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Rice Lake's Stephanie Baribeau, left, vs. North's Savannah Salm

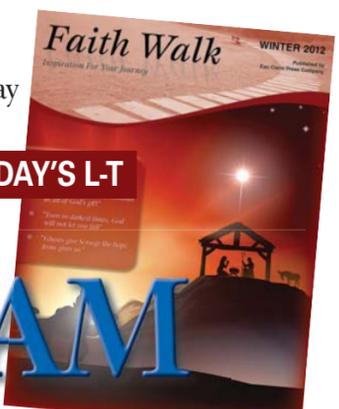
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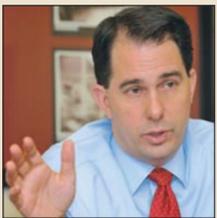
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Mining among governor's talking points.



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20 SCHOOLCHILDREN DIE IN MASSACRE

'Evil visited this community'

- Gunman kills mom at home, 26 at Conn. school
• Tales of heroism emerge from fog of rampage
• Second-deadliest school shooting ever in U.S.



Associated Press photos

A woman waits to hear about her sister, a teacher, following the rampage shooting Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn., where authorities say a man opened fire, leaving 27 people dead, including 20 children, and the gunman, who committed suicide.

By John Christoffersen Associated Press

NEWTOWN, Conn. — A man killed his mother at their home and then opened fire Friday inside the elementary school where she taught, massacring 26 people, including 20 children, as youngsters cowered in fear to the sound of gunshots reverberating through the building and screams echoing over the intercom.

The 20-year-old killer, carrying at least two handguns, committed suicide at the school, bringing the death toll to 28, authorities said.

The rampage, coming less than two weeks before Christmas, was the nation's second-deadliest school shooting.

exceeded only by the Virginia Tech massacre that claimed 33 lives in 2007.

"Our hearts are broken today," a tearful President Barack Obama, struggling to maintain his composure, said at the White House. He called for "meaningful action" to prevent such shootings. "As a country, we have been through this too many times," he said.

Police shed no light on the motive for the attack. The gunman, Adam Lanza, was believed to suffer from a personality disorder and lived with his mother, said a law enforcement official who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to discuss it.

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Local parents cope with the tragedy, what to tell children

EC superintendent says all being done to assure school safety

By Jon Swedien Leader-Telegram staff

The shock of Friday's brutal slayings of 20 children and eight adults at a Connecticut elementary school reverberated throughout the country, including Eau Claire, where parents of schoolchildren say they are dumbfounded by the atrocity.

"You're in disbelief," said Nicole Mueller, as she waited Fri-

day afternoon outside Robbins Elementary School to pick up her first-grade son, Keegan.

"Never in a million years would I expect this to happen at an elementary school," she said.

Chris Giles, who also was at Robbins on Friday, to pick up grandson Dylan Giles, had a similar sense of disbelief.

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View videos of President Barack Obama's emotional response to the shooting and of the scene at the school by accessing this story on the home page of LeaderTelegram.com.



Connecticut State Police lead a line of children from Sandy Hook Elementary School after the shooting.



Staff photo by Dan Reiland

Kyle Reinke stands in front of a screen shot of an anti-bullying music video he produced for the Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County. Reinke is program director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley. View more photos at LeaderTelegram.com/photo.

Friends to lean on

Anti-bullying music video is inspired by death of Black River Falls High School girl

By Chuck Rupnow Leader-Telegram staff

A locally produced anti-bullying music video dedicated to the memory of a Jackson County girl who committed suicide last year could bring national attention to the topic.

Kyle Reinke, program director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Greater Chippewa Valley, was instrumental in organizing, arranging and producing the video that has become part of the Friends Against Bullying, or FAB, program that started early last year at the Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County.

The nearly seven-minute video is dedicated to the memory of Ta'Shika Tengler, who was 16 when she killed herself by overdosing on prescription medication.

"FAB focuses on nurturing identities rooted in caring leadership for club youth members," Reinke said. "As part of the program, kids participate in anti-bullying lesson plans, group discussions and community leadership."

The video resulted from that program.

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Tengler

View the Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County anti-bullying music video by accessing this story on the LeaderTelegram.com home page or at LeaderTelegram.com/links.

STATE DOUBLE DIPPING PROBE

UW, agencies rehired nearly 2,800 retirees

Study urges reforms to curb practice of collecting salary and pension at the same time

By Todd Richmond Associated Press

MADISON — The state Department of Employee Trust Funds should improve procedures on how it investigates the rehiring of retired government employees after thousands returned to their jobs in recent years, which prompted complaints of inappropriate double dipping, according to a report released Friday.

The Legislative Audit Bureau's study, which recommends that the department develop written investigative procedures and collect more data, provides the most comprehensive picture yet of how widespread the rehiring of retirees has become across Wisconsin government.

According to the report, UW System and state agencies rehired 2,783 annuitants from early 2007

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