

ISSUES/PROGRAM LISTING

STATION: WDIO/WIRT

REPORTING PERIOD¹: Jan. 1 – March 31, 2014

DATE FILED²: 4/9/2014

Date of Program	Time & Duration	Type of Program ³	Issues Addressed by Program ⁴	Narrative Describing How Issue Was Treated
1/7, 1/8, 1/14, 1/15, 1/16, 1/17, daily from 1/20 to 1/29, 2/5, 2/6, 2/9, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/27, 2/28, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13, 3/14	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 2 hours, 1 minute, 16 seconds	News	Polymet Mine	Continuing news coverage of the public comment period for the Supplemental Draft Environment Impact Statement for Polymet's proposed copper and nickel mine, including live reports from public hearings, summaries of comments made at the hearings, concerns raised by doctors, legislative concerns, and Polymet's response to opposition comments.
1/3, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/14, 1/16, 1/17, 1/25, 2/5, 2/6, 2/7, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/28, 3/1, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 25 minutes, 58 seconds	News	Gogebic Taconite	News updates on Gogebic Taconite's efforts to open a mine in Iron and Ashland counties, including coverage of a protest against the mine and updates on sampling efforts and the permitting process.

¹ Reporting Period: a: January 1-March 31; b: April 1-June 30; c: July 1 – September 30; d: October 1 – December 31.

² List must be placed in public file on: Jan. 10; April 10; July 10; October 10

³ State whether program was: PSA, Public Affairs, News Feature, etc.

⁴ Report actual issue treated, NOT category of issue.

1/20, 1/21, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27, 3/17, 3/18	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 11 minutes, 18 seconds	News	Essar Steel	News updates on financial difficulties being faced by the Essar Steel mine project in Itasca County.
2/6, 2/7, 2/8, 2/10, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, 3/13, 3/14, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 32 minutes, 42 seconds	News	Enbridge Pipeline Projects	News coverage of Enbridge's proposals to build a new pipeline, increase the flow in another pipeline, and replace a third pipeline, including reports on public hearings about the projects, declarations of support by the governor of Wisconsin and the mayors of Duluth and Superior, and coverage of an event organized by pipeline opponents.
1/13, 1/14, 2/5, 2/6, 3/4, 3/20, 3/21, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/28	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 20 minutes, 4 seconds	News	Fall General Election	News reports provided updates on early campaigning in races for governor in Minnesota and Wisconsin, U.S. Senate in Minnesota, and U.S. Representative in Minnesota's 8th Congressional District and Wisconsin's 7th Congressional District.
1/14, 1/15, 2/4, 2/5	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 19 minutes, 19 seconds	News	Dayton's Running Mate	News coverage of Yvonne Pretzner Solon's decision not to seek re-election as lieutenant governor and a recap of her long role in Duluth and Minnesota politics was followed by a report on Gov. Mark Dayton's selection of a new running mate.
3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/28	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 30 minutes, 42 seconds	News	Minnesota Medical Marijuana	News updates on efforts by Hibbing's state Representative and others to legalize medical marijuana in Minnesota, including updates on the proposal's progress in the legislature and reaction from the governor and local law enforcement officials.
2/6, 2/7, 2/10, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/28	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 19 minutes, 58 seconds	News	Minnesota Minimum Wage	News updates on a proposal to raise the minimum wage in Minnesota, including the stances of Hibbing's mayor and area legislators.

1/15, 1/16	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM 3 minutes, 36 seconds	News	Minnesota Bonding Bill	A summary of northeastern Minnesota projects included in Gov. Mark Dayton's bonding proposal.
1/29, 1/30, 3/5, 3/6, 3/13, 3/17, 3/18	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 49 seconds	News	Minnesota Synthetic Drugs	News updates on efforts in the Minnesota legislature to change state laws to outlaw a wider range of synthetic drug products.
2/3, 2/4	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 minutes, 2 seconds	News	Minnesota Bottle Deposit	A news report explained a proposal to create a bottle deposit program in Minnesota and why some are opposed to the idea.
2/19, 2/20, 3/3, 3/19	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 56 seconds	News	Minnesota Anti-Bullying Bill	News reports updated the progress of an anti-bullying bill in the Minnesota Legislature and explained why the issue had led one group to put up a billboard in Hibbing targeting an area state Senator.
3/6, 3/7, 3/19, 3/20, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 14 minutes, 37 seconds	News	Minnesota Liquor Laws	Several news reports provided updates on efforts to change Minnesota's liquor laws, including the progress of several proposals by a Duluth state Senator and how proposals would benefit a Duluth microdistillery and an Itasca County home brewing group.
1/13, 1/14	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 54 seconds	News	Wisconsin Manufacturing Tax Credit	A news report on Gov. Scott Walker's visit to a Superior manufacturer on which he touted a proposed manufacturing production tax credit.

2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 11 minutes, 32 seconds	News	St. Louis Co. Septic Ordinance	News reports explained actions being taken by St. Louis County to comply with new state requirements for septic ordinances and Realtors' concerns about the proposed county ordinance
1/3, 1/22, 1/23, 1/24, 2/26, 2/27, 3/10, 3/11, 3/27, 3/28	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 19 minutes, 2 seconds	News	Seaway Hotel	News coverage of efforts by the Duluth Housing and Redevelopment Authority to buy the Seaway Hotel in an effort to improve low-income housing in the city.
1/17	5PM, 6PM, 10PM 5 minutes, 1 second	News	Duluth Pet Licensing	A news report updated the City of Duluth's efforts to increase pet licensing and showed how city staffers are dealing with the influx of applications.
3/3, 3/4	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 3 seconds	News	West Duluth Revitalization	A news report summarized Mayor Don Ness' plan to revitalize West Duluth.
1/27, 1/28, 3/24, 3/25	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 8 minutes, 5 seconds	News	Duluth Lakewalk Connection	News reports on the City of Duluth's debate over where to construct a connection for the Lakewalk in the Endion neighborhood.
1/7, 1/8	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 minutes, 17 seconds	News	Superior Street Reconstruction	News coverage of a design workshop for the reconstruction of Superior Street in downtown Duluth.
1/15, 1/16, 3/14, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 20 minutes, 3 seconds	News	Superior Animal Shelter	Continuing news coverage of the City of Superior's debate over management of its animal shelter.

3/12, 3/13	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 minutes, 48 seconds	News	Ashland Ore Dock	A news report explained what a vote by the Ashland City Council would mean for the future of the city's former ore dock.
1/15, 1/16, 1/20, 1/21	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 38 seconds	News	Duluth School Drug Testing	A news report explained a proposal being considered by the Duluth School Board to enact a policy that would make most students subject to random drug testing.
3/12, 3/13, 3/18, 3/19	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 27 seconds	News	Duluth School Calendar	News reports explained changes being made by the Duluth School District to make up for an unusually large amount of school cancellations due to snow and cold.
1/30, 1/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 8 minutes, 54 seconds	News	Four-Day School Week	A news update on how a four-day school week is performing in the Lake Superior School District and the district's efforts to continue the program.
1/21, 1/22, 1/24, 1/29, 3/13, 3/14, 3/18, 3/19	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 18 minutes, 48 seconds	News	Iron Range Combined School	News reports explained the progress of a proposal to build a school to be shared by the Virginia, Mountain Iron-Buhl, and Eveleth school districts.
2/12, 2/13, 2/24, 2/25	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 9 minutes, 23 seconds	News	UMD Program Prioritization	News reports explained the process of "program prioritization" being used to create future budgets for the University of Minnesota Duluth.
2/17, 2/18, 3/7, 3/10	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 9 minutes, 29 seconds	News	UMD State Funding	News reports explained concerns about the University of Minnesota's funding to the Duluth campus and the response from university leaders.

1/10	6PM, 10PM 4 minutes, 7 seconds	News	North Shore Forest	A news report explained what the Superior National Forest is doing to restore sections of forest along the North Shore of Lake Superior that have died.
1/23, 1/24, 2/11, 2/12, 3/10, 3/11, 3/13, 3/14	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 19 minutes, 33 seconds	News	Gypsy Moth Infestation	Several news updates on gypsy moth infestations in the Northland, including a proposed quarantine of Lake and Cook counties, how the quarantine would affect the timber industry, and spraying plans for summer 2014.
2/12, 2/13	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 11 minutes, 56 seconds	News	Emergency Deer Feeding	News reports explained the Minnesota DNR's plans to distribute emergency deer feed due to the harsh winter conditions.
3/12, 3/13	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 minutes, 12 seconds	News	Lake Superior Barrels	A news report provided an update on the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa's research of the safety of barrels dumped into Lake Superior by the Department of Defense during the Cold War.
1/6, 1/7, 3/12, 3/13, 3/14	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 9 minutes, 41 seconds	News	Minn. Sulfate Standards	News reports provided updates on a study into the effect of sulfate on wild rice and recommendations on whether Minnesota should change its laws regulating sulfate levels released by businesses.
3/3, 3/4, 3/21, 3/26	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 minutes, 37 seconds	News	Shipping Season	News reports provided updates on the slow start to the shipping season and explained how the delay could impact the industry.

1/17, 1/18, 1/23, 1/24, 1/25, 1/26, 1/27, 1/28, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31, 2/1, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/5, 2/6, 2/8, 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/25, 2/26, 3/1, 3/7, 3/13, 3/27, 3/28, 3/29, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 1 hour, 10 minutes, 45 seconds	News	Propane Prices	Continuing news reports tracked rising propane prices, documenting the impact on homeowners and what local and state leaders were doing to address the problem.
2/4, 2/5	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 5 seconds	News	Highway 53 Relocation	A news report provided an update on long-term planning to move U.S. Highway 53 in the Eveleth/Virginia area.
2/25, 2/26	5AM, 10PM 3 minutes, 53 seconds	News	Ice Rink Coolant Changes	A news report explained why a change in federal regulations could require some local ice rinks to make costly equipment changes.
1/1, 1/2, 1/11, 1/13, 1/18, 1/20, 1/21, 1/22, 1/29	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 22 minutes, 1 second	News	Sex Trafficking	News reports highlighted several different efforts to fight sex trafficking, including coverage of a community forum in Two Harbors, a new men's initiative to end trafficking in the Twin Ports, and a proposal backed by a Minnesota U.S. Senator to fight trafficking.
2/10, 2/11	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 6 minutes, 46 seconds	News	Police Brutality Concerns	News coverage of a meeting to discuss the perception that excessive force is used more often towards people of color.

3/20, 3/21	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 minutes, 24 seconds	News	LCO Synthetic Drugs	News coverage of a meeting where the issue of synthetic drug use on the Lac Courte Orielles reservation was discussed.
1/3, 1/5, 1/6, 1/13, 1/14, 1/21, 1/22, 1/23, 2/1, 2/3, 2/15, 2/17, 2/27, 2/28	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 21 minutes, 17 seconds	News	Duluth Homelessness	Separate news reports explored various aspects of homelessness in Duluth, including efforts to help those without homes on severely cold nights, annual population counts, and several charitable efforts.
2/13, 2/14	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 minutes, 59 seconds	News	Duluth Housing Shortage	A news report explained new efforts to increase and improve the housing stock for middle-income people in Duluth.
1/4, 1/5, 1/11, 1/12, 1/18, 1/19, 1/25, 1/26, 2/1, 2/2, 2/8, 2/9, 2/15, 2/16, 2/22, 2/23, 3/1, 3/2, 3/8, 3/9, 3/15, 3/16, 3/22, 3/23, 3/29, 3/30	10:30 PM 1 hour, 18 minutes	News	Mining industry	A three-minute "This Week in Mining" segment aired Saturday and Sunday nights and summarized the week's developments in the mining industry. (Not included in the total are several repeats of the segment which aired early Sunday morning.)
1/5	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A rundown of new problems for the state's new health care exchange MNsure; analysts discuss the governor's decision to close all K-12 public schools ahead of a blast of cold air; a look at new laws taking effect in 2014 including one making Minnesota the third state to ban employers from asking about criminal history on initial applications.

1/12	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	An interview with the legislative auditor about his audit of the state's health insurance exchange; analysts discuss whether Lt. Governor Yvonne Pretzner Solon will run again; a review of proposals for changes to regulations governing who can legally carry a weapon inside the state Capitol.
1/19	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A summary of Gov. Dayton's bonding bill and a debate of the bill's priorities; analysts weigh in on Lt. Gov. Pretzner Solon's decision not to seek re-election; discussion of the plan for a new state office building.
1/26	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A summary of the results of an independent report into the failures of the state's health exchange MNsure; an explanation of what a judge's ruling on Vikings stadium means for the state's bond sales; Senators Franken and Klobuchar each propose legislation involving privacy.
2/2	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Details of the governor's push to attract the Super Bowl to the state in 2018; chairs of the state DFL and GOP parties discuss precinct caucuses and look ahead to the legislative session; analysis of the effect of lieutenant governor candidates on the success of gubernatorial campaigns; analysis of the federal farm bill.
2/16	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Discussion of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents' decisions on improvements to TCF Bank Stadium and continuing alcohol sales; discussion about the proposed PolyMet Mine in northeastern Minnesota; Republican and DFL strategists react to Governor Dayton's proposal to include funding for Minnesota students who need assistance to receive hot lunch.
2/23	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	An explanation of a proposal to increase the gas tax and reaction from political analysts; a look at what's being done to the exterior of the state Capitol as part of the restoration project.
3/2	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Details of a state budget surplus announcement; a look at the first day of the legislative session and efforts to repeal several taxes; University of Minnesota President Eric Kaler talks about the University's capital funding requests, as well as campus security and Coach Jerry Kill's new contract.

3/9	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	An explanation of who would benefit from the tax cuts approved by the Minnesota House; analysis of the tax cut bill; explanation of Sunday liquor sales and medical marijuana debates; results of a poll on the gubernatorial and U.S. Senate races.
3/16	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Analysis and reaction from both sides of the medical marijuana debate; a report on Gov. Dayton's request that lawmakers to pass a tax cut bill as soon as possible; a report on the public comment period for a proposed Minnesota PolyMet mine ending.
3/23	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Updates on a tax cut bill and reaction from political analysts; highlights of Gov. Dayton's first public appearance since having hip surgery; a profile of a Minnesota family behind a push for stronger drunk driving laws.
3/30	9AM 30 minutes	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	A report on the deadline to apply for health insurance; an update on the medical marijuana debate and allegations that Gov. Dayton told a mother to buy medical marijuana off the street for her sick son; analysts react to the medical marijuana debate; a report on opposition to a proposed Senate Office Building.