its former owners last month. It's the third time in 29 years the property has been through the foreclosure process. The lodge itself has been closed since March. Telemark was among the first alpine ski areas in the U-S. Emeril Lagasse was the executive chef there for four years in the late 1970's. These days, Telemark is best known as part of the route for the American Birkebeiner (birk-by-ner) cross country ski race.
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				<p>State lawmakers agreed to let wounded veterans hunt-and-fish in Wisconsin at a discount. On voice votes yesterday, both houses passed a bill allowing Purple Heart recipients both in-state and out-of-state to get big discounts on sporting licenses. The measure now goes to the Governor. A combined hunting, fishing, and trapping license for Purple Heart recipients would cost 10-dollars instead of 165 for Wisconsin residents -- and 161-dollars instead of 600 for out-of-staters. The D-N-R will conduct three public hearings on the idea of having looser state regulations for fishing tournaments. Organizers would no longer need state permits for season-long events. Small tournaments would not count against state limits on events for a</p>
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					<p>particular body of water. The maximum number of entrants in ice-fishing tournaments would increase. And Minnesota permits would be recognized on events at the state's borders.</p>
Govt. shutdown continues	News	10/17/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Wisconsin's two U.S. Senators had differing views on a compromise ending the federal government shutdown and raising the nation's debt ceiling through early next year, avoiding a default on U.S. debt obligations that could have happened as early as today. The agreement also requires the House and Senate to open budget negotiations over a long-term spending plan. Democratic Senator Tammy Baldwin offered her support for the compromise, saying it "puts us on a path to</p>

				<p>having negotiations over a budget and bringing us back to an orderly way of getting the peoples' business done. Republican Senator Ron Johnson was less optimistic about the deal, saying the government is "going to kick the can down the road again. We're going to increase the debt burden on our children and grandchildren, without enacting any fiscal disciplines."</p>
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				<p>Accused of possessing child pornography, 56-year old Ronald Schultz of Antigo pleaded not guilty to ten felony counts yesterday in Langlade County Court. Pornographic videos with children were discovered on his computer in August by the Department of Criminal Investigation, executing a search warrant</p>
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					<p>at his home.</p> <p>Harley-Davidson is voluntarily recalling some 2014 Touring motorcycle models because of a possible safety issue. The Milwaukee-based company says the recall of about 29,000 bikes includes a "Do Not Ride" notice to owners and a "Do Not Deliver" notice to dealers until the motorcycle is fixed. Harley says the hydraulic clutch system in some of the bikes might not disengage, making it hard to slow or stop. Dealers will pick them up and make the repairs at no cost.</p>
Harley Davidson recalling motorcycles	News	10/17/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A 100-million-dollar property tax cut is up for a final vote at the State Capitol and the Assembly is expected to send the measure to the Governor, who proposed the tax cut last Thursday. At</p>

				<p>that time, G-O-P Assembly Speaker Robin Vos said he couldn't imagine why any lawmaker would vote against lower taxes. Five senators managed to Tuesday, when the upper house overwhelmingly passed the tax cut 28-to-5. The opponents said the average homeowner would only get an extra buck-or-two sliced off their taxes each year -- and the money would be better spent on schools and highways, or reducing the state's debt.</p> <p>Four U-W campuses have been given the okay to start building 152-million dollars worth of new facilities. The State Building Commission approved the projects yesterday. The largest is at U-W River Falls, where 64-million dollars will be spent to put up the new Falcon Center for Health,</p>
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				<p>Education, and Wellness -- plus renovations to Ramer Field. Two academic buildings and dorms are being renovated at Oshkosh, Stevens Point and Whitewater.</p> <p>Harley-Davidson is recalling some of its 2014 motorcycles, due to a safety concern. The Milwaukee-based company reports a hydraulic problem with the clutch might not disengage making it hard to slow down or stop. The problem affects seven new models of Harley's Touring motorcycles, plus three models of its Trikes and Softail C-V-O's. Owners are urged to contact their dealers for inspections. Repairs will be made for free. A total of 29-thousand bikes are being recalled. More information is available at Harley-</p>
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					Davidson's Web site.
Trevino Lawyers want charges dismissed	News	10/18/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Lawyers for convicted murderer Jeffery Trevino want the charges dismissed. He's the Minnesota man convicted earlier this month of killing his wife, 30-year old Kira, a Wausau native, whose body was found in the Mississippi River months after she disappeared. His attorney filed a motion with the court this week arguing Trevino should be acquitted because the injuries to her rose to the level of third degree assault, not murder. Prosecutors maintained Trevino killed Kira because she wanted to leave the marriage and was having an affair.</p> <p>The Town of Minocqua paid more than \$100,000 to settle a dispute within its police department. A department employee, administrative assistant Julie Mager, accused police chief Andy</p>

				<p>Gee of intimidation and discrimination following a loud discussion regarding overtime pay back in March. She said the chief was so forceful in his responses she felt threatened. He said she was insubordinate. Mager got a lawyer and this week the Town settled the matter. Raj Bhandari fought hard to save his business, a convenience store on Hwy 51 in Merrill. His was the business, put out of business by a new overpass. He sued and lost. Now, he's planning a full truck stop outside of Tomahawk. Bhandari purchased acreage further north on 51 and County A with a plan to open a mini mall built around a truck stop. City officials are excited about the project and have already begun the zoning process. Bhandari hopes to</p>
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					have the business open by spring.
Green Bay Oneida Tribe in the news	News	10/18/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Green Bay's Oneida Indian tribe has come out in favor of the proposed Menominee off-reservation casino-and-resort in Kenosha. That leaves the Potawatomi and Ho-Chunk as the only tribes opposed to the project, in the final days before Governor Scott Walker plans to announce whether he'll approve it. His decision is expected on Tuesday. Walker says he would only approve the Kenosha casino if the community and all other state tribes endorse it -- and if it does not result in an overall increase in state gambling.</p> <p>Thousands of homeowners will get nothing -- or close to it -- under the 100-million-dollar property tax relief</p>

plan passed by the state Legislature. The Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance says property owners in 82 school districts will be short-changed because the tax relief is funneled through the state's school aid formula, which gives more money to the poorest districts. Republicans could have given everybody an equal amount of tax relief by using the so-called "first dollar formula" which exempts part of a homeowner's tax liability. Assembly Speaker Robin Vos acknowledged problems with the school aid formula, and vowed to address them as early as the next budget.

Local governments would lose much of their authority to regulate frac-sand mines, under a bill proposed by Senator Tom Tiffany. He says mining companies are

					hampered by a patch-work of restrictive local ordinances -- and it would be easier for the mining firms to deal with uniform rules administered by Madison. The Hazelhurst republican is looking for co-sponsors and he's giving them until Monday to get on board.
Fire leaves local people homeless	News	10/21/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Fire early Saturday morning left two people homeless. Pelican volunteers got the about 12:30 to a home at the corner of Sycamore street and county G just south of Rhinelander. The occupants were able to escape the flames and firefighters were able to control the blaze in about ten minutes. No word yet on how it started. Several hours after crews left the scene they were called to a neighboring home with

				<p>another fire, this one on Ridge Street where a gas line ruptured and started a fire in the kitchen. It was quickly extinguished and no one was hurt. Another fire, this one in Antigo, closed Hwy 45 for a couple hours. Firefighters were called to this blaze near Birch Street in the city shortly after 1:00 Saturday afternoon. No other information was available.</p>
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				<p>Cancer is now the most common cause of death in Wisconsin. A study shows</p>
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					<p>cancer will kill more than 11,000 people this year, and overtake heart disease for the first time. Heart disease is still a very serious problem in Wisconsin. When combined with cardiovascular disease, the two still claim more lives than cancer. Officials say the key to combating these diseases is preventative treatment, early diagnosis, and living a healthier lifestyle.</p>
Gov. Walker signs a cut in property tax bill	News	10/21/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Both Mary Burke and her former employer said she had nothing to do with the firm's relationship with disgraced Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong. Burke is now running for governor as a Democrat, and points proudly to the jobs she helped create working for her family's Trek Bicycle business. She was with the Waterloo company</p>

				<p>when Armstrong had a deal to compete with Trek bicycles, years before he admitted long-time speculation that he used performance-enhancing drugs. Mary Burke was the head of strategic planning and forecasting for Trek it signed Armstrong. That was in 1998 when he was recovering from cancer, before he won seven Tour de France titles which he later gave up. In the past decade, Trek credited Armstrong with a revived interest in cycling -- and higher sales for the company.</p> <p>About 40 people looked on yesterday, as Governor Scott Walker signed a 100-million statewide cut in local property taxes. The Republican Walker told those gathering at Ralph and Mary Rice's farm near Burlington he would cut</p>
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					<p>property taxes every year he's in office. The average homeowner, with a property value of 148-thousand-dollars, will pay 31-dollars less than they would have expected over the next two years. The aid is funneled through the state school aid formula, which means the richest areas will get the smallest tax relief, if any. The Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance says people in almost one-fifth of the state's 424 school districts will no-or-little relief. The Powerball jackpot has jumped to 216-million dollars for Wednesday night. Mega millions is 55-million for tomorrow.</p>
Charges brought in Fall Ride death	News	10/23/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A fatal accident during Tomahawk's Fall Ride brings charges. 50-year old Lynette Haman of Elkhorn is in Oneida Court November 18th, facing charges of</p>

homicide by the intoxicated use of a vehicle when she made a left turn in front of and collided with Benjamin Guite, Sr of Merrill. The crash happened on Hwy L in the town of Nokomis back in September. Both bikers were hospitalized and Guite died of his injuries the next day.

Central Wisconsin's 69th assembly district has a new representative. Stratford businessman Bob Kulp won the seat in a special election yesterday with 44% of the vote over Marshfield attorney and city council member Alanna Feddick with 25%. The seat opened when former Republican assembly majority leader Scott Suder resigned. Kulp runs again in November, facing democrat Kenneth Slezak for the seat.

				<p>The DNR's been studying deer hunting for years and are turning more to the public for input. Proposed changes to the regulations are being discussed in hearings across the state as the department looks for direction in managing the herd into the future. Some changes include new boundaries, increasing local involvement and changing some hunting seasons. Final rules are expected by the end of the year.</p> <p>The Hodag Country Festival received passing grades this week from the Oneida County Sheriff's Department. Officials work with Per Mar Security to police the grounds and said last year's event, drawing tens of thousands to Rhinelander, was relatively peaceful, with fewer arrests than in the past. Tickets for next year's festival by the</p>
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					way go on sale November first.
Area schools toured	News	10/23/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>The legislature's Rural Schools Task Force launched their state tour this morning touring Northland Pines and Rhinelander High Schools, then taking public comments on a number of issues. The Task Force is chaired by state representative Rob Swearingen who says they're going to try and move beyond the scope of what they've been charged with, namely addressing concerns of small school districts across the state, but especially in the North. He said this is a good first step to give rural schools a bigger voice in Madison.</p> <p>At least a couple of Wisconsin's federal lawmakers say they'll keep the pay they're receiving for the time the government was shut down. Senate Democrat Tammy Baldwin says she'll pocket the 76-hundred dollars she's entitled to receive for the 16 days of the shutdown. House Democrat Ron Kind of La Crosse will accept the money as well. House Republican Sean Duffy's office still has a request in</p>

					<p>to withhold his share, U-S Senate Republican Ron Johnson said he's returning his to the treasury. Wisconsin House Republicans Paul Ryan, Tom Petri, and Reid Ribble plan to donate it to charity.</p> <p>If you have old prescription drugs you can get rid of them on Saturday. Wisconsin is taking part in the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. The idea is to keep medicines out of the hands of abusers -- and to discourage folks from flushing them down the toilet and causing pollution. Wisconsin will have a number of drop-off sites, which can be found online at DEA-Dot-Gov. Over 30 tons of drugs were dropped off last year.</p>
Update on restaurant fire in Wausau	News	10/24/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Workers at the Wendy's Restaurant in Rib Mountain destroyed by fire earlier this month were lucky to get out alive. Investigators determined employees cleaning a pressure cooker fryer accidentally disconnected a natural gas line. They're not sure how it</p>

				<p>ignited but within seconds of trying to shut it off flames ran through the business. No one was hurt and damage is estimated in excess of 1-point-5 million dollars. Officials say for at least 20 minutes there was a free burning gas fire.</p> <p>For nearly 20 years the governor has appointed the head of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Now, some lawmakers who believe it's politically motivated are looking to change that. Four democratic state representatives introduced a proposal putting that job into the hands of the Natural Resources Board. No reaction from republican legislators on the move, as the process is just beginning.</p> <p>90-days in jail and two years probation. That's what 34-</p>
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year old James Jones of Antigo will serve after being convicted of burglary a week ago. He'll also pay over \$1600 in restitution. Jones entered a no-contest plea in Langlade County court and had two misdemeanor charges dropped. Back in August Jones entered the Lakeside Pharmacy in Antigo where authorities say he made off with numerous prescription medications. He will receive credit for jail time already served.

The fifth-highest Powerball jackpot of the year was won last night. A ticket sold in California matched all the numbers to win 213-point-four million dollars. In Mega Millions, the top prize is 65-million dollars for tomorrow's drawing.

Bookkeeper charged with	News	10/24/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	A cleaning accident by
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embezzling					<p>employees started the fire that destroyed a Wendy's restaurant near Wausau two weeks ago. Rib Mountain deputy fire chief John Lauer said four employees were cleaning a fryer for cooking chicken when they pulled it from a wall, and disconnected a natural gas line. Investigators say they're still not sure how the gas ignited, but it could have started from the pilot light of another appliance. The late-night blaze on October 10th caused one-and-a-half million dollars damage. He said the employees were lucky they were not hurt or worse.</p> <p>A former bookkeeper has been convicted of embezzling over a half-million dollars from her parents' business in northern Wisconsin. 46-year-old Lisa Saykally, who</p>
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					<p>now lives in North Dakota, struck a plea deal this week in Oneida County Circuit Court. She pleaded no contest to six felony embezzlement charges, and one count of preparing fraudulent income tax returns. Nine similar charges were dropped, but they'll be considered when she's sentenced on January 9th. The money was stolen from Aqualand Manufacturing of Woodruff. The defendant's parents own the business. A Wisconsin senator is forging ahead with his bill to take away most local government authority to regulate frac-sand mines. The Senate's mining committee, chaired by Hazelhurst Republican Tom Tiffany, took testimony this morning. His bill won't get final approval until next spring at the earliest, because the other house</p>
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					<p>won't act on it until then. The bill nullifies a State Supreme Court ruling which allows towns to use police powers to regulate things like blasting, and the hours frac-sand mines could operate.</p>
<p>Local police depts. Advising people to lock car doors</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/25/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Eagle River Police Department has been cautioning city residents and businesses to make sure doors and windows are locked because of a string of break-ins recently. Now, Woodruff Police add to that because of a number of thefts, especially from vehicles. Authorities remind people to lock their cars and make sure any valuables are not left in plain sight. They also ask you to report any suspicious activity to local police. Janesville House Republican Paul Ryan appears to have low expectations going into the</p>

				<p>first full round of talks on a federal budget agreement. Ryan is co-chairing a House-Senate negotiating panel formed as part of the agreement which ended the federal government shutdown. Ryan -- the House Budget chairman -- has been warning people not to expect a grand bargain to end the continuing resolutions that replaced annual budgets since 2009. They have until mid-December to reach an agreement.</p>
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				<p>A State Capitol hearing room was not big enough for all the people who had their say on a proposed state takeover of frac-sand mining regulations. Two overflow rooms were opened, as the Senate's mining committee heard hours of emotional</p>
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					<p>testimony yesterday on a bill from its chairman, Hazelhurst Republican Tom Tiffany. He said local governments are taking away the miners' property rights with their restrictive local ordinances and quote, "If any government gets away from that, I come down for property rights." However, Democrats said the bill strips the ability of local leaders to protect their residents, thus putting their health at risk. The bill's future is uncertain.</p>
Fire destroys Vilas Co. home	News	10/28/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Fire destroyed a Vilas County Home yesterday afternoon. The Sheriff's office got the call shortly before 4:30 reporting a trailer on fire at the Hiawatha Mobile Home Trailer Park on Old Hwy 51 in Arbor Vitae. Arbor Vitae Fire and Rescue, Woodruff Fire, among others</p>

responded. No one was home at the time but officials were able to save the owner's pets and are still looking into the cause of the blaze.

An emotional goodbye as over 100 people gathered in Rothschild Saturday for the funeral of Kira Steger Trevino. The 30-year old DC Everest graduate was killed by her husband, Jeffery Trevino in February near St. Paul, MN. Her body was discovered three months later. Family members said it will be difficult to move past it, this was a big step in the healing process.

Sentencing for Jeffery Trevino is still pending.

Senator Tom Tiffany doesn't expect action on his mining proposal until next year. The Hazelhurst republican is the chief sponsor of a bill weakening local control over Wisconsin's booming

					<p>sand mining industry. The measure is supported by companies that mine and process silica sand used by the oil and gas industry for hydraulic fracturing. Tiffany said local governments raised valid objections in last weeks public hearings and they need to be addressed.</p> <p>The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame is moving. Presently in the basement of the Lambeau Field Atrium, the new Hall will be on the first and second floors. It will be closed until 2015 as construction begins on the new Packers Pro Shop.</p>
Possible challenger to Gov. Walker	News	10/28/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>So far at least, Mary Burke has not tried to capitalize on an apparent lag in female support for the man she hopes to replace next year, Governor Scott</p>

				<p>Walker. Burke -- the former state commerce secretary and Trek Bicycle executive - - tells the A-P she does not believe her campaign will focus on gender. However, she'd love to blaze the trail to become Wisconsin's first female governor. A Marquette Law School poll last July shows 52-percent of women disapproved of the Republican Walker's job performance, while just 39-percent of men disapproved. State Senate Democrat Kathleen Vinehout of Alma is still deciding whether to run against Burke in a primary next August.</p> <p>Wausau area native Kira Steger was one of three women missing at the same time in Minnesota's Twin Cities' region. Ironically, it was during Steger's funeral on Saturday when the last of the three women was</p>
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				<p>found dead. A hiker discovered the remains of 24-year-old Mandy Matula at the Mississippi River Park near Sartell Minnesota, dead of a gunshot wound. Steger, Matula, and Danielle Jelinek all vanished separately earlier this year in the Twin Cities' area. Wisconsin firms would no longer have to pay sales tax on aircraft maintenance, under a bill up for a committee vote tomorrow. The Senate's economic development panel will decide whether to endorse a tax break for aviation firms like Gulfstream of Appleton and Cessna of Milwaukee. Neenah Republican Mike Ellis says those firms are at a competitive disadvantage, because aircraft owners are getting their planes fixed in other states where a</p>
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					sales tax is not charged.
Winter weather possible	News	10/29/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>With the forecast for a wintery mix into tonight, law enforcement officials remind drivers of rapidly changing road conditions. Several accidents last week, especially on ice-covered bridges could have been avoided if traffic would have slowed down. This is prime time for black ice to develop, and officials say it commands attention, especially at night. Several townships have already been criticized for not treating roadways faster. A bill running through the assembly could force Wisconsin schools to cut core subjects in favor of physical education. The measure basic mandates more gym classes and administrators say that will take away class time. Rhinelander superintendent Kelli Jacobi said they told</p>

				<p>last week's hearing before the rural schools task force to make sure they stay on top of pending legislation like this. She wants to make sure any changes are funded at the state level as local budgets cannot absorb additional costs. The Wausau School Board authorized an outside investigation into their recent Christmas concert controversy. Last night they approved a \$4000 ceiling for the Wausau based, Ruder-Ware law firm to look into what caused the uproar after the district proposed limits on religious carols performed at Christmas concerts. Earlier this month superintendent Kathleen Williams said it was the threat of a lawsuit. In making the decision for an independent review, the board made it clear they want to get to the bottom</p>
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					of this and wants a timeline of incidents leading up to the national backlash, including the role played by social media. No deadline for results has been set.
Wis. Lawmaker proposing new bill	News	10/29/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin House Republican Jim Sensenbrenner plans to offer a bill as early as today to limit the government's ability to read your e-mails and see who you're calling. The Menomonee Falls lawmaker says he'll propose an overhaul of the National Security Agency that's similar to a plan drafted by Democrats. The House Intelligence Committee is considering more modest changes. That panel is expected to hear today from top U-S intelligence leaders who are expected to defend current surveillance efforts in the name of fighting terrorism.</p>

				<p>You've heard it forever -- there's no cure for the common cold. Now, we know why, thanks to new research at U-W Madison. Yesterday, the journal Virology published a pair of U-W studies showing three strains of the rhino-virus make up around 85-percent of all colds. However, there's no cure for the third strain known as the "C"-strain, and that's the one which gives us the classic cold symptoms like coughs and runny noses. Now experts say they have something to work on. Even in today's ultra-high-tech society, one thing rarely goes out of style -- laser light shows. This week, the U-W Stevens Point planetarium is putting on a series of night-time laser shows to raise money for its programs -- including new displays of astronomy.</p>
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					<p>Doctor Randy Olsen says the colorful laser light shows date back to the 1960's, and there's been a resurgence in recent years. This week's shows in Stevens Point are being set to classic albums from Pink Floyd and the Beatles. There's also a "Fright Night" showing on Halloween.</p>
<p>Escaped prisoner back in Vilas Co. custody</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/30/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Wausau woman made her first court appearance in Marathon County yesterday, charged with concealing the death of a baby. 33-year old Zoua Yang is in jail on a \$1000 cash bond. Police learned of the incident a week after Yang said she had a stillborn in the bathroom of a home earlier this month, put the baby in a bag and put it in a dumpster. Authorities unsuccessfully searched a landfill in Ringle for the remains. Acting on a tip, police questioned the</p>

mother of four who said she didn't know she was pregnant. Her children are no longer in her custody and she's back in court next week for a preliminary hearing.

An escaped prisoner is back in Vilas County custody. 18-year old Jeffery Bauman, Jr was taken from the jail to St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield last Friday for medical attention. Yesterday, he walked away. Early this morning he was spotted in Lac du Flambeau and fled police, crashed the vehicle he was using, and was taken into custody shortly after 3:00. He was originally held for disorderly conduct and possessing a firearm on school grounds. New charges for escape, fleeing an officer and recklessly endangering safety are pending.

					<p>Since 2006 bow hunters were able to take deer within Rhinelander's city limits. This year, because incident reports and complaints about the animals were down, that hunt was canceled. Now, there's a bill in the Assembly that may force the issue. Now, a committee is reviewing this new measure, which effectively weakens the rules already in place.</p>
Private school voucher program	News	10/30/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>A new report gives new ammunition to critics of Wisconsin's expanded private school voucher program. State education officials said 73-percent of the over-500 additional students who got tax-funded private school vouchers this fall attended private schools in the past. Opponents say it's proof the G-O-P is bolstering private schools, instead of helping low-income public school students get a chance at a better education -- which is the supporters' stated goal of the choice program.</p>

				<p>Democrats call it "unacceptable" to subsidize private schools, while forcing public schools to do more with less.</p> <p>The State Supreme Court will wait to see what an appellate court decides before getting involved in the latest dispute over Act-10, the law limiting most public union bargaining. The Justice Department asked both courts to let the state proceed with about 400 annual re-certification votes for local government and public school unions -- then decide whether the state was in contempt-of-court for moving forward with those votes. The Fourth District Appellate Court said it would rule by Monday on the Justice Department's request for an emergency stay, so the union votes can be held in November as scheduled. The Supreme Court said yesterday the losing side in the matter will have one day to challenge the appellate court's ruling.</p> <p>Wisconsin wolf hunters snapped up two-thirds of the quota in the first two weeks of what was supposed to be a four-and-a-</p>
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					<p>half month season. The D-N-R says 168 wolves were shot-and-trapped since October 15th. Eighty-three more animals can be taken -- and when they're gone, the season's over.</p>
<p>Crandon woman pleads innocent</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/31/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsin congressman Jim Sensenbrenner says the NSA collection of the phone records of American citizens is an invasion of privacy – and not always effective. In a national interview yesterday he said the National Security Agency has “grabbed everybody's phone records” to try to figure out who might be involved in a terrorist strike. Sensenbrenner said, “I can say that two teenagers talking about who they’re taking to the prom is not going to lead to somebody who wants to blow up Chicago,”. He’s introduced a bill ending the dragnet collection of phone</p>

records, and the measure already has some 70 sponsors.

The Crandon woman charged with several misdemeanors in connection to running an unlicensed daycare pleaded innocent yesterday. 63-year old Nancy Anderson is charged with child neglect and operating the business without a daycare license. Prosecutors in Forest County court said she'd leave to run errands while her son, William, watched the children. He's faces six felonies, charged with sexually assaulting them. She's back in court in January, while her son appears November 12th.

Another abuse case advanced to attempted murder. 29-year old

					<p>Brandon Brunette of Wabeno is accused of tossing a 19-month old boy across the room, causing extreme injuries. The youngster is in an area hospital with a broken skull, serious brain injuries and a broken leg. Doctors say he'll never live without fulltime care. Brunette is charged with first degree intentional homicide, child abuse by intentionally causing great bodily harm and neglect. In Forest County Court yesterday Brunette asked for a new judge.</p>
<p>Trial to begin for Merrill woman</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>10/31/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A December trial has been delayed for a Merrill woman accused of killing two of her friends and injuring another while driving drunk. At a hearing yesterday, lawyers for 25-year-old Ashley Baumann said they need more time to review a</p>

				<p>lengthy list of the state's witnesses. Lincoln County prosecutors said some key witnesses would not be available in mid-December, when the week-long trial is currently scheduled. Baumann is charged with nine felonies for a crash in June of 2012 that killed 33-year-old Jessica Hartwig and 31-year-old Misty Glisch, both of Merrill. Prosecutors said Baumann's car was going almost 100-miles-an-hour when it rolled over several times. All parties in the case meet December 19th, when a new trial date could be set. It looks like police, teachers or anyone else won't be allowed to carry a gun in Wisconsin schools. Assembly speaker Robin Vos says the lower house won't vote on a bill allowing retired, off-duty and out-of-state police to</p>
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				<p>carry concealed weapons on school grounds. Groups representing school boards and administrators are against the amendment while the state Justice Department and a half-dozen law enforcement groups came out in support of it.</p> <p>Your weekend will be one hour longer. Daylight savings time ends at two a-m Sunday, when the clock goes back one hour. Wisconsin officials remind folks to turn back their clocks before going to bed Saturday night. They also suggest you check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors -- and to change those batteries when you change your clocks.</p>
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Minocqua police chief resigns	News	11/1//2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	Citing personal reasons, Minocqua Police Chief Andy Gee resigned Wednesday. While offering no specifics, Gee said he's going to pursue other interests. Earlier this month Minocqua paid over \$100,000 to settle a dispute between Gee and his former administrative assistant, Julie Mager, who accused him of discrimination and intimidation. The town of Minocqua will pay six months severance and provide a letter of reference. Gee' spent 25 years in law enforcement, the last six as Minocqua's Chief. Lt. Dave Jaeger was appointed interim chief as the town board discusses filling the position later this

month.

No injuries were reported when a car left the road and struck a house in Three Lakes. The Oneida county sheriff's office was notified of the accident shortly before noon yesterday on Highway A near the intersection with Batagowski Drive. The car, driven by a 20-year old Rhinelander woman didn't make the curve, striking the house causing significant damage. The crash remains under investigation. The Rural Schools Task Force conducts its second public hearing next week in Elroy. State Representative Rob Swearingen of Rhinelander who chairs the task force said they want to build off of what they heard at the first meeting in his hometown. That hearing lasted over four hours. He said while Elroy is very

					different from Rhinelander, they face many of the same challenges. The group is looking for solutions to problems faced by rural schools including declining enrollment and transportation issues. This is the second of four hearings to be held across the state.
Some Wisconsin residents will get a reduction in Food stamp benefits	News	11/1/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	About 900-thousand Wisconsinites will get a reduction in their food stamp benefits, today. That's because a funding increase from the Obama stimulus package expires. The American Re-investment and Recovery Act added 45-billion dollars for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in 2009, at the height of the Great Recession. That money ends today, causing a decrease in monthly Food-Share benefits of 36-dollars for a family-of-four, and 29-

				<p>dollars for a family-of-three. A town clerk is free on a signature bond, after she was arrested for alleged misconduct. Adams County sheriff's officials say they'll ask prosecutors to charge 53-year-old Deena Griffin with theft, forgery, and misconduct in public office. She remains the clerk of the town of Rome, south of Wisconsin Rapids. Town officials asked deputies to investigate Griffin, but no details of the alleged irregularities are public yet.</p> <p>A federal appeals court said a family near Rhineland was not denied of its religious freedom, when local governments rejected their plans to build a religious camp.</p> <p>The Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago upheld a decision from Judge William Conley of Madison.</p>
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					<p>He ruled in February the Jaros family did not have its religious freedom violated when Oneida County, its Board-of-Adjustment, and the town of Woodboro said no to a religious camp on Squash Lake. The family said the denials violated their rights under a federal law forbidding the denial of religious land use by government zoning. Oneida County's corporation counsel did not comment on the appellate ruling, saying there's a possibility of further litigation. As of yesterday, the family had not responded to the appellate decision, either.</p>
Minocqua home damaged by fire	News	11/4/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A Minocqua home was heavily damaged by fire yesterday. Firefighters were notified about 1:30 yesterday afternoon of the blaze and that two people were still inside. When they</p>

arrived no one was left in the house. Woodruff, Hazelhurst and the Rapid Intervention teams from Vilas and Oneida Counties assisted the Minocqua department. The cause is still unknown.

A federal trial scheduled to begin today could set the stage for legal challenges in a number of states to laws requiring voters to show photo identification at the polls. Wisconsin's photo voter ID law has been on hold since Dane County judge declared it unconstitutional soon after it passed in 2011.

Supporters say the law helps combat voter fraud. Opponents say it disenfranchises poor and minority voters who are less likely to have state-issued identification.

Two planes carrying skydivers collided in midair

				<p>Saturday night in far northwest Wisconsin, but no major injuries have been reported. Mike Robinson, an instructor and safety adviser for Skydive Superior, says he and 10 others escaped relatively unharmed after one plane crashed into the other during what he said was a common tandem formation. Robinson says he was on the lead plane preparing to jump when planes collided. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Roland Herwig says the collision occurred about 6 p.m. at about 12,000 feet. The pilot of the lead plane managed to escape as it broke apart, while the other pilot was able to land the damaged second plane. Herwig says the National Transportation Safety Board has been notified.</p>
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Catching sex predators	News	11/4/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Sheriff's investigators in northeast Wisconsin say they want to catch more child sex predators, by stepping up Internet sting operations. Last month, 15 people were arrested in six northeast and central counties in a sting conducted by several law enforcement agencies. Investigators say the largest numbers of arrests showed that either the sting was a rousing success -- or more needs to be done to address the problem. The Grinch That Stole Christmas showed up early in Lincoln County. Authorities said about eight-thousand dollars worth of holiday decorations were stolen in the past month from a semi-truck parked in the town of Russell. The trailer had materials for making</p>
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				<p>wreaths and ribbons. The trailer was not locked -- and was parked at two different spots around Bloomville around the time the theft occurred. Anyone with information is asked to call the Lincoln County Crime-Stoppers program.</p> <p>The National Weather Service says a cold front will push a new low-pressure system into the State tomorrow afternoon into Wednesday, dumping rain throughout and a few inches of snow are possible in the far northwest part of the state, stretching eastward at least into Vilas County.</p> <p>The oldest rivalry in the N-F-L will be renewed tonight in Green Bay, where the Packers and Bears square off for the 187th time. It will be the first time in 14 years that the Packer offense will not try to work around</p>
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					<p>star linebackers Brian Urlacher and-or Lance Briggs. Urlacher retired earlier this year after 13 seasons. Briggs is out with a shoulder injury.</p>
<p>First winter storm hits Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/5/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The first winter storm of the season comes right in the middle of winter awareness week in Wisconsin. And emergency management officials say now is the time to prepare for the change is seasons. Vehicles should have emergency kits including blankets, or sleeping bags, non-perishable foods, working flashlight, booster cables and cell phone adapter. A shovel and kitty litter for traction is also recommended. At home, make sure there's enough food, water and medications in case the power goes out. Also, check outside heating vents to make sure they</p>

won't get blocked to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Winter storms are considered deceptive killers because most deaths are indirectly related to them, like traffic accidents, exposure or poisoning.

Several hundred people were without power shortly before 9:00 last night in Weston, after a semi truck took down a power pole at the corner of Alderson and Grossman streets. Wisconsin Public Service had power restored in a couple hours.

The convicted murderer who took off from a work project at the McNaughton State Prison last month was charged with escape yesterday in Oneida County Court. 54 year old Todd Brecht was set for release in parole in March

					but will now face additional time. He was originally convicted in the shooting death of his brother-in-law in 1986. He was working at the St. Germain Golf Course when he didn't show up for his ride back to the prison in Lake Tomahawk. He was found later in Orlando, Florida and is still in jail on a \$50,000 cash bond.
New rules for child care providers	News	11/5/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Starting in January, Wisconsin will join three dozen other states in requiring F-B-I fingerprint and background checks for child care providers. Employees and household members in home-based facilities will also come under additional scrutiny. Wisconsin requires the state Justice Department to conduct background reviews of child care workers -- but until now, the state has not required F-B-I

				<p>finger-print checks. A provision in the new state budget calls for the increased security steps. Wisconsin senators are expected to vote today on a compromise bill to protect workers at the proposed Gogebic Taconite iron ore mine in Ashland and Iron counties. Originally, all 32-hundred acres of the mining site would have been closed to public hunting and other recreation that's allowed because the site gets state tax breaks under the managed forest law. Senate Republican Rob Cowles (coles) of Green Bay has proposed a compromise which closes areas around mining equipment and roads at the site. The D-N-R could close other land if need be. Senate Republican Tom Tiffany of Hazelhurst first</p>
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					<p>proposed the more extensive ban after a theft-and-vandalism incident at a Gogebic exploration site in June. A number of people said the original measure was too restrictive. Winter weather advisories are in effect in 17 Wisconsin counties tonight through mid-day tomorrow. The National Weather Service says most of northwest Wisconsin will get rain at first, then snow during the evening. All snow is predicted for Vilas and Oneida counties in north central Wisconsin. Two-to-six inches are in the forecast for the northwest, and 2-to-5 inches in north central areas.</p>
Rhinelanders school board members paid	News	11/6/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Hoping to bolster attendance by Rhinelanders School Board members, they'll now be paid. Board president Ron Counter at the district's annual</p>

				<p>meeting introduced a resolution to pay sitting members \$3600 annually. Rhineland is one of only a handful of boards not paid in the state's 424 school districts. Two board members approved while four others voted against the measure. But because the public votes at the annual meeting, it passed. One board member said their integrity may come into question the way the vote was handled. Counter, in supporting the measure said it may help attract future candidates to run for open school board positions.</p> <p>A Wausau teen reported missing nearly 10 years ago turned up living in Mexico. Connie Lynn McCallister was 16 when she left for that country with a male companion. Wausau police say that relationship</p>
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				<p>ended and she married another man, with whom she now has three children. She also wants to return to the United States. A church in Athens, after being contacted by a Mexican mission, is working to raise money to bring McCallister and her children back.</p>
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				<p>A Merrill woman pleads guilty to fraud charges. 37-year old Amy Rajek took the plea yesterday in federal court after forging a check belonging to her employer at the time, G3 Industries. She's agreed to pay over \$420,000 in restitution and could still face prison and a quarter million dollar fine. Rajek is sentenced January 10th.</p>
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				<p>And Aaron Rogers' status is week to week according to the Packers as he recovers from a fractured</p>
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					collarbone.
Planned parenthood advocates a politician	News	11/7/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Planned Parenthood Advocates of Wisconsin is endorsing Democrat Mary Burke in the governor's race, even as another Democratic candidate considers challenging her. In a statement yesterday the group said Burke is the only candidate with a clear path to victory. The other Democrat considering running, state Sen. Kathleen Vinehout, has a checkered history with the organization. Vinehout received their endorsement in 2006 when she ran for the Senate. But Planned Parenthood rescinded its backing after she authored an amendment to allow pharmacists and pharmacies with religious objections to refuse to dispense birth control to women. No other</p>

Democrat has announced plans yet to challenge Republican Gov. Scott Walker. The group says Burke offers a clear contrast to Walker, who cut funding for Planned Parenthood.

A St. Germain woman faces federal prison, accused of removing articles from in a letter intended to be sent by mail, while a Postal Service employee. The indictment alleges 26-year old Katie Dassow, committed the theft on June 8th of this year. The charge against her is the result of an investigation by the U.S. Postal Service, Office of Inspector General.

Wisconsin's largest wolf-hunting zone closes for the season this afternoon. Wildlife officials plan to close the zone that covers most of the southern two-thirds of Wisconsin, at 2:00,

					<p>having reached its harvest limit. That leaves only one zone still open for wolf hunting or trapping, in the northwest part of the state. The season opened Oct. 15 and will run until hunters reach the 251-wolf statewide kill limit or through the end of February, whichever comes first.</p>
<p>Asian carp causing a problem</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/7/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>All 16 U-S senators from the Great Lakes states are demanding the Army Corps of Engineers help Congress in choosing a game plan to keep the Asian carp away. Wisconsin's Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin were among those telling the Corps it's not enough to just spell out alternatives, and let Congress pick one. Congress ordered the Army Corps to study ways to prevent the invasive and bloated Asian carp from wiping out native fish in the</p>

				<p>Great Lakes. At first, the Corps was planning to wait until 2015 to unveil its proposals. But Congress demanded that it be done sooner, and the final report is now expected in January.</p> <p>Steel fabricating plants in Wausau and Eau Claire are now owned by a firm from out East. Atlas Holdings, an industrial holding company in Greenwich (greenn-ich) Connecticut, has acquired P-D-M Bridge. It will become a part of Veritas Steel, which is based in Chicago. That firm will operate steel fabricating plants in Palatka Florida as well as in Wausau and Eau Claire. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. Atlas said it would allow Veritas to compete for more complex bridge projects, and create greater efficiencies. All</p>
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					<p>employees of the acquired plants have been offered jobs under the new ownership.</p> <p>It's beginning to feel like winter in far northern Wisconsin, where temperatures dropped into the teens overnight. Rhinelander had a wind-chill factor of eight-above at seven o'clock, with an actual reading of 17. Hayward was the state's cold spot with 15. La Crosse was the only Wisconsin reporting station that was above freezing, at 33.</p>
Rhineland school teacher being investigated	News	11/8/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A Rhinelander high school teacher appears in Oneida County Court today. Online court records indicate 35-year old Joshua Juergens will answer to disorderly conduct charges stemming from an incident Tuesday, but it may be more than that. The</p>

				<p>Sheriff's department searched his home looking for stolen goods. They discovered electronics and growing marijuana. Juergens teaches English at the high school and the district in a statement said at no time were students or staff in any jeopardy. Earlier this week we learned about the disappearance of 16 year old Connie McCallister of Wausau nine years ago and how she ended up in Mexico. Now married with three children, McCallister wants to come back and new information is coming to light. She said she and her 22-year old boyfriend at the time, Freddie Ruiz, left voluntarily and ended up a party in Milwaukee or Chicago. She believes she was drugged after waking up in Mexico. Arrest warrants for Ruiz were filed back in 2005 for child</p>
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					<p>sexual assault and false imprisonment. This new information wasn't given to police when they initially contacted her in September. They're working with the FBI and her family to help get her and the children back to the US. Fire damaged a Woodruff home yesterday and one man was injured jumping from a window to escape the flames. Woodruff, Arbor Vitae and Minocqua firefighters responded to the call on Forest Circle. A woman was also at home and escaped unharmed. The man said it took him ten minutes to get out and call for help. The fire likely started in the kitchen.</p>
School teams with Indian team names	News	11/8/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Governor Scott Walker hasn't said whether he'll sign a bill making it harder to order Wisconsin schools to drop their Indian team names and mascots. The</p>

				<p>Republican Walker was asked about the subject yesterday. He said it was quote, "not on my radar." The Senate gave final legislative approval to the Republican measure on Tuesday, after the Assembly okayed the same bill last month. It would water down a complaint process approved by Democrats in 2009 that resulted in three school districts being ordered to drop their Indian monikers. Some others dropped their names voluntarily, to avoid going through the complaint process.</p> <p>A Rhinelander High School English teacher faces charges for allegedly stealing electronic items from the school, and growing marijuana at his home. 35-year-old Joshua Juergens was arrested Wednesday at his home</p>
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				<p>near Rhineland. Oneida County Sheriff Grady Hartman said a search warrant turned up undisclosed items that were suspected to be stolen -- plus a growing operation with numerous marijuana plants. No charges have been filed in that case yet. Juergens did appear in Oneida County Circuit Court yesterday on a separate disorderly conduct charge. A 500-dollar bond was set in that matter. Rhineland assistant school superintendent Dave Wall said he had no reason to believe that other people were involved -- and that staff members and students were never put in jeopardy from the incidents. Officials said Juergens joined the Rhineland faculty in August and is currently on leave.</p>
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Body of missing duck hunter found	News	11/11/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The body of a duck hunter, reported missing Saturday afternoon was found yesterday morning. While still not identified, the body of the 28-year old man was discovered in Cranberry Lake near the Price Country town of Hackett.</p> <p>Wausau Police Department officials say a hit and run was reported last nigh. They say a car was stopped at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Kent Street, when someone rear-ended it. Authorities say the second car then drove away. No serious injuries have been reported. The crash is still under investigation.</p> <p>Paying tribute to military veterans and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Nearly 400,000 veterans are living in Wisconsin. Wisconsin</p>
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				<p>Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary John Scocos says the agency's role changes as demographics change by increasingly finding ways to reach out to veterans, whether it be the interactive chat part of their outreach at a veterans resource center established last year that fielded over 8,000 calls. Or other programs, the employment fairs, its efforts to deal with drug and alcohol issues, traumatic brain injuries, and mental health issues. He acknowledges the need to more closely address PTSD and suicides. Some estimates show 22 veterans a day nationwide take their own life. Scocos says, "We are working with other state agencies and obviously the federal VA to try to combat suicide as much as possible. We've seen that if we don't</p>
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					reach out to that veteran within the first six months in the issues he or she might have, we'll probably lose that veteran."
State supreme court is hearing a case	News	11/11/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	The Wisconsin Supreme Court hears arguments today whether the Act-10 public union bargaining law should apply to local governments and public schools. The case comes from a circuit court ruling 14 months ago. Dane County Circuit Judge Juan Colas ruled back then the union was unconstitutional as it applied to the plaintiffs in that case -- Madison Teachers Incorporated and a Milwaukee city union. Colas later clarified his ruling applied statewide, and he held the Wisconsin Employment Relations Commission in contempt-of-court for preparing annual re-certification elections

				<p>required by public unions. That was a separate ruling which is being appealed by the state. The state had challenged Colas's larger ruling some time ago. That's the case which is being heard today. Nine skydivers who survived after their two planes collided in Superior are selling their video, to try-and-save the company that provided the aircraft. Five of the skydivers had cameras on their helmets which showed the dramatic collision on November 2nd. Skydiver Barry Sinex came up with the idea of selling the video to media outlets, to try and raise 150-thousand dollars to keep the firm of Skydive Superior in business -- and to maintain their landing zone at Superior's airport It's Veterans Day -- and while it's a business day for</p>
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					<p>most of us, officials hope we'll take a moment to remember veterans who've preserved our freedoms. The state is holding two official programs along with many local communities this afternoon and tonight. Almost 400-thousand veterans live in Wisconsin.</p>
<p>Spencer woman killed in Marathon Co.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/11/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Slippery road conditions may have contributed to a fatal Marathon County accident yesterday morning. A 55-year old Spencer woman was pronounced dead at the scene after her car collided with an empty school bus on Hwy 13, just north of LaSalle Street around 7:00. The bus driver was not hurt. Still reeling from last month's Christmas music controversy, the Wausau School Board last night took steps to ensure future decisions are in full view of the public. Members</p>

				<p>approved broadcasting committee meetings and sending surveys to parents and employees. A third party investigation into the limiting of religious music during holiday concerts by the district is in progress and the board has put off any changes to the program, including having the superintendent issue a written apology, until the results are known, which is supposed to be soon. Board members agreed taking any action until the facts are known would be premature.</p>
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				<p>The state Supreme Court heard nearly four hours of testimony yesterday in the case challenging Governor Walker's controversial Act 10, who opponents claim limits collective bargaining for most public employees and is unconstitutional. The</p>
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					<p>state's defense focused heavily on arguments that it does not prevent workers from joining a union and does not restrict their ability to ask employers to make concessions.</p> <p>Matt Flynn is back with the Packers. Various media reports say the sixth-year pro signed with the team last night, as an apparent backup to Scott Tolzien. Packers' coach Mike McCarthy re-iterated yesterday Tolzien would make his first N-F-L start on Sunday against the Giants at New York.</p>
Rhineland career development gets a nice boost	News	11/12/2013	653a,753a	1:30	<p>A new career development program in Rhineland got a \$30,000 boost. The Jobs for America program got the grant from AT&T yesterday as part of a million dollar national contribution from</p>

the carrier to allow the nonprofit to help underserved students graduate through career and development activities, mentoring, tutoring and academic support. The program is in its first year at Rhinelander and officials say it will help kids stay on track to graduate high school and move on to better things.

Wausau school superintendent Kathleen Williams says she has nothing to apologize for now. The School Board voted last night against a demand Williams apologize for the recent controversy over a plan to limit Christmas music in their holiday concerts. The idea was scrapped after a high school choral director put his group on hiatus, saying the plan would eliminate 15 Christmas programs to

				<p>community groups. An external investigation is underway and Williams said an apology would prematurely judge her guilty. She also said she received anonymous harassment and threats after the issue became public last month.</p>
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				<p>Wisconsin employers could not ask their workers and job candidates for social media passwords, under a bill up for a vote in the state Senate today. Landlords and educational institutions would also be barred from seeking students-and-clients' passwords. Some employers say they need to make sure workers are not violating company privacy. Lawmakers have called it a brash invasion of privacy. Employers can still monitor their workers' use of company computers, and</p>
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					limit Web site access in the office.
Crandon man back in court	News	11/13/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The Crandon man accused of sexually assaulting children at his mother's daycare admitted to it in Forest County Court yesterday. 39-year old William Anderson was charged with six felonies in the assaults and of exposing himself to a child. He'll be sentenced in January. 63-year old Nancy Anderson pleaded not guilty to charges of child neglect and running an unlicensed daycare. She would leave the children alone with her son while she ran errands. She's also due back in court in January.</p> <p>Police in Marshfield are investigating a death, after a man's body was found inside a Walmart restroom. The Marathon County</p>

				<p>medical examiner will determine the cause of death of the 33-year old Marshfield man, whose name has not been released. A maintenance worker found the body in a restroom stall early yesterday morning. Officials say there are no indications of foul play. Rough and cold water may have caused the boat of three duck hunters to capsize Saturday on Cranberry Lake in Price county. The Sheriff's department reports two men were rescued by someone who saw them struggling, while a third man, identified as Nicholas Stuttgart, could not be found. His body was discovered the next morning.</p> <p>Mental health services in Wisconsin got a boost from the state assembly</p>
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					<p>yesterday and speaker Robin Vos calls it the most comprehensive set of mental health reforms in a generation. The package of 13 bills address a wide range of concerns, from access to mental health care to improved coordination of emergency detentions. Incentives would also encourage more doctors to practice in rural areas.</p>
<p>Economic diversity in Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/13/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A bill passed by the Wisconsin Senate would give larger towns the same economic development tool that cities-and-villages have used for decades. On a voice vote yesterday, senators approved a measure to grant tax incremental financing authority to towns of over five-thousand residents. Many of those towns are next to larger cities. It</p>

				<p>would let them give incentives to attract new-and-larger businesses, by creating zones in which all of the property tax revenues from new projects would be used for things like streets and sewers nearby. Once the higher taxes pay for a project, only then would schools, counties, and tech colleges gain a share of those local taxes. The bill now goes to the Assembly.</p>
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Whitefish Bay is the most expensive place to buy a house in Wisconsin, and Ashland is the most economical. That's according to an affordability survey by the real estate firm of Coldwell Banker. It compared average prices in 19-hundred U-S markets for a standard four-bedroom house with two baths. The Milwaukee suburb of

					<p>Whitefish Bay had Wisconsin's highest average cost for such a house, at just over 464-thousand dollars. Ashland had the most affordable price for the same type of home, at almost 105-thousand. The Milwaukee suburb of Mequon had the state's second most-expensive price of 380-thousand. Hudson, near the Twin Cities, was next with Hayward and Eagle River rounding out the Top-Five. Also economical, Wisconsin Rapids, Rhinelander and Merrill. The national average is just over 301-thousand for the typical four-bedroom, two-bath house. In Powerball, the jackpot for tonight is at 110-million.</p>
<p>Recalling elected officials in the state could be more difficult</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/14/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Recalling the governor and others from office in Wisconsin would be more difficult under measures the</p>

				<p>state Assembly plans to vote on today. The recall measures are among several the Assembly plans to pass on its final day in session that make changes to state election law. Republicans also plan to pass a new photo identification requirement for voters at the polls as the current law remains on hold. Republicans wants to prohibit voters from recalling state and local officeholders unless they've been charged with a felony or an ethics violation. Wisconsin is one of 18 states that allows for recalls of state elected officials. Of those, only seven limit the reasons for recall to malfeasance in office.</p> <p>Oneida County, like most others in the state battle with budget cuts and at times have to make tough funding decisions. Such</p>
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					<p>was the case for the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, expecting a \$15,000 cut from their operating budget. But that didn't happen after an impassioned plea from a stranger. Tri-county executive director Shelly Holmes said she was grateful for the support before the Oneida county board and the funding was restored.</p> <p>Wausau Police Chief Jeff Hardel has been on medical leave for over a month and details are coming to light as to why. While not going into detail, Hardel said he had a very rare illness that required hospitalization and treatment, but he's on the mend. He's hoping to soon begin half days back on the job as he recovers.</p>
	News	11/14/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	A long and contentious

Wis. Assembly in final meeting of the year					agenda awaits the Wisconsin Assembly in its final meeting of 2013. Majority Republicans are expected to approve bills to re-instate the photo I-D law for voting -- ban early absentee voting on nights and weekends -- allow recalls of state officials only if they're suspected of criminal or ethics violations -- and let pro-lifers show off their support with a new "Choose Life" license plate. Those measures would go to the state Senate early next year. Final legislative action is also expected on a compromise to keep people off public recreational land close to where Gogebic Taconite is doing exploratory work for its proposed iron ore mine A Rhinelander High School English teacher is in court today on seven criminal
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				<p>charges. 35-year-old Joshua Juergens was suspended from his duties, after authorities said they caught him with over 60 marijuana plants, prescription drugs that were not his, and stolen computers belonging to the Rhinelander district and others. School Superintendent Kelli Jacobi said officials are still doing an inventory on the stolen property. She says the total value could be around nine-thousand dollars. Juergens was hired at Rhinelander this fall after officials got quote, "glowing references." Jacobi said the School Board will consider terminating Juergens at a meeting on Monday night.</p> <p>A central Wisconsin man was killed after his tractor was rear-ended by a car. 74-year-old Kenneth Brandl</p>
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					<p>of Auburndale died at a Marshfield hospital after the crash, which occurred around 1:30 yesterday afternoon on Highway 10 in Auburndale.</p>
Rhinelanders teacher in jail	News	11/15/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Joshua Juergens is in the Oneida County Jail today. The 35-year old English teacher at Rhinelanders High School was in court yesterday facing two felony drug charges and several misdemeanors. Police discovered more than 60 marijuana plants and a complex growing operation at his home, stolen computers and other items. He'll be back in court next week for his preliminary hearing.</p> <p>Another Oneida County drug case has ended, with some interesting results. 48-year old John Hildebrand of Rhinelanders was arrested last year and faced several felonies in connection with</p>

				<p>the manufacture and distribution of the synthetic drug known as bath salts. Last month Hildebrand was convicted on one of the felony distribution of a hazardous substance charges, as part of a plea deal. He paid \$496 in court costs, and has to stay out of trouble or go to jail. He maintains the county was developing new ways to charge him as they learned more about the drug, which has no clear cut definition. Prosecutors maintain there's enough room for interpretation in the currents laws to make key charges stick.</p>
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Gov. Scott Walker called for a special legislative session to extend the deadline for moving 77,000 people off Medicaid until April, saying they need more time to sign up for private insurance through

					<p>the problematic online federal health care exchange. Walker, a Republican, blasted the federal rollout during a news conference yesterday, calling the launch "abysmal" saying he wants to make sure everyone who needs more time to find coverage gets it.</p>
<p>Perjury charges dropped for high school basketball coach</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/15/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Perjury charges have been dropped against a former central Wisconsin girls' basketball coach and his wife, in connection with a sex-related court case. Rory and Constance McKellips, both 57, were supposed to stand trial for allegedly lying on the witness stand at another trial earlier this year, in which Rory was accused of sexting and molesting a girls' player at Athens in 2011. However, Marathon County</p>

				<p>prosecutors said they could no longer go forward with the perjury case. He'll be sentenced next month. Constance has been cleared. A jury found him innocent of molesting the victim, but guilty on two other counts of using a computer to facilitate a sex crime and obstructing police. Rory McKellips won a state title during a 16-year tenure at Mosinee High School before going to Wisconsin Valley Lutheran for a year, and then to Athens.</p> <p>The Wood County Sheriff's Department recovered a rifle a deputy accidentally lost. Somebody found the A-R-15 rifle near Vesper yesterday afternoon and returned it. Officials said a deputy was going to put the encased rifle back in his squad car when he left it on the truck and drove off.</p>
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					<p>Over 400 people showed up at a Walmart near Wausau last night where Sarah Palin signed copies of her new book "Good Tidings and Great Joy." The former Alaska governor and Republican vice-presidential candidate is on a national tour to promote the book, which encourages people not to shy away from celebrating and discussing the religious nature of the holiday.</p>
<p>Fire destroys rural Rhinelander home</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/25/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Fire destroyed a rural Rhinelander home early yesterday morning. Volunteers from Stella, Pelican and Pine Lake townships all responded to the call around 12:30 to the home of Ashley Treder. She lost everything in the blaze but was able to rescue several pets. A friend called 911 to report the fire. And a fund is being set up</p>

to help her.

A former Tomahawk man is the state's first fatality of the hunting season. Lincoln County Sheriff's Department officials say 50-year old Jay Leggett, now of Los Angeles was returning from his cabin, when he got off his ATV and collapsed. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Leggett was an actor, director and screenwriter.

Governor Scott Walker called for a special session of the Wisconsin legislature, to extend BadgerCare benefits until March 31st for recipients who were originally scheduled to lose that coverage on January 1st. The action is spurred by the catastrophic failures of the federal Obamacare health care exchange website, which has left thousands of state residents unable to complete the

					<p>process of buying health care coverage. Department of Health and Human Services figures show only 877 Wisconsin residents were able to enroll in a program between October 1st and November 2nd. Absent an extension, approximately 77,000 residents would lose BadgerCare coverage by the end of the year.</p> <p>A \$700,000 grant will help the Rhinelander-Oneida County Airport replace some aging firefighting equipment and other improvements. Most of the money comes from the federal aviation administration along with help from the state DOT and the airport.</p>
Body found by deer hunters in U.P. a Wisconsin man	News	11/25/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	A body found by deer hunters in Upper Michigan has been identified as 44-

				<p>year-old Gerod Prince of Milwaukee. His remains were discovered November 15th. Menominee County sheriff's officials in the U-P said Prince disappeared on his own in September, and there were no signs of foul play. A medical examiner said Prince died from exposure.</p>
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				<p>You can shop at a lot of places on Black Friday -- but not the customer service counters at the state Division of Motor Vehicles. They'll be closed both Thanksgiving and the Friday after. Folks can still make appointments for road tests and get recorded information anytime on the D-M-V's automated phone line -- as well as the agency's Web site. Officials say people can renew their license plates, and get vehicle titles online or by mail. Third-</p>
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				<p>party providers also have those services. They include grocery stores, financial institutions, and some police offices. All D-M-V facilities will re-open next Monday after the holiday.</p> <p>The D-N-R says the first year of Wisconsin's new Walleye Initiative is a success. Lawmakers approved eight-million-dollars in additional bonding authority to expand the capacities of the state government's fish hatcheries -- and to start a competitive grant program for private groups to expand walleye production. Fisheries director Mike Steggs says the department got help from tribal fisheries and outside contractors -- and the big concern now is the selection of lakes where the new fingerlings will go. The agency is taking online</p>
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					surveys and holding public meetings to help determine future stocking locations.
Vilas Co, authorities are looking into an apparent murder-suicide	News	11/26/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Vilas County authorities are looking into an apparent murder-suicide from this past weekend. On Saturday, the Dane County Sheriff's office transferred a 911 call reporting a possible domestic problem in the town of Presque Isle with the caller's grandparents. The grandson received a call from his grandfather asking for help because he'd be dead. Deputies discovered the bodies of 78 year old Richard Thruman and his 75 year old wife Sandra at their residence. The husband of a D.C. Everest graduate has been sentenced 27 years in prison for her murder. Jeffery Trevino was convicted of second degree unintentional homicide in the death of his</p>

				<p>wife, Kira Steger Trevino. Her body was discovered in the Mississippi River in May after an intense search, a few months after she disappeared. The two had shared a house in Minnesota. The maximum punishment for this crime was 15 years. But a judge handed down a longer sentence because of the severity of the crime.</p>
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				<p>Wisconsin wildlife officials say hunters killed nearly 111-thousand deer during the opening weekend of the state's nine-day gun season, down about 18 percent from last year's opening two days. The 2013 buck harvest was down 25 percent and the antlerless harvest was down 9 percent. Department of Natural Resources officials say cold weather likely drove many hunters out of</p>
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					<p>the woods early. They also noted the agency issued fewer antlerless permits across the northern section of the state in hopes of growing the herd in that region, leading to a reduced harvest.</p>
<p>Recertifications for unions in Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/26/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>There might be more legal action stemming from the new re-certification elections that begin Friday for over 400 public school unions in Wisconsin. The state's Employment Relations Commission notified school districts and unions yesterday about the voting window -- which will run from Friday through December 19th. Last week, the State Supreme Court threw out a contempt order which held up the annual union re-certification elections, which are part of the Act-10 public union bargaining limits. The</p>

Supreme Court is still reviewing a judge's decision that Act-10 is unconstitutional for public school and local government unions. Union attorney Lester Pines says it means that all school unions continue to be certified bargaining limits -- and if there are unions that don't win the new elections, Pines says they'll go to court to try-and-keep their certification status. Under Act-10, fifty-one percent of all union members must vote to re-certify, instead of the old requirement of 50-plus percent of those voting. That means members who don't vote are actually voting no.

The I-R-S has granted tax-exempt status for a new Wisconsin foundation that will provide venture capital for start-up businesses.

					<p>Donors will get federal tax breaks for giving charitable donations to the new Bright-Star Wisconsin Foundation. The I-R-S announced the tax-exempt approval yesterday. Foundation president Tom Shannon says it will open the door to seven-million dollars that have been pledged by investors -- and they'll start raising more. Shannon says 12 new companies have applied for start-up funds, and the foundation's Investment Committee will most likely start acting on those requests in January.</p>
<p>Accident in Lincoln Co. closes a hwy.</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/27/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>An accident last night on Hwy 51 in Lincoln County closed the southbound lanes for about two hours. The two car crash was reported about 8:30 near Lincoln Road in Merrill. No other information was available. Rescue squads and firefighters were</p>

				<p>dispatched to a one vehicle accident about 9:45 last night in rural Rhinelander but again, no details were released. The Antigo School Board is still a member short. Another split vote failed to fill the vacant position last night, following the resignation of Dr. Karl Niedermann back in September. So far seven people have expressed interest in the spot. If filled, the new member would serve until the April elections.</p> <p>Rhinelander's city council won't change the tax rate for next year, opting instead to strengthen their financial stability. They could have dropped the rate nearly 2% for city taxpayers but the surplus money was put into a reserve fund to help increase their bond rating in an effort to put the city into</p>
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					<p>a better position for future borrowing. Rhinelander's 2014 budget is over 8-and a half million dollars with the majority going to city services and street maintenance.</p> <p>The Internal Revenue Service is looking into the fund raising efforts of former Green Bay Packer LeRoy Butler. He's been raising money for more than a decade but filed with the agency only once, and there are reports the money was never given away. A scholarship fund Butler founded in 2009 had its tax-exempt status revoked after failing to file returns by 2012. He says his foundation is reviewing the matter.</p>
Wisconsin wins competitive federal grants	News	11/27/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>School bomb threats have been a problem in Wisconsin ever since the 1999 Columbine school shootings in Colorado and schools bear real costs,</p>

				<p>expensive costs in dealing with them. Now, the Middleton-Cross Plains District hopes to do something about it, by hammering home the result of such an action. Middleton High School had a bomb threat just last Friday, and students were sent home. The district spent 10-thousand dollars for lunches the students never ate. Bus drivers were paid overtime to get the students home early. The investigation continues to find the person responsible and penalties could include felony charges.</p> <p>Wisconsin was among 13 states to win competitive federal energy grants. The Badger State is receiving 475-thousand-dollars. Most of it will improve heating-and-cooling systems for public housing, plus local-and-state government</p>
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				<p>buildings. About 75-thousand-dollars of the grant will seek to remove bureaucratic and other barriers to making industries more energy-efficient. Rhinelander's coldest Thanksgiving morning was 11-below in both 1929-and-'85. It wasn't that cold THIS morning, but it felt like it with the windchill. A gradual warming trend is expected through Black Friday. And there's plenty of snow up north with Gile in Iron County tallying eight inches so far. Hurley had seven inches as of early this morning. Lighter amounts were reported with about 1-to-2 inches in Vilas County. Forecasters say the Lake Superior Snow Belt will get more of the white stuff through today with another system bringing up to an-inch of snow to the state's mid-section later today and</p>
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					into tomorrow.
Marathon Co. deer hunter found dead	News	11/28/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The Marathon County Sheriff's department reports a 47-year-old hunter who had shot a deer was found dead beneath his tree stand in the Town of Hamburg. A neighbor found Richard Lepak about 6:00 Tuesday night. He was hunting alone on his land northwest of Wausau when he died of apparent natural causes while leaving the stand.</p> <p>The crash on HWY 51 outside Merrill Tuesday that shut down the southbound lanes for a couple hours could be alcohol related. Investigators with the Lincoln County Sheriff's office say a pickup approaching the highway shot a stop sign and was struck by an oncoming car. Both drivers were hospitalized by the extent</p>

of their injuries as still not known.

You have until Saturday to sign up for the latest update to Wisconsin's Do Not Call Registry. The list is updated quarterly and is meant to keep telemarketers from calling residential and cell phone numbers. And there's no problem if you don't remember the last time you signed up, as each time you do, the registration is automatically extended for another two years. While the annoying telemarketing calls are handled, signing up won't stop political campaigns, charities or surveys from calling you. Violators of the No Call list can face fines and other enforcement actions by the state. If you're bothered by such calls, report them to the state division of

					<p>consumer protection.</p> <p>The Christmas shopping rush is on and marketing experts say your smartphone is the best tool, allowing users to check prices and more before leaving the car.</p>
<p>Forest Co. looking to create off road vehicle park</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>11/29/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Forest County hopes to capitalize on the growing interest in four wheeling by creating the first off road vehicle park in the state. \$46-thousand dollars has already been set aside to develop the area as a complement to the off road raceway in Crandon. The state's been looking for a location for seven years. An estimated \$12-million is needed for Forest county to buy the nearly 10,000 acres for the park, which could be available through a state loan from the Wisconsin Bureau of commissioners of Public</p>

Lands. An estimated 30,000 ATV, motorcycle and four by four enthusiasts are projected to visit the park annually.

Governor Scott Walker will be among the speakers at the 10th annual New North Summit, sponsored by BMO Harris Bank. Among other topics, Walker will address closing the skills gap in employment. The event, a week from today in Green Bay, provides workforce, entrepreneurship and business education to employers across the North. Out shopping for bargains today? Save your receipts. That's the word from the state division of consumer protection. They serve two purposes according to experts, the first making sure you're charged the right price and the second for the next biggest shopping day, that's after Christmas

					<p>for the returns.</p> <p>Someone's in line for a nice Christmas present. A winning 350-thousand dollar SuperCash ticket was sold at Hodag Pump and Pantry in Rhinelander. Those winning numbers, 8, 16, 18, 22, 24 and 26. If it's yours, you have 180 days to claim the prize, and remember where you heard it</p>
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Deer gun season ended with safe marks	News	12/2/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	The state's nine-day gun deer season ended yesterday and officials call it one of the safest. There were eight accidents or incidents that resulted in injuries, but none were

				<p>fatalities. There were several hunting-related deaths, the latest being a 52-year old Illinois man who was with a group of hunters standing near the road near the town of Aurora in Taylor county late Friday when he was struck by a speeding car. The harvest count isn't final yet but several hunting zones in the state reported success, especially when the weather calmed down after the frigid opening weekend and there was a good amount of tracking snow. The muzzleloader and antlerless hunts continue until the middle of the month.</p>
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State licenses can show veteran status, starting today. Wisconsin military veterans can now use their driver's licenses or a state ID to show they're eligible for certain benefits. Officials

					<p>say it will make it easier for 400,000 men and women who served in the military to access an array of programs and services, even restaurant discounts, without having to carry additional documentation.</p> <p>The shopping frenzy continues today with Cyber Monday as people looking for bargains head online and the state department of consumer protection has some tips. Be sure the sites you visit are legit and secure and to use a credit card instead of a debit card. That way your bank account is protected. Print the receipts and when the package arrives, make sure it's what you ordered. Also remember the local stores are still there.</p>
Gogebic taconite protests	News	12/2/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	The only person charged in a violent protest at

				<p>Gogebic Taconite's iron ore mine is scheduled to enter pleas two weeks from today. 26-year-old Katie Kloth of Weston was ordered last month to stand trial in Iron County on charges of robbery-by-force, theft, and criminal damage. Prosecutors said Kloth led a group of protestors at a site where Gogebic Taconite was doing exploratory drilling in June. The protest triggered a bill that would have banned all non-mining personnel from over three-thousand acres of public lands. Senate sponsor Tom Tiffany later scaled back the measure, to ban access only near mining equipment and designated mining roads. The bill awaits Governor Scott Walker's signature. Much of Wisconsin has already had sub-zero wind</p>
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				<p>chills this fall. And with the coldest air of the season expected this weekend, one utility encourages its low-income customers to be pro-active in seeking the help available to heat their homes. Wisconsin Public Service urges its customers who need help to call them -- and they can direct people to the right agencies that provide assistance. The federal government's annual heating assistance program is underway in each county. There are also other avenues available. If this year holds true, lots of folks will simply refuse to pay their heating bills, knowing they won't be cut off because of Wisconsin's moratorium on winter disconnections that runs until mid-April. By then, officials say a lot of people will lose their power until</p>
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				they come up with the full amount of what they owe -- and that can be a very expensive proposition.
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Wisconsin man faces several citations and drug charges	News	12/3/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A scaled down sampling plan has been submitted by Gogebic Taconite, the company seeking an iron ore mine in Northwestern Wisconsin. The original plan called for removing some 4000 tons of rock in the Penoque Hills by excavation and explosives. After the DNR wanted more details, GTac said blasting would be a last resort and they trimmed from five to three the number of excavation sites. The state will review this latest proposal to determine what permits will be necessary.</p> <p>An 18-year-old Portage County man faces several citations and drug charges. Matthew Garsomke was arrested November 16th after he failed a field sobriety check when police stopped him after driving over 107 miles per hour on I-39 in Plover. Officers say</p>
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				<p>they found synthetic marijuana and other items in the vehicle. Garsomke is free on a \$750 cash bond and due back in court Dec. 16th.</p>
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				<p>The state Assembly meets in special session tomorrow to take up Governor Scott Walker's proposals delaying a health insurance enrollment deadline for nearly 100,000 people. The Republican Legislature earlier this year approved Walker's tightening of Medicaid eligibility, a move kicking 77,000 people out of the BadgerCare program as of Jan. 1. The state's high-risk insurance pool also is slated to disappear at the beginning of the year, leaving another 20,000 people without coverage. Walker says those people could find federally subsidized insurance through the new online</p>
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					<p>exchange, or marketplace. Walker decided to extend the enrollment date in the wake of problems with the federally run website making it difficult for people to sign up for coverage.</p>
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Big changes in Badgercare	News	12/3/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>State lawmakers have given their first endorsement to Governor Scott Walker's proposed delay for big changes in Badger-Care. The Joint Finance Committee voted 11-to-2 yesterday in favor of waiting three months, until the end of March, to drop 77-thousand Badger-Care recipients above the poverty line. They would have to get their coverage from the federal Obama-care purchasing exchange, which has had major problems in enrolling people online. The bill now goes to the full Assembly tomorrow. Health groups and some Democrats took issue with the change, because it would also delay new Badger-Care benefits for 83-thousand of the state's poorest childless adults.</p> <p>The calendar has not been</p>
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				<p>kind to the Salvation Army. Chapters across the state say their donations are way down from a year ago due to a shorter holiday shopping season. That's because Thanksgiving came a week later than last year. Weather has also been a factor in addition to the need for volunteers. Locally the Salvation Army needs bell ringers as they're over 100 people short. Out of every dollar donated, 86-cents stays in the community. Contact your local chapter to sign up and help.</p> <p>Mail early. The seasonal mantra from Post Office with just over three weeks left until Christmas. Standard mail needs to be sent by the 14th to arrive before the holiday. First class mail needs to go out by the 20th and Priority the day after. Nationwide, the</p>
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					Postal Service expects to handle over 15-billion pieces of mail in December alone.
Fire destroys a cabin in the town of Irma	News	12/4/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Fire yesterday morning destroyed a cabin in the township of Irma. Firefighters from Merrill, Russell and Rock Falls responded to the call about 7:00 on North Shore Road on Tug Lake to discover the building totally involved. A passerby reported the blaze. The owner apparently left to run errands with the fireplace going, where the fire likely started.</p> <p>One person died and another injured after a two-car crash just north of Wausau yesterday afternoon. The Marathon County Sheriff's Department reported the accident happened about 4:00 on Highway K and Hidden Creek Way.</p>

Investigators aren't sure if the crash was weather related. Names of the victims of not yet been released. Officials said dozens of accidents were reported throughout the day.

More kids in Wisconsin have access to tobacco. That's according to a report from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, showing [a 35 percent increase](#) from 2009 to 2012 in the number of retailers selling tobacco to minors. And it's not just cigarettes, there are a lot of tobacco products candy flavored, like those little cigars, which can sell for just a couple bucks, versus a pack of cigarettes at six to eight dollars. Advocates are urging passage of legislation, which would close tax loopholes on tobacco products like

					<p>flavored cigars.</p> <p>Earlier this summer we told you about Kwik Trip stores coming to Rhinelander and rumors of another national chain locating in the city. The rumors are reality now with Dunkin Donuts setting up shop on Lincoln Street, across from Home Depot. No official word on when to expect an opening.</p>
<p>Snowstorms in Wisconsin have claimed a life</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/4/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Yesterday's snowstorms in Wisconsin have claimed at least one life. Marathon County authorities said one person was killed and another injured when two vehicles collided northeast of Wausau on County Trunk "K" in the town of Maine. Sheriff's officials said one vehicle lost control, crossed the center line, and hit another vehicle around 4:45 p-m yesterday. Other details were not immediately released. The</p>

				<p>Wausau area had up to five-point-seven inches of snow in two waves yesterday. The far north had up to 10-and-a-half inches, plus freezing rain.</p>
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Mixed precipitation remains in today's forecast, before the storm systems move out and a major cold snap moves in.

Wisconsin hunters shot seven-percent fewer deer than a year ago in the nine-day gun season that ended last Sunday. The D-N-R released preliminary numbers yesterday, showing that 226-thousand-582 deer were taken. That's down from about 244-thousand last November.

Fifteen-percent fewer bucks were shot this year.

The antlerless harvest was about the same as in 2012, even though quotas for does were reduced in the north to boost the deer

					<p>population in that region. Welders are in short supply in Wisconsin -- and a Wausau area company is getting high school students acquainted with the field by holding a skills contest. Schuette Metals of Rothschild is working to attract interest from at least 100 students at each Wausau area high school, by having them practice welding with a virtual-reality simulator. The two highest scorers at each school will attend a welding academy at the plant, and the top scorers there will be recognized along with their high schools.</p>
Victim in traffic accident has been identified	News	12/5/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The victim in that fatal traffic accident north of Wausau has been identified. 20-year old Cody Shuster died in the weather-related crash on Hwy K near Hillcrest Drive Tuesday afternoon. It was</p>

one of more than 40 accidents investigated by the Marathon County Sheriff's Department that day.

Luckily no one was hurt yesterday morning when a car and school bus with 40 students on board collided in Mosinee. The accident happened just before 8:00 at the intersection of Highways 153 and county O. Only minor damage to the vehicles was reported. The Tomahawk Police Department is asking for your help in locating a 62-year-old man who hasn't been seen since Nov. 19. Police say Gregory T. Linn was last seen leaving a tavern on foot. Police say Linn's recent behavior may indicate he was going to harm himself. He's described as 6'4", 205 lbs. With gray hair and hazel eyes. If you have any

					<p>information about his whereabouts you're asked to contact the Tomahawk Police Department. Ardent snowmobilers have already been noticed running ditchlines but trail systems aren't ready yet. Officials are watching the weather closely and while this recent bout of snow was needed, it's still not enough. Oneida County trails won't open until after the deer season on the 15th while forest trails are expected sometime between the 15th and Christmas, depending on the snow. In Vilas county the word is December 17th. Officials also stress the safety factor of running on area lakes right now and urge waiting until areas are marked.</p>
Fast food workers walk off job	News	12/5/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	Fast food workers in at least four Wisconsin cities will walk off their jobs today, as

				<p>part of a national campaign for higher wages. "Wisconsin Jobs Now" is coordinating rallies in Milwaukee, Madison, Wausau, and Stevens Point. Similar events are planned in 100 U-S cities, to mark the one-year anniversary of a movement aimed at paying fast-food workers 15-dollars an hour to start, with the right to unionize without retaliation.</p> <p>Yesterday, President Obama called on Congress to address what he calls a growing economic inequality, and raise the federal minimum wage from its current 7.25-an-hour</p> <p>Wisconsin's development officials are trying to attract a major airplane manufacturer to the Badger state. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation issued a statement saying</p>
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				<p>they are putting together a proposal for Boeing, which is looking for a site to build the next generation 777X commercial airplane. Washington state-based Boeing is looking for a new site following a union dispute. WEDC officials were not asked for a proposal by Boeing, but state officials say there are already more than 140 suppliers to the aerospace industry in Wisconsin. Many of them already supply Boeing, making Wisconsin uniquely positioned to meet the company's needs.</p>
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				<p>Deer hunters might have been hampered by a recent cold wave, but ice fishing enthusiasts are enjoying an early start to their season. Anglers are already putting lines through holes-in-the-ice on smaller lakes, back-waters, and bays. Still, officials say</p>
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					<p>there's a risk of thin ice so caution is always advised. One national survey indicates that almost 600-thousand Wisconsinites are into ice fishing.</p>
<p>Wisconsin mourns the death of Nelson Mandela</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/6/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Wisconsinites are joining the rest of the world in mourning the death of Nelson Mandela. The South African president who brought an end to racial apartheid in his home country died yesterday at age 95. U-W Milwaukee provost and vice-chancellor Johannes Britz is a native of South Africa, and said Mandela's legacy will go far beyond his vision and political agenda.</p> <p>Health officials are urging Wisconsinites not to eat "cannibal sandwiches" made of from raw seasoned beef this holiday season. The U-S Centers for Disease Control said four</p>

people were poisoned with E-coli bacteria, and there were 13 likely cases.

Cannibal sandwiches are appetizers at holiday celebrations and other events most popular with people of Polish and German heritage. They typically include raw-and-lean ground beef seasoned with salt-and-pepper, served on rye cocktail bread with sliced raw onions. Health officials discourage folks from eating any meat that's not cooked.

Hunters have until Dec. 10 to submit their applications for spring turkey and hunting in Wisconsin. The Department of Natural Resources will hold choose turkey permit winners in a drawing in late December or early January. Any leftover permits will go on sale in late March. The DNR

					<p>has scheduled a youth turkey hunt on April 12 and 13. The regular season will begin April 16. The DNR awards bear permits through a drawing that takes place after the Natural Resources Board sets kill limits in January. Hunters can apply for a permit or a preference point to improve their chances in future drawings. The bear season begins Sept. 3</p>
Two people treated after accident in Eagle River	News	12/9/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Two people were treated at Ministry eagle river memorial hospital Saturday night following a traffic accident, one of them a city police officer. Just before 6:30 a 911 came in for a vehicle all over the road west of the city. Police noticed the car forcing other drivers off the road and tried several times with lights and siren to stop</p>

				<p>the vehicle. When that didn't work the officer pulled in front of vehicle to protect oncoming traffic and to slow it down. His car was re ended. A Medical condition was determined to cause the erratic driving. No other information is available.</p>
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Authorities in northwestern Wisconsin are investigating the deaths of two people at a residence in Iron River. Responding to a 911 call, police there say they arrived to an altercation in progress about 6:15 Saturday night. A man and woman were found dead in the home. Another man was injured and was taken to a hospital. Iron River Police Chief Scot Eisenhower says the injured man is considered a suspect. He declined to give any details about the victims'.

					<p>Officials in Madison are attempting to regulate a business that offers hugs and cuddling from a professional snuggler. The Snuggle House offers up to an hour of what they call “therapeutic hugs and cuddling” for 60-dollars a pop. City attorneys and police worry the sessions could lead to sexual assault. An attorney for the owner says the business is legit but Police say they will run routine, undercover compliance checks to be sure.</p>
<p>Changes to the common core education standards in Wisconsin</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/9/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A special state Assembly committee is scheduled to release a report on recommendations for changes to the Common Core education standards in Wisconsin. The committee, created by Republicans earlier in the year, was formed to study</p>

				<p>and release possible changes to the voluntary standard. Some Republicans have criticized the standard, claiming it's too weak and is a step towards nationalized curriculum. Supporters disagree, saying it vastly improves previous standards in Wisconsin and concerns are overblown. The report is scheduled to be released on Wednesday, with a vote expected Thursday.</p> <p>Wausau police are trying to determine how a number of rifles and shotguns ended up under a bridge on the frozen Wisconsin River. Officials got a tip about the guns early Saturday morning, saying several firearms were on the ice beneath the Bridge Street Bridge. Several burglaries have taken place in Wausau over the</p>
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					<p>past few months with a number of guns and rifles stolen... police are now trying to determine who the original owners are.</p> <p>The DNR presents the results of this year's gun deer hunt tomorrow. Biologists and other officials meet with the Natural Resources Board tomorrow afternoon to go over the results of the hunt and other information. That meeting gets underway at two. Early numbers from the season show total harvest down about 7 percent and buck harvest down 15 percent. Last week, spokesman Ed Culhane said the cold temperatures and stinging winds on opening weekend contributed to the lower numbers this year.</p>
City of Rhineland being sued	News	12/10/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>The city of Rhineland is being sued for allegedly rejecting a collective bargaining agreement.</p>

				<p>Workers from public works, wastewater, parks, water and golf course employees filed the complaint last week saying they reached a tentative agreement last December for a 1% wage increase but according to court records, the city council illegally rejected it but didn't inform the union. While the increase was approved, the collective bargaining agreement was not. The council met in closed session last night to discuss how to move forward on the matter.</p>
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				<p>Marathon County Jail Sheriff Scott Parks introduced Sandra La Du-Ives as the new jail administrator yesterday. She held the same position in Oneida County since April. The position and department as a whole were scrutinized following a vicious attack by an inmate</p>
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on two corrections officers back in March, critically injuring one of them. Since then a special task force investigated the departments and suggested ideas and changes. La Du-Ives was chosen out of dozens of applicants from across the country.

Ashland alderperson Kelly Westlund hinted earlier this year she may oppose Weston Republican Congressman Sean Duffy for his seat. She'll make it official today in Wausau. Westlund, a consultant in Ashland was named as a rising star by the Democratic Party of Wisconsin this summer.

Traffic on Hwy 8 west of Rhinelander was slowed yesterday afternoon when the driver of an SUV lost control on the slippery road

					<p>and rolled the vehicle, landing on its roof. Crescent first responders transferred the driver to the hospital who was treated and released.</p>
Cold air on the way	News	12/10/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>It's downright frigid in Wisconsin -- and it's supposed to get worse before it gets better. Wind-chill advisories are in effect until Thursday morning for the northern half of the state. Those wind chills could plunge to 35-below in many places the next two mornings, and 45-below at in the northern counties. A state probation-and-parole officer and her grandson are both free on 200-dollar bonds, after they allegedly stole lobster from Schaefer's Food Mart in Crandon. 55-year-old Karen Boodry and 18-year-old Donald Kilbury are both charged in Forest County</p>

with two counts of misdemeanor theft. Both are from rural Crandon.

According to prosecutors, the meat department manager found an empty lobster box -- and security video showed Boodry slipping a lobster into her purse. Kilbury was with her.

Media reports said a store employee recognized Kilbury because he used to work there -- and Boodry did not remember what happened because she had been drinking. State corrections' officials have not commented about Boodry's job status.

Wisconsin communities could keep more control over their frac-sand mines, under a compromise being worked on in Madison.

Senate Republican Tom Tiffany of Hazelhurst rankled local leaders in October, when he proposed the

					<p>state take away the towns' police powers to regulate silica-sand operations. He said the towns could still use zoning powers to set limits before mines are approved -- but very few rural towns have their own zoning, and Tiffany says he now realizes that. He's calling for "middle ground" and says it won't be easy to achieve.</p>
<p>Elder drivers in the state may have to renew their drivers license twice as often</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/11/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Elder drivers in Wisconsin may have to renew their licenses twice as often. A bill under consideration would require drivers 75 and older to renew their driver's licenses every four years instead of the current eight. Supporters cite insurance studies showing the worst drivers are the very young and very old. Critics maintain the measure is discriminatory. Nineteen states have accelerated renewal periods for older</p>

drivers and thirteen require vision or road tests once drivers reach a certain age. [Wisconsin](#) doesn't.

A massive clean-up continues at the DNR offices in Madison, after a broken pipe caused water damage on several floors of the building. Plumbers and a clean-up crew are repairing the damage, which a spokesman says was the result of subzero temperatures causing a pipe to burst in the building's HVAC system. Locally, plumbers remind home and business owners to make sure precautions are taken to protect the pipes. In these cold temperatures experts say to keep the temperature set at a minimum of 50-degrees and if gone for an extended time, allow a faucet to drip to keep the

					<p>pump active. Repairs are expensive.</p> <p>If some local lawmakers had their way, tomorrow's opening of the four day antlerless hunt wouldn't happen. But it will go on while the complaints about the deer herd pour into the offices of Senator Tom Tiffany and state representatives Rob Swearingen and Mary Czaja. They say the hunt combined with the cold weather and predators will continue to impact deer numbers. Hunters are increasing pressure to better manage the state's deer herds.</p>
Brown co. farm coming under fire for animal abuse	News	12/11/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin dairy leaders are condemning the animal abuse videotaped at a large farm in Brown County. An investigator from Mercy-for-Animals taped incidents</p>

				<p>at the Wiese Brothers Farm near Greenleaf in which cows were kicked, whipped, and suspended in the air. State veterinarian Paul McGraw saw the video and called the abuse "terrible." He said the state would not be involved in an investigation, because that's up to local authorities. Wiese Brothers condemned the incidents and said it would cooperate with a Brown County sheriff's probe. The farm supplies milk for some of the cheese used in DiGiorno's frozen pizza. That company's owner, Nestle, has stopped using milk from the farm. A central Wisconsin man will spend 18 years in prison for robbing-and-attacking an elderly couple near Wausau in 2009. 23-year-old Sean Stankowski of Marathon must also spend seven-and-a-half years</p>
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under extended supervision once he's no longer behind bars. He was sentenced yesterday after he pleaded guilty in October to amended charges in Marathon County.

Stankowski was convicted on eight counts including armed robbery, burglary, battery, reckless endangerment, and bail jumping.

You'll hear more about Mega Millions, now that the jackpot has hit 400-million-dollars -- the second-largest prize in the game's history.

Nobody won last night's jackpot of 344-million, so it's going up for the next drawing on Friday-the-13th.

Five tickets won the million-dollar second prize by matching all the numbers but the Mega Ball. . Friday night's cash option is 216-million. No winner in Saturday night's drawing for

					the Powerball Lottery . That means tonight's drawing is valued at \$122 million .
Wisconsin's minimum wage may increase	News	12/12/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A bill introduced nearly a year ago to raise wisconsin's minimum wage is still sitting in committee and democrats are calling for a hearing. Since January the measure, which calls for increasing from \$7.25 to \$7.60, the state's minimum wage, has been stalled in the Senate's judiciary and labor committee. Republican leaders in Madison are now being asked to advance it to at least keep up with the cost of living and a hearing may occur during the spring session.</p> <p>Gov. Scott Walker signed a bill increasing requirements for high school math and science classes students would have to take for</p>

				<p>graduation. They bump from two to three credits each. A computer science class could count as a math credit and an agricultural sciences course could count as a science credit. The measure also gives schools flexibility to award math and science credits to students in career and technical education programs. The proposal comes as school districts are implementing more rigorous academic requirements. It would also bring Wisconsin more in line with neighboring states.</p>
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				<p>In a normal winter we'd be enjoying high temperatures in the low to mid 20's but it's been a while since we've seen anything close to that. Yesterday's frigid weather ending up breaking an 80-year old record in Rhinelander when the 2-below zero temperature</p>
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					<p>snapped the previous record low maximum of one below set back in 1933. It was also the coldest place in the state all day. A return to somewhat normal patterns isn't expected until the middle of next week.</p>
<p>Gogebic taconite back in the news</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/12/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>Gogebic Taconite will have to get several approvals from state-and-local officials, before it can check out rock samples at its proposed iron ore mine. The D-N-R completed its review of a scaled-back proposal to study potential iron ore in the Penokee Hills of Ashland-and-Iron counties. D-N-R project manager Larry Lynch said Gogebic Taconite would have to get a storm-water permit, claim an exemption from an air permit, file notices of tree-cutting, produce a bond for reclamation, and file</p>

reports with county clerks and foresters. A much more ambitious plan was originally submitted by the company, something the DNR took issue with.

A federal appeals court will not re-consider a Rhinelander family's claim its religious freedom was violated. The Jaros family has been stymied for almost a decade in its effort to open a bible camp and conference center on Squash Lake in the Oneida County town of Woodboro.

Town and county governments said no to the required permits for the project, saying it did not meet conditions for proper zoning. The Jaros family said the denials violated their rights under a 13-year-old federal law forbidding the denial of religious land use through zoning, so people can carry out their

					<p>religious beliefs. In February, Madison federal judge William Conley disagreed that the Jaros' religious rights were violated. A three-judge appellate panel agreed. This week, the full Seventh Circuit Appeals Court in Chicago said it would not re-hear the case.</p> <p>Meanwhile, the family has filed a new state lawsuit in Oneida County.</p>
Local Rhinelander schools shut down because of the flu	News	12/13/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>If you need proof it's flu season, look no further than the Pelican Grade school in the Rhinelander school district. Administrators and the Oneida county health department closed it until Monday due to the number of students and staff getting sick. Whether at work or school health officials recommend if you're not feeling well to stay home to avoid spreading the illness. Governor Scott Walker's</p>

				<p>pen was busy yesterday, signing a number of bills, many of which have a direct affect on the North. A measure restricting public access to Gogebic Taconite's potential mine site is now law. The massive open pit mine planned in Ashland and Iron counties is adjacent to nearly 3500 acres of public land around the Penokee Hills. The company fears protesters are taking advantage of that access and harassing workers. The bill creates a 600 foot restricted zone near any mining activity. Another couple bills deal with deer hunting. The first allows bow hunting within city limits. Rhinelander has allowed a special hunt for years to control the deer population for safety reasons. This new law opens the entire bow season, effectively</p>
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					<p>overriding the local ordinance. There are things the city can modify and plans to do that soon. Another bill allows the use of crossbows by all hunters. Landlords get more power over tenants with another bill, and the so-called "brown jug bill" is aimed at curbing underage drinking by allowing bars to take offenders to court and increasing fines for anyone under 21 buying or drinking alcohol.</p>
Drugs sent to inmate at Forest Co. jail	News	12/13/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Two people have been charged and a warrant issued for a third, after drugs were sent to an inmate at the Forest County Jail. According to court documents, 30-year old Shashe Malone, sent a letter to her children's father requesting he send "boxers". However, she asked the letter be</p>

addressed to another inmate, 18-year old Kaylynn Samplaski. The letter arrived Nov. 27 and inside was Suboxone, also known by its street name, boxers. The drug is a prescription medicine used for maintenance treatment of opioid dependence. Malone and Samplaski are both charged with delivering illegal articles to inmate and possession of a controlled substance. 48-year old Rufus Durham of Milwaukee, who sent the letter, is also expected to be charged with delivering illegal articles to an inmate.

Ceremonies will be held tomorrow at nine places in Wisconsin, where wreaths will be laid at the graves of those who died while serving their country. It's part of a program called "Wreaths Across America." It started 11 years ago

					<p>when a company in Maine had wreaths left over after the holidays -- and its owner wanted to place them on graves at Arlington National Cemetery as an additional way to honor our fallen troops. By 2008, every state had at least one wreath-laying ceremony.</p> <p>Tomorrow, the cemetery at the State Veterans' Home in Waupaca County will have one of Wisconsin's largest events. The Wisconsin Korean War Memorial at Plover will also have a ceremony at the same time tomorrow. So will state-and-local cemeteries at Madison, Milwaukee, Union Grove, Spooner, La Crosse, Saukville, and Barneveld.</p>
Chippawa tribes cant hunt deer at night	News	12/16/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Federal Judge Barbara Crabb ruled the state's Chippewa tribes cannot hunt deer at night. Her decision late Friday said the</p>

				<p>tribes failed to show conditions have changed enough to warrant adjusting their treaty rights. The Chippewa agreed to honor the state's ban on night deer hunting while negotiating their hunting and fishing rights in front of Judge Crabb more than 20 years ago. The DNR points to the safety issue in not allowing night hunting for deer. The tribe's maintained they should allow it because the DNR approved the practice to contain chronic wasting disease and to hunt wolves last year.</p>
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Meanwhile, the Assembly's natural resources committee is expected to get a briefing this week on all things deer-related. The DNR on Wednesday will walk the committee through the highlights of this year's nine-day gun hunt

				<p>and efforts to implement herd management recommendations from Gov. Scott Walker's so-called deer czar. The agency also is expected to provide an update on the fight against chronic wasting disease. No action is expected from the committee.</p>
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				<p>While some minor injuries were reported, everyone at the Days Inn of Wausau escaped a weekend fire at the motel. Firefighters got the call around 8:00 Saturday night and say the weather slowed down their arrival. The building was evacuated before the second floor partially collapsed. Officials said the exact cause isn't known but it began in a space for mechanicals between rooms, allowing flames to quickly run through the building.</p>
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					And in sports, it was a meltdown in Dallas the Packers beat the Cowboys 37-36.
Rhineland Chamber of Commerce looking for new director	News	12/16/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	As the U.S. Senate nears a vote on a federal budget deal, one member of Wisconsin's delegation will support the proposal. In a statement , U.S. Senator Ron Johnson said he will vote for the agreement passed by the House of Representatives last week, which was brokered by Congressman Paul Ryan and Washington state Senator Patty Murray. Johnson said the deal is no "grand bargain," but credits the lawmakers with understanding that a grand bargain is not possible at this point in time." Johnson said the deal is a limited agreement that will help prevent additional government shutdowns

through the end of the 2015 fiscal year, while providing executive agencies and Congress a chance to prioritize spending and eliminate duplicative programs. The Senate is expected to vote on the bill later this week.

Rhinelanders Chamber of Commerce will be searching for a new Executive Director. Lara Reed resigned Friday to accept a position in the marketing department of the Ministry Medical Group, based in Rhinelanders. She headed up the chamber for three years and board president Erin Skinner says they've already started the process to find a replacement. Reed will serve out the job until January 10th.

Tomorrow night's Mega

					<p>Millions jackpot stands at 550-million-dollars -- and don't be surprised to see it grow before the drawing, as more people jump in who don't normally play. The prize is the second-largest in Megabucks history, and the fourth-largest ever to be offered in a U-S lottery game. In Powerball, the jackpot is at 50-million for Wednesday night.</p>
<p>Rhinelanders businessman faces drug charges</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/17/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A Rhinelanders businessman faces drug charges. 45-year old Randy Zadnik is charged with possession of methamphetamines and other narcotics, both felonies and a misdemeanor count for drug paraphernalia. He owns Zadnik's Brick Oven Bistro downtown and is back in Oneida County Court on Monday. Meeting in closed session last night, the Wausau</p>

				<p>School Board began reviewing the results of the investigation into their music program. The 18-page report, prepared independently of the board was ordered after national publicity hit the district after the director of an elite choir of singers at Wausau West High School said a new policy sought to limit religious-themed Christmas songs that his choir could sing. The district's superintendent, Kathleen Williams, was criticized for her handling of the controversy. After a review by the board attorney, the \$4000 study could be released to the public as early as today.</p> <p>Area snowmobile clubs are anxiously awaiting more snow, and it's fitting to be in the forecast with more northern Wisconsin trails set to open. The state-funded</p>
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					<p>trail system in Oneida County opens at 6:00 tomorrow night, but that doesn't include the Minocqua Forest Riders trail system in the northwest part of the county. More than 400-miles of trails in Forest county will also open. Vilas County opened their trails last Friday. Wisconsin's already tallied a fatality for the season with the death of a 24-year old Lake Mills woman yesterday in Dodge County. Riders are cautioned that these trails are only in fair condition as we wait for more snow.</p>
<p>Delayed removing of an iron mining protest camp</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/17/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>The Iron County Board has again delayed the removal of a tribal mining protest camp from county forest land. The matter was taken off the agenda for tonight's County Board meeting in Hurley. Clerk Mike Saari said the county's insurance company wanted up to 30</p>

				<p>days to review the issue before the Board does anything. The camp has had up to 30 wigwams with members opposed to the proposed Gogebic Taconite iron ore mine nearby. In July, the Board's Forestry Committee recommended civil and criminal charges against members of the Lac Courte Oreilles Indian tribe, for keeping their camp on county forest land longer than their permit called for.</p>
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				<p>Wisconsin's charter schools would become independent and non-unionized, under a proposed bill. The measure would create an authorization panel to approve charter schools statewide which would be run separately from local school boards. Charter schools specialize in various</p>
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				<p>subject areas and employment fields -- and most of the 200-plus charters are now run by public school districts. The G-O-P bill would eliminate the charter designation from those schools, although they could still operate as magnet schools. Public school unions are blasting the measure, saying it would dismantle the successful charters -- and the traditional schools would lose state funds as students leave.</p> <p>Could you imagine winning a billion dollars? It might happen if nobody wins the Mega Millions jackpot tonight or Friday night.</p> <p>Yesterday, the pot grew by another 36-million dollars due to ticket sales that have gone through the roof. The top prize for tonight is now 586-million dollars.</p>
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Holiday music flap in the
Wausau school district

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Wausau's school board delayed the release of that independent investigation into their holiday music program. The 18-page report was presented to the board Monday night and officials were expecting to post it on the Wausau West website yesterday. But attorneys for the board said it contained information about the actions of identifiable public employees and decided to withhold it. The board will meet again soon to discuss what happens next. The situation escalated to national proportions after the director of an elite choir of singers at Wausau West High School said a new policy didn't allow religious Christmas carols.

State school superintendent Tony Evers told lawmakers in Madison yesterday rural schools need help dealing

with rising costs and declining enrollments, among other things. Education advocates are urging elected officials to support major school finance reform. Evers explained more than half the state's school districts have less than 1000 students and are dealing with increasing poverty levels, high transportation costs, the lack of technology and retaining quality teachers and need to better offer students a quality education. Something he says isn't happening in rural districts.

Governor Scott Walker tomorrow may sign a bill making it harder to force public schools to remove race-based mascots, saying it comes down to whether current law tramples on free speech.

					<p>There won't be a billion dollar winner for Christmas week as two winning tickets were sold for last night's 636-million dollar Mega Millions jackpot. Tickets in California and Georgia grabbed the top prize, which drops back to 15-million for Friday's drawing.</p>
<p>14 year old boy being held for murder in Ashland</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/18/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A 14-year-old boy is held for the suspected murder of a 52-year-old man in Ashland. William Saari died at his home Monday night. He was still alive when police and rescuers arrived at the house, but they couldn't save him. Police said the youngster is in an undisclosed Wisconsin detention facility and don't know how he was connected to the victim. Governor Scott Walker indicated he will sign the bill making it easier for public schools to keep their Indian team names and mascots.</p>

The Republican Walker has until tomorrow to either sign or veto the measure -- or it would automatically take effect without his signature.

He did question whether the state should force schools to drop their Indian names, calling it a matter of free speech. Walker said schools should come up with names-and-logos that tribes do not find offensive - but they should do it on their own, without a mandate from Madison.

Another phone scam...in the latest rip-off, a caller says you may be a respondent in a court case -- and you might have your wages garnished if you don't press a key on your phone, talk to a litigator, and presumably pay a settlement. Just hang up and don't press or say anything. Sandy Chalmers of the state's Consumer

					Protection agency says the calls can be downright frightening -- but it's really a new twist on an old con job. Chalmers says the callers never say who they are, and no legitimate business would ever contact you in such a manner.
Annual Fudfest has been cancelled	News	12/19/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>A 26-year old Hancock man is in the Portage County jail awaiting charges in the death of a UW-Stevens Point student. Police say Erik Olson provided the heroin that killed 21-year old Jordan Peterson. He was found dead of an overdose on November 17th.</p> <p>Investigators say Olson gave the college senior the heroin the same day he died and recommend he be charged with first degree reckless homicide.</p> <p>The Wausau School Board</p>

				<p>meets again Monday in closed session as they continue their investigation into the firestorm that erupted over the singing of religious Christmas carols by a high school choir.</p>
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				<p>Financial problems have cancelled the annual Fuddfest Country Music Festival. Organizers of the 14 year old festival in Deerbrook have a thank</p>
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					<p>you page up on their Website and Facebook page detailing the closing.</p> <p>Some of the snowmobile trails in Lincoln County open today. The Forestry, Land and Parks Department said the trails in Zone 1, north of county highways J and E will open at noon today. All trails south of there remain closed.</p> <p>And in sports, Green Bay Packers coach Mike McCarthy says he's staying in Wisconsin. There were rumors he was on a short list of NFL coaches for a job at the University of Texas.</p>
Target announces a credit card breach of information	News	12/19/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Target confirmed this morning up to 40-million of its customers could have had their debit-or-credit card information stolen in a security breach. Media reports said customers at</p>

				<p>nearly all U-S Target stores -- including about 40 in Wisconsin -- had their data stolen when they swiped their cards at checkout. Target said it happened from day before Thanksgiving through last Sunday. The Minneapolis-based department store chain said it's working closely with law enforcement and financial institutions, and they've resolved the issue. The Secret Service confirms an investigation, but won't say any more.</p> <p>A legislative panel decides today whether 24-hundred unionized state employees should get one-percent pay raises. The Joint Committee on Employment Relations will be asked to endorse raises for five smaller state unions representing attorneys, education professionals,</p>
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				<p>economists, nurses, and research analysts. If the committee votes yes, the full Assembly and Senate would still have to ratify the new contracts. The raises would be retroactive to the start of the state's new fiscal year July first. Non-union workers -- the vast majority of the state government's workforce -- were given one-percent raises this summer. Critics accuse lawmakers of dragging their feet on the unions' contract approvals.</p> <p>State lottery officials now say a 20-thousand-dollar winning ticket in Tuesday's huge Mega Millions' drawing was sold in Oakdale. It took awhile to determine Love's Travel Stop sold the ticket. It was one of eight in Wisconsin matching four regular numbers plus the Mega Ball. Tickets sold in California</p>
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					and Georgia split the nation's second-highest lottery jackpot ever, 648-million dollars, about 12-million higher than projected after ticket sales were counted yesterday.
Car rollover in Oneida Co. over the weekend	News	12/23/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	With another couple inches of new snow, drivers are reminded to be aware of rapidly changing travel conditions after another rollover in Oneida County over the weekend. Just after 10:30 Saturday morning authorities reported a one vehicle accident in Sugar Camp on Hwy 17 when it hit a patch of black ice and flipped when it went off the road. The driver was not hurt. The Lincoln County Humane society is asking for help after they rescued more than 50 puppies from a home north of Merrill Saturday afternoon. The animal shelter got a call

				<p>from a woman looking to surrender what she said was about 25 puppies, saying her home was condemned and she could no longer take care of them. Staff members discovered 56 dogs, mostly pups in the filthy house. All the animals appeared to be in good health, despite the fact there was no heat. The shelter is now way beyond its capacity to care for the dogs and is looking for people to adopt them and for help in their care. You can contact the Lincoln County Humane Society for more information.</p>
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				<p>The DNR will allow anglers to fish anywhere in the state on the weekend of Jan. 18th and 19th without a license or a trout stamp. The free weekend applies to all inland waters and Wisconsin's side of the Great Lakes and Mississippi</p>
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					<p>River. Bag and size limits still apply. People lacking equipment can borrow ice-fishing tip-ups and jigging rods from a number of state park and agency offices. A list of loaner sites is available on the DNR's website.</p>
Holiday travel	News	12/23/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Mother Nature got the snow out of her system over the weekend, so as not to hamper the holiday travel the next few days. Ashland got 23-inches of snow as of 6:30 this morning, including five-inches overnight. Brule in Douglas County got half of its 12 inches overnight. Bayfield picked up more than eight-inches by 6:30, and it was still coming down. The entire northern half of Wisconsin was still getting light snow this morning, along with parts of the south. Five-to-nine inches fell yesterday in much of Wisconsin's</p>

southeast quarter. And once again, it will get much colder. Hayward expects 15-below by Christmas Eve morning.

Forty-five years ago, Doris Huckbody's family delivered Christmas dinner to 10 people in the Wausau area who didn't have anyone to share the holiday with. That act of kindness grew over the years -- and this Christmas Day, about 500 people are expected to get free meals. Three-hundred of those will be delivered to home-bound residents, and 200 other people are expected at a community dinner at Wausau's First United Methodist Church.

Huckbody is now 82. She said she never believed "in a million years" that her event would get so large.

She's no longer coordinating it, but she and

					<p>family still volunteer. More than 30 years ago the Lions Club in Rhineland began their Christmas not alone dinner, serving to hundreds at the national guard armory in town and delivering to shut ins. Anyone alone or would otherwise go without is invited with serving from 11:30 to 1:30.</p>
<p>Lincoln Co. humane society rescues dogs</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/26/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>After more than 50 dogs were surrendered, the Lincoln County Humane Society has received more than 300 applications for adoptions. The Lincoln County Humane Society received 57 dogs in a matter of hours Saturday after the dogs' owners gave them up after being evicted from their home. Shelter officials are able to send out nursing mothers and babies so far, as they work with veterinarians to make sure all the dogs are</p>

healthy and have a certified veterinary inspection. They plan to release the dogs directly for adoption as soon as they can.

Snowmobilers need more than snow. Experts urge outdoor enthusiasts to practice common sense, as they take their machines out for a ride now that the majority of trails are open. The DNR says there are three recurring factors every year, avoid alcohol, drive the speed limit, and don't over-drive your headlights. Many counties in the southern two-thirds of the state do not have their trails open yet.

An 82-year-old Middleton widow who cleaned houses for a living donated \$100,000 for the city to begin work on a new 11-acre park. Lucille Taylor

					<p>may not have been wealthy, but she lived a thrifty life and made good investments. Taylor says she and her late husband always wanted children but never had any and building a park for other kids was the next-best thing. Originally wanting an anonymous donation, Taylor said the opportunity to honor her family's name won her over. The first part could open as early as May.</p>
<p>Wausau judge to rule on animal cruelty case</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/26/2013</p>	<p>1201p,520p</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A judge in Wausau is expected to decide Monday whether a jury can hear key evidence against a woman accused of torturing-and-killing her ex-boyfriend's dog last June.</p> <p>An attorney for 21-year-old Sean Janas of Wausau claims police illegally obtained a diary, which included hopes that the dog named Mary would die. It also had details how</p>

				<p>the German shepherd-Labrador mix could be forced to take pain pills and drink bleach. According to prosecutors, the boyfriend's father found the diary while cleaning out a house and turned it over to police. The case attracted a worldwide following on social media, as animal rights supporters called for a strong penalty. Wisconsin's commercial truck drivers are reminded about an important deadline. C-D-L-license holders have until January 30th to certify to their state agencies about the categories of deliveries they plan to make in 2014. And for the first time, C-D-L interstate drivers must submit copies of medical examiner's certificates -- known informally as the "Fed Med Card" -- to their state driver licensing agencies.</p>
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					<p>If you got a new computer or T-V for Christmas, state officials remind you to recycle your old ones. It's the law -- although most of us don't know it. The governor and Legislature banned electronics from landfills and incinerators in 2010, so the chemicals from those devices don't seep into our groundwater. The D-N-R says electronics are the fastest-growing segment of waste. There are almost 450 permanent collection sites around Wisconsin. You'll find a list of them on the D-N-R's Web site, accessible at Wisconsin-Dot-Gov.</p>
<p>Fire in Antigo takes the life of an elderly woman</p>	<p>News</p>	<p>12/27/2013</p>	<p>601a,701a,801a</p>	<p>1:30</p>	<p>A fire in Antigo takes the life of an elderly woman. Just before 2:00 yesterday afternoon firefighters arrived at a home on Arctic Street in the city and found the home full of thick smoke. The unconscious</p>

woman was inside and taken to Langlade Hospital where she was pronounced dead. The cause of the blaze is still unknown.

No one was hurt when a pickup and trailer left Hwy 29 yesterday morning and rolled over. Investigators say the accident happened about 7:30 near Edgar in Marathon County when the driver lost control of the rig on an icy stretch of the highway, went into the ditch and flipped both units, destroying the camper.

There's a new – but not necessarily unexpected – development on the proposed iron ore mine for northern Wisconsin. The Army Corps of Engineers is not willing to work with the Department of Natural Resources on an Environmental Impact Statement. Officials with

the Corps testified during public hearings on legislation that eventually became the state's new mining law that the differences in state and federal environmental requirements would preclude the two agencies working together. The law directs the DNR to complete the process in a year. The Corps would add another year to that timeline and could very well prolong the process of permitting a controversial open-pit mine proposed by Gogebic Taconite in Iron and Ashland Counties. The state will continue its contact with the federal agency.

Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers will return to start Sunday's game for the NFC North title against the Chicago Bears.

Wisconsin power outages	News	12/27/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Wisconsin did not have the power outages that hit the eastern U-S last weekend -- but crews from the Badger State will help fix the damage. The Wisconsin Public Service utility and the Upper Peninsula Power Company are sending 50 workers to Flint Michigan. They'll help people who've been without power for several days. The Public Service crews are from Wausau, Merrill, Minocqua, and Wausaukee and expect to work at least through the weekend. Over 500 people want to adopt 57 dogs-and-puppies that were surrendered to the Lincoln County Humane Society in Merrill last weekend. The deadline was yesterday to apply for adoptions. Officials received almost nine applications for every available pet, plus a lot of</p>
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donations including money, bedding, pet supplies, and veterinary services. A couple near Gleason voluntarily gave up the pets, after they were evicted for having so many animals in their home.

Authorities said the canines are generally healthy, and there was no evidence of criminal abuse.

Wisconsin wolf hunters took six more animals than they were supposed to. The D-N-R said yesterday 257 wolves were shot-and-trapped during the state's second wolf hunt that started October 15th and ended last Monday. The harvest was six above the quota of 251. The hunt was scheduled to run through the end of February. But for the second straight year, the season ended on December 23rd when the quotas were reached. Last

					year, hunters took one additional wolf beyond the inaugural quota of 116.
Bitter cold temps take over	News	12/30/2013	601a,701a,801a	1:30	<p>Bitter cold temperatures and wind chills to 30-below zero start the day and that pattern will continue into the New Year. And just because it's that cold still doesn't mean the snowmobile trails are safe on area lakes. Most trails on water are still not marked and that should be the first indication there's a potential problem. The Vilas County Sheriff's department got a call of a machine through the ice on the thoroughfare off Eagle Lake near the Chanticleer Inn last night. The driver, James Trinka of Crystal Lake, IL was standing on the sled that went through, with the water up to his chest. His wife made the call. Eagle River rescue got him out of the water and took</p>

				<p>him to Eagle River Memorial Hospital where he was treated for hypothermia. Another Illinois man, 30-year old Edward Steinhardt of Naperville was found yesterday near where his truck went through the ice in Dilly Lake in Washburn County. Authorities say he died of exposure after crawling out of the truck. He had originally been reported missing since last Monday when he didn't show up at work. Eagle River's downtown ice castle is nearly finished as the area volunteer fire department continues the nearly century old tradition of building the frozen structure. It was first built in 1933 and the volunteers took on the project in 1987. Deputy chief Jim Bonson says it's a way to pay back the community for supporting them, as the</p>
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					<p>castle draws many visitors to the city.</p> <p>And the Packers will play San Francisco Sunday after beating the Bears for the NFC North championship.</p>
Gas prices in the area jump	News	12/30/2013	1201p,520p	1:30	<p>Gas prices in Wisconsin have jumped by eight-cents a gallon over the past week -- and you can expect more of the same this week. Patrick DeHaan of Gas Buddy-Dot-Com said crude oil prices went back above 100-dollars a barrel due in part to comments about the Federal Reserve reducing its lending. He also cites new refinery issues in the Great Lakes region -- plus normal year-end financial house-cleaning by the oil companies which often restricts wholesale supplies. The Wisconsin Triple-"A" said the average price of regular unleaded is just over 3.23-a-gallon this</p>

				<p>morning -- exactly the same as it was on this date a year ago, and eight cents higher than it was last Monday. Speaking of gasoline, if you're planning on traveling south later this week keep an eye on the weather. The southern third of Wisconsin could get a lot more snow from Tuesday afternoon through Thursday. By then, between 9-and-10 inches of new snow is possible Kenosha and Racine counties -- 8-to-9 inches in Milwaukee County and far south central Wisconsin -- and 3-to-7 inches elsewhere south of a line from La Crosse to Manitowoc. And all this while it stays about 30 degrees below normal. It's almost tax time, bringing new opportunities for high-tech thieves. A Lincoln County woman already lost 600-dollars, after she</p>
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				<p>applied for what appeared to be a loan in advance of her tax refunds. According to authorities, the scammer said she had to get a Green Dot debit card, put money into it for fees, then send it off so she could get her loan processed, which she did before realizing it was a scam.</p>
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