

PROBLEMS & NEEDS LIST

2014 SECOND QUARTER REPORT

WKOW-TV, Madison, WI

Listing of Problems and Needs

1. **POLITICAL:** Candidate profiles; campaign issues; polling; election issues; voter registration.
2. **EDUCATION:** Budget deficits; state funding; taxpayer opposition; need to upgrade school infrastructure; school district adaptation to new technology; need for upgrading of system and high educational standards; school funding and support of system; education for non-traditional students; postgraduate educational opportunities; educational priorities; retaining & acquisition of new job skills; continuing education; more parental involvement.
3. **HEALTHCARE:** Aids; rising medical costs; childcare affordability; availability of child care; need for resources for elderly; strengthening of family unit; transportation and housing for poor and elderly; more programs for elderly; needs for the disadvantaged; nurses, doctors, and dentists; problems of alcohol and drug abuse; racial problems; child abuse; spouse abuse; sexual abuse; support for single parent families.
4. **GOVERNMENT:** Budget deficits; unfunded federal and state mandates; rising costs of employee medical insurance; need for adequate housing for poor and elderly; strong community leadership; community pride; growth/population decline; long range community planning; community clean-ups; better enforcement of minimum housing codes; city-wide effort against alcohol and drug abuse; annexation and zoning issues.
5. **LAW & ORDER:** Need for honest government; crime prevention; getting tough on drunk drivers; problems of vandalism; crime rate including white-collar crime; arson; overcrowded prisons; increase in spouse, child and sexual abuse; seat belt usage; gun control and substance abuse; gang activity.
6. **ECONOMY:** Health care system; unemployment; underemployment; medical insurance costs; affordability of utilities; need for more industry; more tourism; more jobs; downtown revitalization; economic and industrial development; improved tax climate; lower worker's compensation; availability of liability insurance; more regional cooperation.
7. **COMMUNITY:** What are our neighbors doing for each other; people who are making a difference every day in our community. Our franchises that encompass these stories are "Someone You Should Know" and "Jefferson Awards". We strive to bring humanity to all of our stories.
8. **ENVIRONMENT:** Management of ecology; waste disposal; landfill space; problems of hazardous waste; weapons proliferation; nuclear energy; soil conservation; swine confinement and livestock waste management; need for preservation of environment;

pesticides and herbicides run-off problems; conservation and recycling; flood control; sewer/water-system/water quality; pollution control; animal control; cost of water/sewer/pollution control systems.

9. **CONSUMER:** Consumer information involving recalls, comparison shopping, government programs.
10. **AGRICULTURAL ECONOMY:** Commodity prices; high agricultural production costs; interest rates; availability of credit; foreign competition tariffs and embargos.
11. **TRANSPORTATION:** Need for better highways, including expansion of four-lane Beltline; completion of Hwy. 12 project; federal highway bill; transportation funding for state, county and city roads and bridges; diversion of highway and transportation funds to general uses; rail service; maintaining air service; retaining bus routes; city street repairs.
12. **RECREATION:** Need for more and improved facilities; more cultural programs; women's recreational center; teen & youth centers.
13. **MILITARY:** Local soldiers; community and family issues relating to local troops overseas; military funerals; call-ups; training; funding.

CONTENT REPORT

April – Jun 2014

At 27 News we pride ourselves on covering a wide variety of topics that affect the people who live in the communities we serve. For the purposes of this report, we decided to concentrate on topics we locally covered. National stories are not included.

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Apr 1

5 2:15 A Lake Delton resort is getting rid of the roller coaster a man fell from last month. This comes after state inspectors issued 4 code violations against Mount Olympus.

1 4 :25 City, county and school races brought people to the polls for today's spring election. One issue that drew out voters in Dane County – legalizing marijuana.

1 2 :20 Several school districts in our area asked voters for money to build new schools. One of those races was on the ballot in the Wisconsin Dells school district.

1 2 :15 And voters in Johnson Creek are leaning against a question to borrow nearly \$19 million to build a new school.

1 2 :15 Over in the Baraboo school district voters weighed in on a request for just under \$10 million for maintenance and safety.

1 2 :15 And in Stoughton the district is asking voters for \$7 million to make up for a budget shortfall late in the race, the yeses are ahead.

3 4 :40 The State Senate capped its last session of the year by helping cancer patients. They approved a bill requiring insurance companies to cover chemotherapy pills at the same level as IV treatments. Today the Senate approved the Assembly's amended version of the bill. It adds a \$100 co-pay per month for oral chemo pills.

4 :20 Another bill headed to the governor makes it legal to use a chemical from marijuana called CBD to help relieve seizures. The Senate also passed measures requiring police departments to use outside investigators to look into officer-involved shootings. And one to restrict the use of unmanned drones for surveillance.

4 5 :30 Facing expulsion from the State Assembly, former majority leader Bill Kramer will fight for his job. Kramer faces sexual assault charges in Waukesha County and he's also accused of sexually harassing 2 women while in Washington, D.C. in February.

6 8 :20 The ice on Lake Michigan is making cement companies in the Green Bay area nervous. The ice is still so thick that ships can't get into the bay to deliver cement.

Apr 2

5 :20 The Wisconsin National Guard says it has 1 unit at Fort Hood and all 30 members have been accounted for and are safe.

5 :45 The main suspect in the murder of a woman from Mazomanie will be charged tomorrow. Dane County Sheriff Dave Mahoney says 39-year-old Phillip Byrd will appear in court tomorrow to be charged with 1st degree intentional homicide.

5 :20 Authorities in Jefferson County say a woman's body found over the weekend is not that of Kelly Dwyer, a Milwaukee woman who's been missing since the fall.

4 :40 Governor Scott Walker signed several bills today and he's inclined to sign more sent to his desk. In Janesville today the governor signed a bill to allow economic development credits to be transferred to extend the life of planned projects. He also said he's likely to sign a bill making it legal to use a component of marijuana called CBD to help relieve seizures.

7 2:15 Every month WKOW recognizes a member of the community who goes above and beyond to help others. It's called the Jefferson Award and tonight we honored the winners from over the past year.

10 :30 A group of Wisconsin National Guard soldiers is headed overseas. They were sent off by family and friends today in Milwaukee.

9 :25 Chrysler is now recalling nearly 870,000 SUVs because of a possible brake hazard. They say the defect can be in Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango models between 2011 and 2014.

Apr 3

5 :25 Phillip Byrd was formally charged in the murder of Cheryl Gilberg of Mazomanie. Court documents show Gilberg was shot twice in the head and she had other injuries.

5 :20 Earlier today authorities in Sauk County tracked down a man they say violated a child custody agreement and took his 3-month-old son across 4 states. They say 23-year-old Luis Gutierrez was arrested in Michigan.

4 5 :30 State Assembly Republicans are calling on former majority leader Bill Kramer to leave office. They wrote a letter to Kramer asking him to resign because they say he's lost the trust of his colleagues and brought disgrace to the institution and the state.

3 4 1:50 Dane County is seeking to buy a homeless day shelter located near downtown Madison. The shelter is currently run by the Porchlight organization.

4 6 :40 A food fight on Capitol Hill could impact Wisconsin. As part of a trade deal with the U.S., the European Union wants to add a requirement that foods made in a specific geographic region be named for that place. Basically Bavarian Beer could only be brewed in Bavaria, not Milwaukee.

3 4 :15 The cost of chemotherapy pills will be lower in Wisconsin next year.

1 4 :15 Republican State Senator Glenn Grothman has his sights set on Congress. The 58-year-old Grothman announced today he plans to run against fellow Republican Tom Petri in Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District. Petri has held the seat for 35 years.

5 8 :25 The Village of Lake Delton is not liable for damage to homes destroyed during the flood in 2008. The lake emptied into the Wisconsin River back then, taking some shoreline homes along with it. Residents sued in 2009 saying the village took their property without proper compensation. Today the 4th District Court of Appeals upheld a ruling by a Sauk County judge saying the village is not responsible for any compensation.

Apr 4

5 :45 As people leave Madison, more are going to fill in downtown to watch the game tomorrow night. Madison Police say they're ready for a crowd bigger than last Saturday when about 10,000 people gathered on State Street to celebrate the team's victory over Arizona.

6 :40 Madison is looking more like Hollywood this weekend thanks to the Wisconsin Film Festival.

6 :20 Employment in the nation's private sector is back to where it was before the recession. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says 192,000 private sector jobs were added in March. Numbers show the unemployment rate stayed the same at 6.7%.

9 :20 A recall of chicken nuggets from Tyson Foods. The company is recalling more than 75,000 pounds of nuggets because they may have small pieces of plastic in them.

1 4 :20 Wisconsin State Assemblywoman Sandy Pasch says she won't run for re-election. Pasch announced Friday that she's retiring due to personal matters and family health circumstances.

Apr 5

4 9 :20 Wisconsin utility companies can legally shut off your heat if you're behind on payments starting April 16th. State law prohibits utilities from disconnecting customers between November 1st and April 15th.

6 :25 And a new study finds using wood pellets for fuel in our area could save millions of dollars a year in energy costs, slash emissions and create more than 100 jobs. The research points to area forests as a good source of biomass that otherwise decomposes. There are 8 wood pellet plants in Wisconsin.

9 11 :25 A nightmarish reason is forcing Mazda to recall 42,000 vehicles. The company says spiders may build webs in a vent hose and cause the fuel tank to crack which can lead to an increased risk of fire.

2 3 :35 People took an opportunity today to learn new ways to improve their health. The UW Wellness campaign held their 8th Annual Wellness Expo today.

7 :40 One of the largest pow-wows in the state returns to Madison today. The On Wisconsin Annual Spring Pow-Wow featured Native American tribes from across North America.

Apr 6

6 1:20 Wisconsin's Final Four run certainly helped out the downtown Madison business community.

1 4 :50 Wisconsin State Senator Glenn Grothman says he's targeting what he calls, "The Washington Establishment" with his run for Congress.

5 :30 Investigators may finally have solved a cold case mystery in Wisconsin – the murder of an Illinois teenager 17 years ago.

2 5 :25 UW-Madison Police are looking for a suspect after a victim was sexually assaulted early this morning. Police responded to the report around 1:30 am at a campus dorm.

5 :20 A Beloit man was rescued by a neighbor today after his car started on fire. Beloit fire officials say he was the only person in the car at the time when the fire started on 8th Street in Beloit.

11 13 :40 A street in Milwaukee is now renamed to honor a fallen Wisconsin soldier. Specialist Michelle Witmer was the first female National Guard soldier from Wisconsin to die in combat.

7 13 :40 One Madison man is celebrating a century milestone today. World War II veteran Fred Busse marked his 100th birthday with family and friends today.

Apr 7

10 2:00 People are passionate about grilled cheese sandwiches and at the Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championship contest coming up in Dodgeville they'll prove it! In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we're showcasing the contest that will determine the best grilled-cheese sandwiches made by professionals and amateurs alike.

7 2:10 A teenager in Baraboo who lost an important part of his life in a car accident is taking to social media in an attempt to get it back.

5 :35 A case of road rage ended in a stabbing last night in Madison. Police arrested 26-year-old John Howard and 25-year-old Shyloh Nelson in connection with the case.

5 :25 The father charged with killing his young son took a plea deal today. This happened right as Jesus Castillo-Dimas' trial was set to begin. Castillo-Dimas is accused of running over the boy with his SUV in Fitchburg in July of 2012 and then trying to kill the boys' mother and her boyfriend.

5 :20 Investigators confirmed the identity of a body found in Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department says she is 23-year-old Alejandra Guzman-Flores of Milwaukee. Her body was found March 29th in a field in the Town of Ixonia. She was last seen by family members in early October of last year.

5 :35 Police say they busted a heroin distribution ring operating in Sauk City. They arrested 7 people in all, including a father-son tandem, Jerry and Ryan Cavins.

3 4 :50 Governor Scott Walker signed a number of bills designed to target the state's problem with heroin. The 7 bills are part of the Heroin Opiate Prevention and Education or HOPE agenda.

4 5 :45 Democratic leaders in the State Assembly are calling for former majority leader Bill Kramer to resign. This follows calls from Kramer's own party for him to leave his post.

6 :20 It was a rough day on the market for Dodgeville-based Land's End, its first as a separate business following its spinoff from Sears. Shares dropped nearly 7% or about \$2 in trading today.

4 6 :25 Congress is 1 step closer to restoring benefits for the long-term unemployed.

4 2:25 They're called man's best friend, but for officers who work with K9s, their 4-legged partners are so much more than that.

6 10 :25 The high demand for yogurt means more business for a Wisconsin company. Green Bay-based Schreiber Foods is adding a distribution center in Richland Center.

Apr 8

7 3:30 The Baraboo community is gathering this evening in celebration of Drew Nachreiner. Drew has cerebral palsy and used a motorized wheelchair to get around. But that chair was totaled last month when Drew was hit by a car.

5 :45 Wisconsin authorities arrest an Illinois man in a 17-year-old Racine County cold case. The Racine County Sheriff's Office say the fingerprints of 36-year-old James Eaton match those on a bag used to suffocate and kill 14-year-old Amber Creek.

5 2:00 A former inmate kept in prison too long will be compensated. State officials decided to reject a Department of Corrections request that the man get nothing.

2 :40 When it comes to reading and math, voucher school students are lagging behind their public school counterparts. Results released today by the Department of Public Instruction show nearly 49% of public school students were proficient or advanced in math while just 16% were in the Milwaukee program, 21% in Racine and 33% in the statewide program. In reading, 37% of public school students had the highest 2 rankings compared to just 12% in Milwaukee, 19% in Racine and 33% in the statewide program.

4 2:20 Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne is facing questions tonight about a program in his office designed to help minority parents charged with child abuse to go get counseling instead of jail time.

4 :55 Wisconsin has become a leader across the country when it comes to government spending transparency. That's according to a new report released today by the advocacy group WISPIRG Foundation.

8 :45 Spring is here and so is the peak of wildfire season.

7 :45 Two Madison brothers had their music featured on last night's **Dancing With the Stars**.

Apr 9

4 2:05 Governor Walker told reporters this week he'd like to one day finish his college degree. The governor left Marquette during his senior year.

4 5 :50 State Senate President Mike Ellis is defending himself after he was secretly caught on video talking about illegal campaign activity. Ellis, a Republican, is talking about forming a political action committee to attack his Democratic opponent, Assemblywoman Penny Bernard Schaber.

2 :45 Backlash to the Common Core Education standards is moving from state capitols to the classroom. Last week more than 33,000 students in New York chose to opt out of the standardized tests aligned with Common Core.

6 :20 A Waunakee company is closing down, leaving 93 people out of work. Techline USA told the State Department of Workforce Development it plans to close its facility on South Division Street on June 9th. Techline makes office furniture. In its filing with the state, the company says it is no longer economically viable.

11 :20 A truck got stuck under the Beltline Bridge over Verona Road today. It took crews about 4 hours to remove the rig.

4 :45 The City of Madison is changing its downtown alcohol policy. Out is the Alcohol License Density Ordinance, which limited the number of bars downtown. In is the Alcohol Overlay District which shrinks the no-bar zone to 2 blocks of State Street and an area of University Avenue. Business owners on State Street are now worried they may get pushed out by new taverns.

8 1:45 The wildfire danger continues to get worse in our area.

5 :25 A security flaw known as "Heartbleed" has websites and data users working on fixes. The bug could allow hackers to gather personal information like emails and passwords.

8 11 :40 We've had quite a few car recalls lately – today it was Toyota's turn.

2 :45 Madison Area Technical College has put the finishing touches on building renovations as part of a 2010 expansion referendum.

Apr 10

9 1:45 The local Girl Scout Council says its 6-week cookie sale was immensely successful this year despite a boycott by anti-abortion groups across the country, including Pro-Life Wisconsin.

4 5 :45 A Madison campaign watchdog group is calling for a criminal investigation of State Senate President Mike Ellis. For the second day in a row the national conservative group Project Veritas released hidden video of Ellis taken at a Madison bar last month.

1 4 :20 Governor Scott Walker will make it official next week – he’s running for a second term.

4 :25 Madison’s next police chief could be named tomorrow night. The city’s police and fire commission has a special meeting at 5:15 and on the agenda is a line that says, “Candidate Evaluation and Possible Appointment”.

5 :20 Police and the Dane County Medical Examiner’s Office are investigating a death in Sun Prairie. Around 3:30 this afternoon they were called to a home in the 900 block of Vandenburg Street. They were told someone was not breathing or responsive.

8 :50 A disease killing millions of bats across the U.S. is now in Wisconsin. State DNR officials confirmed today some bats in Grant County have been diagnosed with white-nose syndrome.

8 :40 A dangerous horse virus is keeping some owners from bringing their animals to the Annual Midwest Horse Fair here in Madison this weekend. The EHV-1 virus, commonly known as equine herpes, is something organizers of the fair worry about every year, but this year it’s become a major concern.

Apr 11

4 2:25 The Madison Police Department has a new leader. At a meeting this evening, the city’s police and fire commission selected Sergeant Michael Koval as the next chief. He beat out the other finalist, Captain Carl Gloede.

4 :50 The City of Madison is considering changing the hiring process outside of police and fire applicants. There’s a trend called, “banning the box”, referring to removing the criminal history from a job application. The theory is that the requirement has a disproportionate effect on certain racial and ethnic groups.

4 :25 Wisconsin emergency management officials are adding up the damage from water main breaks across the state to see if we’re eligible for federal disaster relief. They’re asking cities and counties to tally up broken pipe-related costs. If there’s more than \$8 million

statewide, local governments and utilities could qualify for relief. In Madison alone there were more than 300 water main breaks last year.

8 :25 Any rain this weekend could add to expected flooding in Portage.

4 8 :20 Despite the rain the DNR is still on high alert for wildfires this weekend.

5 :15 A fire burned several acres of Norske Golf Course in Mount Horeb. This also started with a controlled burn.

5 :50 Madison police detectives are still developing leads in a 6-month old murder case. Police say 30-year-old LaMontez White was shot and killed at an apartment on Fish Hatchery Road in October of last year.

5 :15 There was crime tape up today outside a home in Sun Prairie where a woman died, but police say her death is not suspicious. The 52-year-old woman was found dead yesterday afternoon.

1 4 :40 State Senate President Mike Ellis will not seek re-election this fall. The senator announced his decision this morning, less than 2 days after a national conservative group released a hidden camera video featuring Ellis planning illegal campaign activity.

1 4 :15 A U.S. congressman from Wisconsin is also hanging it up. Republican U.S. Representative Tom Petri will formally announce next week that he will retire after more than 30 years in Congress.

2 4 :25 Governor Walker is calling for another 2-year tuition freeze in the UW system.

4 6 :25 Governor Walker has more time to make a decision on a proposed casino in Kenosha. Today the federal government approved a 6-month extension to give the governor until mid-February of 2015 to decide. The Menominee Tribe wants to build an \$800 million facility in Kenosha.

6 :35 A big project is underway at the Alliant Energy Center. Today was the groundbreaking for the New Holland pavilions. The 2 buildings will replace the barns which are getting a bit dated.

Apr 12

1 4 :35 State Senator Mike Ellis and Congressman Tom Petri both announced earlier this week they won't be seeking re-election this fall. Republican Representative Dave Murphy announced in the past 24 hours that he is considering running for Ellis' senate seat.

1 4 :20 State Representative Duey Stroebel announced earlier today he will be running to replace Congressman Petri. Stroebel says he wants to bring strong conservative principles to Washington.

6 8 :45 In just a few days, anyone who is behind on their heating and electric bills could be disconnected. State law prohibits utilities from disconnecting service, even if a customer is behind between November 1st and April 15th.

4 :20 It seems many are procrastinators when it comes to filing their taxes. The deadline is Tuesday and the IRS expects about 35 million people to still file before then.

7 1:00 Throughout the month of April Madison Area Boy Scouts are gathering food for families in need.

2 :40 Students from technical colleges all over Wisconsin gathered in Madison today to show off months of hard work at a robotics competition.

Apr 13

8 :20 Flooding is expected in Portage with a warning in place. As of this afternoon, the Wisconsin River was at 17 ½ feet.

5 :20 Early this morning a fire started at a museum in Portage. Fire officials tell the Portage Daily Register the cause has not been determined, but the fire started when a lightning storm passed through the area.

2 2:00 Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students. It's an alarming statistic that inspired students at UW-Madison to get organized.

4 5 :25 State Representative Bill Kramer will make his first court appearance tomorrow morning in Waukesha County Court. Kramer is charged with 2 felony counts of sexual assault in connection with actions stemming from a 2011 political event in Muskego.

4 :25 It could be more than a year before Governor Scott Walker could go back to school to get his degree. He's 34 credits short of graduating.

11 :25 When you hit the road in the morning, expect delays on Verona Road. Two lanes will be closed between 9:30 and 12:30.

Apr 14

10 2:00 It's been said that our sense of smell can bring back memories, apparently so can our sense of taste. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how one dairy farmer's effort to bring back a favorite regional cheese is evoking memories for those who recall this cheese from the past.

4 2:10 The tax season is wrapping up for the year, but many are still rushing to file their returns.

5 :55 Firefighters in Prairie du Chien are trying to figure out what started a big fire at a furniture store. This broke out last night in Slumberland at the Black Hawk Junction Mall.

8 :25 Authorities in southern Wisconsin are keeping an eye on rising rivers. The Milwaukee River is spilling over its banks in Saukville, north of Milwaukee.

4 :45 Hundreds came out tonight to vote in the DNR's spring fish and wildlife hearing in Dane County. The annual meeting is a chance for people to share their thoughts on proposed rule changes for sports like hunting and fishing, and vote on delegates for County Conservation Congress.

4 5 :20 Former Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer was in court today for the first time on sexual assault charges. Kramer is accused of groping a woman after a Republican event in Muskego in 2011. Kramer denies the allegations.

1 4 :25 Wisconsin Congressman Tom Petri formally announced today that he's not running for re-election. The news came out Friday, but Petri made it official at a town hall in Neenah this afternoon.

7 3:20 It was at the finish line last year that 2 bombs exploded killing 3 people and hurting more than 200 others. Many runners from the Madison area competed in the race. Kristen Barbaresi spoke with on man who struggled deciding whether or not to run Boston again this year.

1 :45 Delegates to the Republican State Convention will be voting on whether or not Wisconsin should have the right to secede from the union. The resolution specifically calls for Republicans to support legislation authorizing secession in the case of extreme circumstances without defining what those circumstances would be.

11 :25 There were more traffic delays in Madison today thanks to that semi that got stuck under a Beltline overpass last week.

4 8 :20 Dane County's landfill is expanding. Dane County Executive Joe Parisi announced today the \$20 million expansion is moving forward. Parisi says the project will extend the life of the landfill another 30 years and save the county millions by not having to truck garbage outside of the county.

4 :20 The Madison Water Utility now says it's safe to stop running your water because the ground has thawed enough there is no longer a risk of lateral lines freezing.

Apr 15

7 :30 Runners in Madison showed their solidarity with the Boston Marathon runners tonight. Fleet Feet Sports on Old Sauk Road put together a 3-mile fun run.

11 2:10 The debate continues regarding ride share programs like Lyft and Uber. Both companies are still operating in Madison and are based around Smart Phone apps.

4 :30 The results are back from last night's DNR spring hearings. The agency says more than 7,000 people cast their votes at meetings across the state. Among the results: voters want the state to ban deer baiting and feeding in the 10 days before the gun-deer season. People also voted in favor of allowing trolling statewide.

5 :25 Deputies are investigating an armed robbery in Dane County. Officers were called to the T.A. Travel Center on Highway 51 just before 4 this morning. Deputies say a masked man showed the clerks a handgun and demanded money.

1 4 :45 It's official: Scott Walker is running for another term as governor.

1 :30 But Democratic challenger Mary Burke says Governor Walker still hasn't done enough to create jobs, citing the fact that Wisconsin is 35th in job growth and 9th out of 10 in midwestern states.

6 :35 A call center in Madison is expanding, bringing hundreds more jobs to town. SPI Global plans to increase its workforce from 50 to 450. The average worker earns about \$15 an hour.

4 :35 A woman will chair the Dane County Board for just the 2nd time in history. Supervisors picked Sharon Corrigan of Middleton as the new chair.

4 :25 The Madison Central Library Expansion project received a prestigious award today. It was named the Public Works Project of the Year.

4 :35 The man in charge of the Madison Parks Division is leaving for another job. Kevin Briski has been hired as leisure services director in Melbourne, Florida on the coast, about halfway between Jacksonville and Miami.

Apr 16

5 9 2:10 Police are warning renters about a scam targeting tenants in the UW-Madison campus area. A flyer went out to people who rent from H&H Apartments promising an online payment service and \$215 off the next month's rent.

2 3 :45 There's also a health warning for people on campus. University Health Services says 5 students have been diagnosed with mumps in recent weeks, so officials sent an email to students about the disease.

5 :25 Investigators in Prairie du Chien say there's no sign of foul play in the fire that destroyed the Slumberland Furniture store earlier this week.

5 :25 A homicide charge was filed against the driver accused of hitting and killing a woman who was riding her bike outside of Madison. Court records show 23-year-old Timothy Grulke of Waunakee is charged with homicide by negligent operation of a vehicle. He's accused of hitting and killing 37-year-old Carrie Pete of Madison while she was biking near Governor Nelson State Park in October of 2012.

5 :50 The former president of a local little league will spend nearly a year in jail for stealing from the organization. 58-year-old Stephen Verhage pleaded guilty today to the theft. He took more than \$200,000 from Kennedy Little League over his 22 years as president, spending it on things like family vacations and buying a motorcycle.

4 :20 911 dispatchers in Dane County will begin sending pre-alerts to get responders out to emergencies faster. The county's 911 center board approved a 90-day pilot program tonight, according to the Wisconsin State Journal. It will begin May 5th.

1 4 :40 A day after kicking off his re-election campaign Governor Scott Walker wouldn't commit to serving all 4 years of a second term. Walker would only say that he loves being governor and is committed to being a good governor going forward. The governor made those comments after speaking to a meeting of the Wisconsin Hospital Association at Monona Terrace this afternoon.

4 :25 The governor signed 55 bills into law today. Act 267 allows Cannabidiol or CBD, a component of marijuana, to be used to treat seizure disorders in children. Act 289 clears the way for classified government research at UW-Madison. And Act 307 eliminates voluntary intoxication as a defense in criminal cases. That means suspects cannot argue they are not responsible for a crime because they were drunk.

1 4 :20 The City of Sun Prairie is looking for a new mayor. Current Mayor John Murray told the city council last night that he plans to step down at the end of the month. Murray says he wants to focus more of his time on his family. Council members will meet next week to talk about how to fill the 11 months left in Murray's term.

8 :40 It sure doesn't seem like spring in northern Wisconsin. It started snowing this morning and continued into tonight. Some places may get more than 10 inches when it's all done.

2 :20 High school students can get a look at what the new SAT will be like. It's not coming out for another 2 years, but the college board released some sample questions. They're posted online on the college board's website.

Apr 17

3 2:20 In the last 5 years there's been an increase in the number of sudden, unexpected infant deaths in Dane County. According to the Public Health Department more than 70% of those deaths were the result of unsafe sleep environments.

3 :40 Two separate heroin overdoses within 2 hours of each other are raising new red flags for police in Janesville. Police say 34-year-old Rance Gehri and 24-year-old Tyler Miller were found unconscious in different homes yesterday. Both were hospitalized and later arrested.

5 :25 A Waunakee man faces a decade in prison on a charge of hitting and killing a woman on her bicycle. 23-year-old Timothy Grulke made his first court appearance today. According to the complaint Grulke admitted to falling asleep while driving before, investigators say, he hit Carrie Pete as she was biking near Governor Nelson State Park in October 2012.

5 :35 A Stoughton family is shaken up after receiving a hateful threat in the mail. They say they don't feel safe anymore.

2 5 :30 The State Department of Public Instruction will not revoke the license of Andrew Harris, a middle school teacher in the Middleton-Cross Plains School District. Harris is back in the classroom after being fired in 2010 for sharing explicit emails at work.

5 :25 A group of condo owners in downtown Madison filed a lawsuit to stop the development of an apartment building next door. Residents of the Marina condos are asking a judge to reverse the city council's approval of the project at 137 East Wilson Street.

4 13 :50 A new claims system being initiated by the Department of Veterans' Affairs is making people in Wisconsin nervous. That's because the Wisconsin regional office in Milwaukee has always been one of the most efficient in the country when it comes to processing claims. But a new centralized system would collect claims and distribute them to VA offices across the country.

8 :40 So much for spring in Wisconsin's north woods – parts of the area got as much as 15 inches of snow.

4 8 :20 The continued cold led Governor Scott Walker to declare another propane emergency. The governor's order says propane users are still struggling to fill their tanks.

6 :15 Wisconsin's unemployment rate is now under 6%. It was down to 5.9% in March, the lowest since November of 2008.

2 6 :25 The state's work force may get a boost from these graduates of a job training program for people with disabilities. The program is called Redi.

Apr 18

6 2:00 Good news for the real estate market in Madison -- property values citywide went up a solid 3.5%.

5 :20 Several vehicles were involved in a crash that left 1 car on its side. This happened around 8:30 near the on-ramp to the eastbound Beltline from Whitney Way.

5 :45 The FBI and the US Postal Service are now involved in the investigation into a threatening letter sent to a Stoughton family. The letter was addressed to the 18-year-old son of Harry and Hester Hale. It had a picture of 2 African-Americans being lynched with a picture of the 18-year-old superimposed on it.

5 :50 A Dane County judge threw out evidence in a former bishop's deadly crash case. Bruce Burnside is charged with hitting and killing Maureen Mengelt as she was jogging in April of 2013.

4 5 :25 The State Supreme Court will clarify how police officers can gather evidence in drunk driving cases in Wisconsin. Justices will hear 3 cases which will test whether police can legally draw blood from suspected drunk drivers without a warrant of the driver's consent. Law enforcement officers in Wisconsin have been able to draw blood in this manner since 1993.

4 5 :25 Winter hasn't left Wisconsin's north woods, so this was an especially bad time for a fire to destroy 2 snow plows in Marathon County. The fire broke out this morning in the county's vehicle shed near Stratford.

4 :30 A federal appeals court has upheld Wisconsin's Act 10, the collective bargaining law. Two unions representing workers in the City of Madison and Dane County challenged the law in 2011.

1 4 :25 The race for Wisconsin's District 6 congressional seat may get more crowded next week. Republican State Senator Joe Leibham says he'll announce Tuesday whether he'll run for the post.

9 :30 A consumer alert tonight for anyone who shops at Michael's. The chain said hackers got into their system and the credit and debit card numbers of more than 2.5 million customers may have been compromised. The breach happened between May 8th of last year through January 27th of this year.

Apr 19

6 10 :30 The Dane County Farmers' Market opened for the season today. In its 42nd year, it's still the largest producers-only market in the US.

5 :35 State and local authorities are investigating a Lone Rock woman who raised money for more than a year saying she had cancer. The Wisconsin State Journal reports 29-year-old Theresa Strub collected thousands of dollars from at least 3 fundraisers.

4 7 :30 Hundreds of community members and fellow law enforcement officers gathered in St. Croix Falls today to give a final farewell to a fallen Polk County deputy. Deputy Mike Seversen died earlier this week from complications of a gunshot wound. Seversen was shot 23 years ago and was paralyzed all those years.

Apr 20

5 11 :30 Crews are on scene at a multiple vehicle crash that killed one man in Janesville. Right now the road is closed in the 4300 block of Highway 14 on the northeast side of town.

4 10 2:10 A historic partnership between breweries and local farmers is in jeopardy after a proposed FDA requirement that would regulate what breweries do with their used up grains.

1 :25 The brother of late comedian Chris Farley wants to be a Madison alderman. The Capital Times reports Tom Farley wants to fill a vacant seat left by Sue Ellingson.

5 11 :30 We have a crew on scene with a live look at what's going on in Janesville right now. Janesville fire officials tell us a male motorcyclist was killed in a multiple vehicle crash on Highway 14 on the northeast part of town.

9 :25 Kraft is recalling 96,000 pounds of Oscar Mayer Hot Dogs because of incorrect labeling. The USDA's food safety and inspection service says the packaging may contain classic cheese dogs instead of plain hot dogs. The labels are incorrect and do not match the products inside the packaging.

5 :25 A Janesville man charged with murdering a Mazomanie woman will be back in Dane County Court again tomorrow afternoon. 39-year-old Philip Byrd is accused of shooting and killing Cheryl Gilberg in her home on February 23rd. A criminal complaint shows Gilberg, a former girlfriend, was shot twice in the head.

Apr 21

10 2:00 A Wausau entrepreneur has invented the perfect snack chip made with 100% Wisconsin cheese. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how Wausome Wafers are becoming chips off the old cheese block.

1 4 :40 Madison's Democratic Assemblyman Brett Hulsey wants to jump up the political ladder. He announced today he's running for governor.

1 1:55 So what impact does Hulsey's candidacy have on the governor's race as a whole? Pete Zervakis has more in tonight's **Capitol Report**.

5 :25 For the first time, Madison Police ticketed drivers operating under the rideshare companies Lyft and Uber. Undercover officers got rides with a driver from each of the companies this weekend. Madison's city attorney has determined these rideshare companies are operating illegally as taxis, so each of the drivers was cited for violating the city's taxi service ordinances. The Wisconsin State Journal reports the tickets total more than \$1,300 each.

5 :25 A high-speed chase that went through Madison ended in Fitchburg this afternoon. Police were looking for a person on a felony warrant and found them on Chamberlain Avenue but they took off, eventually driving through Madison's west and southwest sides and into Fitchburg.

5 :20 A rollover crash and the resulting fire shut down the westbound Beltline in Madison for a few hours this morning. The Madison Fire Department says it was a city water tank truck that rolled. The driver was taken to UW-Hospital with what's believed to be minor injuries.

5 :25 Investigators are looking for the SUV involved in a deadly hit-and-run crash in Janesville. The Rock County Sheriff's Office believes the SUV is an Infinity QX4 between the model years 2001 and 2003, looking like these samples here. The vehicle is likely missing a front fog light from the driver's side.

5 :35 Investigators say the SUV left the scene after hitting 2 motorcycle riders on Highway 14 last night. 18-year-old Devin Julius and 24-year-old Mitchell Vance were killed.

4 6 :40 Some foreign contracts could secure about 1,400 jobs at Marinette Marine in Wisconsin. Those deals may keep the Littoral combat ship program afloat.

3 :25 Many doctors are still prescribing codeine for children despite safety concerns.

4 :30 Madison Water Utility's water main flushing program began today.

Apr 22

2 1:50 School safety is usually in the news after it's too late, but tonight a local district was talking about what to do before something happens.

4 5 :50 State justice officials say a former special agent let more than 40 child pornography cases sit idle for months. The agent's attorney says that's not the full story. Special Agent Willie Brantley was fired March 19th. The termination letter sent to Brantley says he held 43 cases longer than 4 months or more and that no other supervisor allowed tips to languish that long. Brantley's attorney disputes this claim.

5 :25 Investigators in Rock County are looking for a different SUV they believe was involved in a deadly hit-and-run this weekend. After looking at new evidence, the Rock County Sheriff's Department says it's looking for a 2004-2007 Infiniti QX56.

5 :30 A gunman is in custody after holding a restaurant worker hostage in central Wisconsin. The Shawano County Sheriff's Department says the 28-year-old suspect went into a convenience store with an attached McDonald's in Wittenberg east of Wausau and made everyone leave except for 1 worker. About an hour later the man let the hostage go unharmed and then he surrendered. No one was hurt.

4 5 :20 Governor Scott Walker will sign a bill tomorrow that will change the way officer-involved shootings are investigated.

5 :20 Milwaukee's Public Market was evacuated this afternoon after an underground fire nearby. A DOT crew working on Interstate 794 found the fire while driving pilings into the ground.

5 6 1:00 Officials with 2 rideshare companies – Lyft & Uber – say they want to stick around Madison. But right now, their drivers are operating illegally.

2 4 :25 A ruling by the US Supreme Court could change how colleges approach affirmative action.

4 :20 After the ruling came out state senator and congressional candidate Glenn Grothman said he plans to bring back legislation to ban affirmative action policies in Wisconsin.

1 4 :45 A renewed effort to establish online voter registration may be gaining some traction at the State Capitol. Today experts from across the country testified before the Assembly Committee on campaigns and elections, emphasizing the security and cost savings online registration provides. An elections official from Arizona, the first state to establish online registration, says it's popular with members of both political parties.

1 4 :25 There are 2 new entrants into Wisconsin's 6th congressional district race. State Senator Joe Leibhaim is now the 3rd Republican to announce. He joins State Senator Glenn Grothman and Assemblyman Duey Stroebel in the race.

6 :30 Steinhafels Furniture Stores is buying 3 of the old American TV stores including 1 in Madison.

6 :25 The spring home selling season in Wisconsin got off to a slow start.

Apr 23

5 :25 Authorities in Rock County are using billboards to try to find the SUV involved in a deadly hit-and-run. They're looking for a 2004 – 2007 Infiniti QX56 that's similar to the vehicle pictured here and it's this picture that's posted on the billboards.

5 :25 The man accused of holding a fast food worker hostage near Wausau is expected to be charged later this week. 28-year-old Travis Keiler of Gillett was arrested last night.

4 5 :55 Wisconsin made history today, becoming the first state in the nation to have a law requiring independent reviews of officer-involved deaths.

4 1:55 Local law enforcement officers praised the new law. In fact, Dane County agencies have already been making the changes for more than a year.

4 :25 State officials want to make sure you're prepared for severe weather season.

4 6 :40 A group in Madison is speaking out on a development in downtown Madison. It wants to stop the city from kicking in money for a hotel on Judge Doyle Square. The group Citizens Against Subsidized Hotels wants to put a referendum on the November ballot that would require voters to approve any city loans over \$10 million. Members say the latest proposal from the JDS developer included a \$60 million public subsidy.

4 11 :25 A budget shortfall could put a major road project in southern Wisconsin on hold. The state faces a transportation budget shortfall that could hit \$700 million by 2017. DOT Secretary Mark Gottlieb says if they don't find funding soon, the widening of I-90 from Madison to the Illinois border could be delayed. Governor Scott Walker says his administration is looking at tax reforms to fund the DOT going forward.

6 :25 Unemployment is down in most of Wisconsin's counties. The rate dropped in 66 of the 72 counties. Dane County has the lowest unemployment in the state at just under 4.5%.

9 :20 A consumer alert tonight: 800,000 batteries in baby monitors are being recalled because they can overheat and possibly burn you. The Consumer Product Safety Commission says the recall applies to more than a dozen models of the monitors made by Summer Infant. They were all sold between 2010 and 2012 at Walmart, Target, Babies R Us and Amazon.

2 10 :40 Students at UW-Madison got a little closer today with some of the people who make their food. It was AG Day on campus.

Apr 24

7 2:15 It's not an issue most people are comfortable discussing, but tonight race and racial inequality were the focus for a group of people in Madison. They're talking about Dane County's growing reputation as a place where being a minority is a distinct disadvantage.

5 :25 The man accused in a multi-county crime spree pleaded not guilty to 3 felony charges today. 36-year-old James Kruger is charged with recklessly endangering safety, bail jumping, and having a gun as a convicted felon.

5 :20 People evacuated during a big fire at a salvage yard in Milwaukee are back in their homes tonight. The fire destroyed a warehouse at Roz Auto Salvage which is about 2 miles from the airport.

5 :20 We do know the cause of the fire that damaged the high school in Oconto – a cigarette. Police say a 16-year-old student was smoking in the bathroom and at some point the cigarette got too close to a toilet paper dispenser.

4 :55 Governor Scott Walker is one of the most influential people in the world. That's according to Time magazine which released its list today. It includes a short profile of the governor written by New Jersey Governor Chris Christie who cites Walker as a leader who wasn't afraid to make tough, necessary choices for the state's economy in the face of enormous public scrutiny.

2 4 :25 The UW System's change to its surplus policy is working its way through the Legislature. Today members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee approved the policy. It allows campuses to have a surplus of at least 10% but no more than 15% of their annual expenditures at the end of each fiscal year.

3 4 :25 The Food and Drug Administration wants to increase oversight of electronic cigarettes. Its proposing new rules that would ban e-cigarette sales to anyone under 18, put a warning label on the devices, and require manufacturers to tell the FDA what's in their products.

3 :50 American Family Children's Hospital in Madison showed off its new neonatal intensive care unit this afternoon.

7 5:05 April is National Donate Life month, a time to highlight the importance of organ donation. Tonight we'll introduce you to a local woman whose life was saved through the gift of a heart -- and one little boy who will eventually need the same.

8 :25 It's spawning time for sturgeon in Wisconsin.

6 8 :20 Snow and the continued cold are hampering recreation in northern Wisconsin. The Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest has yet to open its campgrounds and trails because they're still too wet.

Apr 25

5 1:40 Police in Beloit discovered 2 murders within the last 24 hours. Both men, one 36 years old and the other 20, were shot and killed. At this point officers say they don't know if the 2 are connected.

5 :55 There's some resolution to another death investigation in Rock County. Authorities arrested the driver they say was involved in a deadly hit-and-run. 24-year-old Sambath Pal of Park City, Illinois is now in custody.

5 :25 Four years after a murder in Madison, a suspect is sentenced in the crime. A Dane County judge sentenced 22-year-old Arain Gutierrez to 20 years in prison.

5 :25 Jeremy Wand is appealing his conviction in the deaths of his nephews. Wand's attorney filed a notice of appeal in LaFayette County yesterday. Jeremy Wand was sentenced to life for helping his brother Armin set fire to Armin's home in Argyle, killing his 3 sons.

5 :45 Workers' rights activists picketed outside a restaurant on State Street in Madison this afternoon. They're trying to call attention to what they claim is wage theft at Takara Japanese Restaurant. They say the restaurant isn't paying minimum wage or overtime and it's not taking taxes out of paychecks.

4 11 :20 Drivers who take Verona Road next week will run into some delays. That's because bridge crews will begin repairs to the Beltline Bridge over Verona Road on Monday.

4 :20 Officials want to make sure people have a say in how mines operate in Dane County. A proposed ordinance would require dozens of potential sites that had been exempted by a past law to go through the same permitting process that a new mine has to go through. The process includes taking public comment.

6 :20 It's no secret that housing is expensive in Madison. Now a new report puts a dollar figure on it. The National Low-Income Housing Coalition says you need to make about \$30,000 a year to afford a 1 bedroom apartment in Dane County.

Apr 26

5 :25 Dane County Sheriff's Office is investigating what it's calling a disturbance between 2 people in Deerfield. Dane County Communications tells us authorities were called to a home on Highway 73 around 2 this afternoon for a report of shots fired. Two people were taken to the hospital with unknown injuries.

7 1:40 It was an emotional day for a group of bikers honoring 2 riders killed in a hit-and-run crash last weekend. Motorcyclists from all over the state rallied to pay their respects.

5 :20 A missing Mequon woman was found dead last night. 54-year-old Candace Giles went missing Thursday after not showing up for an appointment. Mequon Police say her body was found in the Milwaukee River after a man called 911 around 10:30 last night. The Ozaukee County coroner says Giles drowned and there is no sign of foul play.

6 :20 The price of beef continues to rise and it looks like it won't be stopping anytime soon.

3 6 1:00 A local church opened its doors to the community today for a free clinic, offering a variety of services. Free health screenings, massages and even haircuts were available at Calvary Gospel Church in Madison. The clinic also included an open food pantry, a Red Cross blood drive and a hot meal.

Apr 27

5 :25 Columbia County Sheriff's Office is searching for a Pardeeville man who went missing early this morning in Wisconsin Dells. 21-year-old Mitchel Blanchard was last seen running by police officers near the Kilbourn Dam and Highway 13 Bridge over the Wisconsin River around 2 am. This afternoon a dive team searched for Blanchard but he wasn't found.

4 1:45 Law enforcement officials say recent high-profile shootings mean they have to be better equipped to respond to active shooter situations. Pete Zervakis takes us to an FBI training here in Madison.

2 4 2:10 More than 2,000 high school and middle school students filled the State Capitol today bringing a historic event back to Madison after 50 years. Gordon Severson has you covered on the State Student Council Conference.

1 4 :45 Former Assembly Speaker Mike Sheridan is running for a seat in the State Senate.

4 :40 Some of Madison's 4-legged crimefighters got some special recognition today. The public got a chance to see the mounted patrol unit firsthand at the annual Madison Police Mounted Patrol Unit Open House.

Apr 28

10 2:00 Butter consumption is at its highest level in 40 years as consumers seek foods containing natural ingredients. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* find out more about why consumers are saying, "Pass the butter, please!"

5 :25 Searchers found the body of a missing man in the Wisconsin River in the Dells around noon today. 21-year-old Mitchel Blanchard of Pardeeville was last seen at a bar in Wisconsin Dells early Sunday morning. Police were called to the bar after a fight and that's when investigators say Blanchard took off. Officers ran after him but stopped after he ran into a wooded area. Authorities say there was no sign Blanchard was headed to the river.

5 2:05 The family of a Sun Prairie couple killed in a car crash is remembering them tonight.

3 4:55 It's not easy being a parent, but it's gotten a lot harder with advances in technology and trying to keep your kids safe from child predators.

7 :20 Union workers in the Madison area paid homage to their fallen comrades today. The Madison Labor Temple hosted a Workers' Memorial Day commemoration. About 115 workers in Wisconsin died on the job last year. Speakers said the day should serve as a reminder for employers to continually improve safety in the workplace.

2 4 :30 School board members in Madison are now mulling over Superintendent Jennifer Cheatham's budget plan. The budget for the 2014-2015 school year increases the tax levy by just over 2%.

Apr 29

1 4 2:10 Wisconsin Republicans say they're committed to voter ID despite a loss in court today. A federal judge in Milwaukee struck down the law requiring voters to show state-issued photo IDs at the polls.

4 :35 The City of Madison is working to increase equity in all aspects of city government. It's part of the racial equity and social justice initiative. The plan was introduced to the city council tonight.

5 :25 Court records show a father turned in his son who is the suspect in a deadly hit and run. The criminal complaint against 24-year-old Sambath Pal shows Pal's father called 911 after seeing damage to his SUV.

2 3 :45 Students and administrators at UW-Madison are anxious to implement the recommendations of a White House Task Force on student sexual assault.

2 5 :25 More bikes are being stolen this year on the UW campus. Police say 21 bikes have been stolen so far this year, compared to just 11 at this time last year.

4 :40 A police dispatcher in Middleton helped a teenager who was hundreds of miles away.

7 2:05 Every month we introduce you to a local volunteer who goes beyond the call of duty for the community. Our Jefferson Award winner this month has helped raise millions of dollars to make sure all families have food on the table.

3 :25 UW Health is merging with an affiliate in Illinois. The boards of UW Health and Rockford-based Swedish-American Health System announced their merger today. The 2 systems have been working together since 2010. There will be no change for patients, but the deal allows the hospitals to share resources, collaborate on new services and share doctors with different specialties.

4 11 :25 The next time you head to General Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee you'll notice some changes. The airport is overhauling the baggage claim area as part of a \$45 million project.

Apr 30

5 1:45 Police in Beloit arrested 2 people tonight after a domestic incident. The situation had officers closing off streets and telling people to stay in their homes.

5 :25 A man was shot and killed in Milwaukee after authorities say he attacked a police officer. The officer was investigating a complaint at Red Arrow Park across from City Hall this afternoon. Police say the man was combative so the cop took out his baton. The suspect grabbed it and started hitting the officer. That's when the officer shot the man, who died at the scene.

7 :15 Red Cross volunteers from the Madison area are deploying to help with storm relief. They're going to Kansas and Arkansas to work on recovery plans and any health-related needs.

4 :45 Tonight a new chief leads the Madison Police Department. He's a man who worked his way up the ranks. Mike Koval was sworn in today.

4 :40 A proposal in Madison would take a person's criminal history off their job application. Mayor Paul Soglin and other city leaders outlined the Ban the Box Initiative today.

1 4 :55 Wealth donors will soon be able to give much more money to Wisconsin political campaigns due to a recent US Supreme Court ruling that abolishes aggregate donation limits for federal candidates. A federal judge in Milwaukee is expected to strike down Wisconsin's aggregate limits for state candidates in the next few months. Analysis by the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign suggests that means millions of additional dollars are going into state races.

6 :25 A Wisconsin sausage staple, Klement's, is up for sale.

11 :20 The Lake Express ferry is ready to make its first trip across Lake Michigan.

May 1

5 2:55 Two Dane County sheriff's deputies are in stable condition tonight after they were stabbed during a domestic disturbance call. It all started around 12:30 this afternoon in the Town of Primrose near Belleville.

3 5 :15 Once the deputies were brought to the emergency room, UW Hospital activated enhanced emergency procedures that are just short of a lockdown.

5 :25 Police in Beloit identified 2 suspects in a recent murder and one of them is now in custody. 20-year-old Jajuan Logan was arrested last night in Racine. Officers are still looking for 31-year-old Angelo Young.

5 :20 The man charged in a deadly hit-and-run will be brought back to face charges in Wisconsin. 24-year-old Sambath Pal waived his extradition hearing this afternoon.

1 4 :25 Governor Scott Walker says he will not call for a special session to modify the state's voter ID law after a federal judge in Milwaukee struck it down on Tuesday. The state will ask the federal appeals court in Chicago to overturn Judge Lynn Adelman's ruling and Governor Scott Walker says he is confident that will happen but it's very unlikely the law will be in place for the November election.

4 8 :40 State officials want to bring more anglers to Wisconsin. They're doing that by putting more fish in the lakes through the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative.

2 5 :30 The federal government is investigating a Wisconsin university for possibly mishandling a sexual abuse complaint. UW-Whitewater is one of 55 colleges and universities under investigation. The school has a complaint against it that was filed with the US Department of Education.

4 :20 The long winter we had put the State Department of Transportation over its budget. The DOT plans to ask the State Legislature next week for more than \$27 million for winter-related expenses, about \$16 million to pay counties for plowing and another \$11 million for bringing extra salt. The money would come from a transportation revenue surplus.

May 2

5 2:35 A stabbing on the East side of Madison left 2 dead and 1 injured. Police who responded shot the suspect who's now in the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Police were called to the scene around 12:50 this afternoon. It happened at an apartment in the 2600 block of East Washington Avenue.

4 5 :30 Police say they're following the new state law that requires an outside agency to investigate officer-involved shooting cases. Chief Mike Koval says the lead agency will be the State Department of Criminal Investigation.

5 :30 As for that Dane County case, new details came out today about Thursday's stabbing and officer-involved shooting near Belleville. These are the 2 officers who were stabbed, both in the lower leg.

5 1:00 Sheriff Dave Mahoney says the suspect had beaten his mother and stepfather at the home in the Town of Primrose. Mahoney says officers tried to contact the man, but when they couldn't they went into the house and the suspect attacked them on a staircase. When pepper spray and a taser didn't stop the suspect, Deputy Kelley fired 1 shot, hitting the

man near the shoulder, missing the bulletproof vest the man was wearing. Sheriff Mahoney says his office has had contact with the suspect in the past and he had noted mental health troubles.

5 :25 Bond is set at \$200,000 for the man accused in a hit-and-run in Rock County. Court records show Sambath pal made his first appearance in Rock County court today. He's charged with 2 counts of hit-and-run involving death.

5 :25 A student at Marquette University in Milwaukee was shot while being robbed. Police say he was 1 of 3 students robbed early this morning. The 19-year-old was shot in the hand and has since been treated and released from the hospital.

1 4 1:10 Democratic candidate for Governor Brett Hulsey backed off on part of his controversial protest plan. His stunt was called everything from inappropriate to vile. Hulsey was planning on handing out Ku Klux Klan-style hoods outside the GOP convention in Milwaukee this weekend.

1 4 :25 Hulsey was trying to call attention to the GOP proposal to affirm Wisconsin's right to secede from the United States. 50 of the State Assembly's 69 Republicans are calling on the delegates to reject the idea.

2 7 :40 The United Way of Dane County unveiled a new plan today to help close the racial achievement gap in area schools. The Born Learning Mobilization Plan will be implemented in 13 neighborhoods in Dane County. The program will inform parents on how to ensure their child can succeed when starting school.

6 :20 The results of the nation's latest jobs report are strong. But there is a bit of a downside. Overall, 288,000 jobs were added in April which is better than economists predicted. The unemployment rate dropped to 6.3% but that's mainly because fewer people are looking for work.

6 :20 National Travel and Tourism Week begins tomorrow and the industry brings big business to Wisconsin. The State Department of Tourism says visitors spent \$17.5 billion in Wisconsin last year.

6 :20 Tourism is an economic driver in Dane County. Visitors spent nearly \$2 billion here in 2013, a 7% increase from the previous year.

10 :25 The number of dairy farms in Wisconsin is on the decline, but the number of dairy cows is up.

May 3

5 :30 We know the name of the man who authorities say stabbed 2 Dane County deputies as they responded to a domestic disturbance on Thursday. The Medical Examiner's Office identified him as 50-year-old Dean Caccamo of Primrose.

5 :50 A mother and her daughter are the victims of a stabbing attack in Madison yesterday. Madison Police say a neighbor forced his way into the mother's home yesterday afternoon, stabbing the 2 and her 16-year-old son who was able to escape the apartment to get help. When officers arrived they shot the suspect who was armed with a knife.

5 1:45 The State Department of Criminal Investigation is looking into the officer-involved shooting. But Madison Police are still working on the murders.

5 :20 In the Wisconsin Dells area a man was stabbed during an altercation near a night club. Lake Delton Police say a 24-year-old man was found with stab wounds on his lower back just before midnight. He was treated and released from the hospital.

5 :20 Madison Police are looking for a man they say showed a gun to employees at Wingstop on Regent Street last night demanding money. The suspect then fled in a 4-door car. Police are looking for an African-American man in his early 20s wearing a dark coat, jeans and red and black tennis shoes.

5 :20 Janesville Police are concerned about the welfare of a missing woman. 75-year-old Mary Coulthard was last seen at 9 pm last night near the 200 block of North Main Street. She was wearing blue jeans, white shoes and possibly a light blue sweater. Coulthard is 5'2" with gray hair and hazel eyes.

5 :20 It seems the city has finally gotten a handle on the Mifflin Street Block Party. Today was the annual celebration downtown but crowds weren't what they used to be. Madison Police say so far they've only arrested 1 person.

1 4 :40 Moving Wisconsin forward was the message Governor Scott Walker delivered at today's Republican convention in Milwaukee. Delegates formally endorsed the governor in his re-election bid as they set party policy for the upcoming election season.

May 4

5 :30 Fitchburg Police are still on the scene of a deadly crash on McCoy Road. Police say a 27-year-old man traveling westbound on McCoy Road crossed the median and struck another car travelling eastbound the man was transported to a hospital where he was later pronounced dead.

5 2:10 Tackling mental illness is a concern for many. But after 2 violent incidents just a few days ago, it's now become an even bigger issue. Gordon Severson spoke to mental health advocates who are worried how these recent attacks will impact the community.

5 :20 Janesville Police are still searching for a woman who has been missing since Friday night. Today police sent us this updated photo of 75-year-old Mary Coulthard. She was last seen near the 200 block of North Main Street.

5 :20 A suspect is in jail tonight after a man was stabbed to death in Walworth County. Delavan Police say they found the man inside an apartment in Delavan around 3 am. He was taken to a hospital in Janesville where he died. Another man was taken into custody and police say they're not looking for anyone else in the case.

5 :15 A 3-year-old Milwaukee boy is fighting for his life after he shot himself in the head. Police say the boy was playing with a gun he found in his mother's car yesterday afternoon. The boy is in critical condition. Police believe the shooting was an accident but are investigating.

5 :20 In Marathon County authorities are trying to figure out what drove a man to shoot 2 of his family members in the Town of Maine which is just north of Wausau. Authorities say the 21-year-old man shot the victims with a rifle at their home. The man is expected to be charged with attempted homicide.

4 11 :20 Construction on Main Street in Waunakee will begin tomorrow. Highway 19, Highway 113 and County Highway Q will be closed. Traffic will be detoured. It's part of a roundabout project at the intersection of Highway 19 and Century Avenue.

May 5

10 2:00 Wisconsin cheesemakers produce nearly 2.8 billion pounds of cheese annually and one Wisconsin company is helping cheesemakers do it in a sustainable way. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we'll explore Tosca Ltd., which got its start in the cheese container business in 1958.

5 :25 Two people were taken to the hospital tonight after a crash on Gammon and Old Sauk Roads. Police say 2 cars, each with only 1 person inside hit head-on around 8 pm. One of the drivers' injuries are believed to be life-threatening.

5 2:00 Authorities are warning the public about a scam in Grant County. Several people there say they've had their citizenship questioned in recent weeks and they've been asked to pay thousands of dollars or face deportation.

5 1:05 Police in Janesville are looking into a stabbing suspect's claim that he killed 3 people. Police arrested 28-year-old Clayton Courtney on Sunday for stabbing a man he shared a home with on North Pontiac Drive. Witnesses to the stabbing say Courtney claimed to have killed 3 people that night.

5 :20 Police say they won't rule out Courtney being involved in the disappearance of Mary Coulthard.

5 :25 Today we learned the names of the people involved in Friday's stabbing and shooting on East Washington Avenue. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office says 57-year-old Robin Grossmann and her daughter, 34-year-old Charity Grossmann were the 2

women stabbed to death. The suspect, 33-year-old Londrell Johnson, died after he was shot by police.

5 :40 The sisters of Londrell Johnson say their brother struggled with mental illness for most of his adult life.

5 :25 The second of 2 deputies stabbed last week is out of the hospital. Lieutenant Brian Hayes had surgery after the stabbing. Authorities say Hayes and Deputy Roger Finch were injured by 50-year-old Dean Caccamo during their response to a call that he had beaten his mother and stepfather.

8 :30 Our recent rain caused the Mississippi River to rise. That's led to flood warnings in parts of Wisconsin.

8 11 :25 A stretch of one of the busiest rail lines in the state may have to be temporarily shut down because of a fuel spill. Around 10 last night a train going through Waterford in Racine County hit some debris and punctured a fuel tank. The DNR estimates 1,000-2,000 gallons of diesel fuel soaked into the ground. Officials say cleanup crews may have to dig out the contaminated soil which could force service to stop along the tracks.

1 4 :20 Dave Mahoney wants another 4 years as sheriff of Dane County. Mahoney announced today that he is running for reelection in November.

2 3 3:05 In Wisconsin about 47% of students qualify for free or reduced lunch during the school year. But what happens when school lets out for the summer?

6 :20 Klement's Sausage will stay in Milwaukee despite being bought by a California private equity firm.

4 8 :25 If you live in Madison, you can be confident about what's coming from your faucet. In its yearly report, Madison Water Utility says the city's water met or exceeded all federal and state standards for health, quality and safety. The utility's water quality manager says they go above and beyond federal and state requirements for testing. Last year the city was recognized for its water, being named the best tasting water in the state by the Wisconsin Water Association.

May 6

5 :35 A federal judge tonight ordered prosecutors to stop Wisconsin's latest John Doe investigation. Investigators were looking for possible illegal coordination between conservative groups and the recall campaigns for Governor Scott Walker and other state lawmakers. US District Judge Rudolph Randa issued a preliminary injunction late today that forces prosecutors to stop their investigation and return any seized property. The conservative group Club for Growth filed the federal lawsuit which claims the investigation violates the rights to free speech of its members.

5 2:10 A former bishop accused of driving drunk and killing a jogger in Sun Prairie is set to take a plea deal next Tuesday.

5 :25 In Rock County a man accused in a stabbing is now the prime suspect in the death of a 21-year-old woman.

5 :50 More charges are expected against Courtney – these are related to the death of his girlfriend, 21-year-old Britney Cross.

5 :20 Police say they've seized Courtney's truck, a blue 1998 Dodge Dakota with rear bumper damage. They're asking anyone who may have seen the truck between Thursday May 1st and Sunday May 4th to contact the Janesville Police Department at 608-755-3100.

5 :30 Janesville Police are also looking into whether that murder suspect has anything to do with a separate missing person case. 75-year-old Mary Coulthard was last seen late Friday night at her Janesville apartment in the 200 block of North Main Street.

5 :30 We learned today the names of the officers involved in Friday's stabbing and shooting on East Washington Avenue. They are Sergeant David McClurg and Officer Carlin Becker.

5 :20 A 44-year-old woman is in critical condition tonight following last night's crash on the city's west side. Police say an SUV hit 2 vehicles on Gammon Road, then swerved into oncoming traffic at Old Sauk Road, hitting a car head-on. The SUV driver was pinned and had to be pulled from the vehicle by emergency responders. The other driver had minor injuries.

4 11 :35 A city alder released his proposal to regulate ridesharing operations in Madison. Scott Resnick introduced the legislation to the City Council today. It's designed to regulate companies like Lyft and Uber.

4 :25 Tonight the City Council is considering a request to re-zone an auto repair shop on East Johnson Street so it can be used for a village for tiny houses. Occupy Madison wants to put 9 of the houses in the area and turn the old building into a workshop.

2 :25 UW-Madison plans to build a new competition pool on campus.

2 4 :45 UW campuses will no longer be able to build up large surpluses without approval from the Board of Regents. The Legislature's Joint Finance Committee approved a new policy for the UW system today which requires schools to justify any surplus that's above 12% of its operating expenditures. Any school that falls into a deficit will have to present the board with a plan to build a surplus.

1 4 :30 The Republican authors of a new voter ID bill that didn't make it past the Senate say they plan to reintroduce it after the November election. Their bill would allow people

who have a religious objection or lack original documents to obtain an ID, to sign an affidavit when they vote instead of showing an ID.

6 11 :30 A long, potentially frustrating construction season has begun at the Dane County Regional Airport. They're expanding the parking ramp, building more than 1,600 new parking spaces.

11 :20 And on the other side of town, traffic delays are expected tomorrow afternoon on the westbound Beltline between Verona Road and the interstate. One of those massive oversize trucks is delivering a big beam for the Verona Road reconstruction project.

May 7

6 2:25 The state moratorium keeping power companies from disconnecting service during winter months ended about 3 weeks ago. Now customers need to pay past due amounts or risk losing service.

5 :45 A court commissioner refused to lower bond for the driver charged in a deadly hit-and-run in Rock County. We've got continuing coverage of the case against Sambath Pal.

5 1:10 A bold robbery last night has Madison Police looking at previous crimes for connections. This is surveillance video from Players Bar around 12:45 this morning when 2 masked men walked in and ordered people to the floor.

4 5 :30 The John Doe investigation into illegal coordination between Republican recall campaigns and conservative issue groups is back on tonight. An appeals court in Chicago put a hold on a lower court ruling that ordered the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office to stop its investigation and destroy all evidence related to it. That hold will remain in place until the appellate court makes its own ruling. Governor Scott Walker says he hoped the investigation would be over but he wasn't counting on it.

4 6 :45 The City of Madison is moving forward with a plan to build a public market. Its research shows there's strong interest in the idea. The vision is to create an indoor, year-round facility where shoppers can get goods from local growers and producers.

11 :40 Road construction is in full swing as orange cones are lining many streets, including a big one in Waunakee. The Main Street construction project began Monday in downtown Waunakee.

11 :15 In Madison, part of a road construction project led to backups on the Beltline this afternoon. Crews brought in a 100-footlong, 270,000-pound bridge beam to the Verona Road construction site.

4 8 :30 Madison Water Utility wants some people living on the city's east side to flush their taps. Extra chlorine got into the distribution system because of an equipment

malfunction. The water is still safe, but people should flush their basement cold water taps for 10 minutes as a precaution.

2 4 :40 A committee of lawmakers released its report on how to improve rural schools. The task force recommends more money for faster internet, flexibility in teacher licensing and allowing districts to share certain grades without consolidating. The committee also recommends re-evaluating the school funding formula, though some members say that doesn't go far enough.

4 :20 The City of Madison will pick up the tab for this year's fireworks at Elver Park. Private funding for the July 3rd event fell through, so the city is going to pay for the fireworks, at least for this year.

May 8

5 :20 The man accused in a stabbing and murder is due in Rock County court tomorrow. Clayton Courtney is charged with attempted homicide in the stabbing. He's still in jail on that case. Courtney is also the lone suspect in the death of his girlfriend, 21-year-old Britney Cross.

3 5 2:05 Her death puts the issue of domestic abuse back into the public eye.

5 :25 The man charged with killing a student from Wisconsin on the Purdue University campus says he's being treated for schizophrenia.

4 5 :25 Another twist in the John Doe investigation – it's been stopped again. A ruling today from U.S. District Judge Rudolph Randa allows his decision from Tuesday to remain in effect. On Wednesday a federal appeals court put a hold on Randa's decision but today's action from Randa ends that hold. Prosecutors in Milwaukee County were looking into possible illegal campaign activity between Governor Walker's recall campaign and conservative groups.

1 4 :20 A Wisconsin campaign finance law is changing. The state agreed to eliminate the \$10,000 limit on how much people can donate in total to all candidates for office. This brings the state in line with a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling. There's still a limit to how much a person can give to one single candidate.

4 3:10 Dane County's 911 center has been criticized and scrutinized in recent months because of mistakes and response times. We wanted to see what it's like working there. So Jennifer Kliese spent an afternoon with one dispatcher and takes us inside the 911 center.

13 :25 The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs has ordered an audit at all VA clinics nationwide.

2 :30 A higher percentage of students are graduating from public schools in Wisconsin. The State Department of Public Instruction says the 2013 class had an 88%

graduation rate. That's a slight increase from the previous year and a more than 2% increase from 2010. Numbers show there is still an achievement gap. More than 92% of white students graduated in 2013, 74% of Hispanic students, and nearly 65% of African-American students.

2 7 :40 A new partnership will help local students get some early experience in the working world. The Boys & Girls Club of Dane County is teaming up with the City of Madison, Dane County, non-profits and local businesses to pay for internships for 160 students, primarily from minority and low-income families.

May 9

5 1:25 Janesville Police recovered a body from the Rock River late today. It's the second body found in or near the river this week.

5 :35 The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children is still trying to find a missing boy who was last seen in Wisconsin 3 years ago. Timothy Pitzen was 6 years old back in May of 2011.

5 :25 Police ticketed a local baseball coach for driving under the influence while he was on the way to a game. Sauk Prairie police pulled over 36-year-old Andrew Cowley on Tuesday afternoon. He was cited for having open intoxicants and a 2nd offense of operating while under the influence.

5 :20 Two people were hurt when a crane collapsed in Milwaukee today. A gust of wind apparently knocked it over around 1:30 this afternoon.

5 :20 And no one was hurt when an SUV crashed into a crowded theater in Wausau last night. This happened during a jazz concert at UW-Marathon County. Police say the driver hit the gas instead of the brake and the SUV jumped the curb, hit a light pole and ran into the building.

4 :50 Two names will be added this year to the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Memorial on the Capitol Square. Agencies from all over the state gathered together this afternoon to pay tribute to those officers and the many others who've lost their lives in the line of duty.

6 2:05 When school lets out a lot of teens may be without a summer job. The latest Dane County youth assessment showed 21% of teens were looking for a job but couldn't find one. But there's another way high schoolers can be productive when they're not in school.

2 :45 Next week's UW commencement at UW-Madison will have a football Saturday feel to it. It'll be at Camp Randall and it'll include a game day tradition.

2 4 :40 When those students graduate, many of them will be saddled with college loan debt. Wisconsin's Democratic U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin spoke with students today about the growing cost of higher education. Baldwin said she supports a new bill that would

allow students to refinance at the lower interest rates offered to incoming students today about the growing cost of higher education. Baldwin said she supports a new bill that would allow students to refinance at the lower interest rates being offered to incoming students.

2 6 :20 To pay back those loans, graduates will need jobs. And a new poll shows more students are graduating without having a job lined up. The management consulting firm Accenture found only 11% of this year's graduating students secured a job before leaving college. That's down from 16% last year.

May 10

5 :25 Janesville Police have confirmed a body found in the Rock River yesterday is a woman who's been missing for more than a week. An autopsy finds 75-year-old Mary Coulthard drowned.

5 :40 One person has died in a crash in the Town of Albion tonight. According to the Dane County Sheriff's Office the driver was traveling on Hillside Road near County Highway A. The driver was speeding and lost control.

5 :20 A Richland Center man is dead after his car rolled over early this morning. The Richland County Sheriff's Office says 23-year-old Isaac Bewick drove into a ditch on HWY 56 near the Village of Iola. The vehicle rolled twice and Bewick was thrown from his seat. He was not wearing his seatbelt.

5 :40 Police are still searching for a man who went missing a week ago in Milwaukee. 33-year-old John Moebs was seen in downtown Milwaukee last Saturday morning.

5 11 :20 Also in Milwaukee: a highway was closed for a stretch of time this afternoon after several pieces of concrete fell from an overhead bridge.

5 :40 A garage went up in flames this afternoon in Marathon County. The owner of the shop in the Town of Rib Falls says his son was working on a car when it suddenly caught fire. Fire officials say the building is a total loss, the fire causing tens of thousands of dollars in damage.

5 :20 More than 100 people were evacuated from a hotel in Madison after someone sprayed pepper spray at a music venue. Madison Police say it happened shortly before 1 am during an event in the ballroom at Hotel Red on Monroe Street. No one was hurt.

4 8 :35 A park in Manitowoc County is close to re-opening after nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of it was destroyed by a tornado last August.

4 :40 Sturgeon Bay is one of just 16 cities in the nation named by Congress as an official Coast Guard city, the first in Wisconsin.

May 11

4 7 :25 Former Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey died this weekend at 96-years-old.

4 :15 Governor Scott Walker released a statement after learning of Governor Lucey's death. He extends his family's thoughts and prayers to Lucey's family.

5 2:10 Janesville Police are still investigating the death of Mary Coulthard. She went missing May 2nd and was found in the Rock River one week later.

5 :20 Janesville Police are asking for the public's help to find a missing man. 59-year-old Gerald Hockensmith was last seen May 1st by his roommate at their apartment on River Street.

3 5 :30 Police are also looking for a suspicious man who asked a girl to get in his van. This is a photo of a Chevy Venture minivan similar to what the suspect may be driving.

5 :20 In Shawano County authorities are working to identify human remains found last night in the Town of Richmond. Sheriff Randall Wright says the remains were found in a wooded area by a group of teenagers.

11 1:55 May is Motorcycle Awareness Month and it's taken on an added meaning for some in our area after 2 bikers died in a car crash late last month in Rock County.

May 12

10 2:00 Recently named the 2013 National Association of Agricultural Educators Outstanding Young Member, Craig Kohn is a dedicated agricultural instructor. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how he turned a deteriorating ag program into a sought after success.

5 8 :25 Strong wind caused part of a building's roof to collapse this morning in Watertown. It happened in the 200 block of West Main Street. No one was inside at the time.

5 :30 New information changes a murder investigation in Janesville. Police say Clayton Courtney claimed he killed 3 people before he was arrested for stabbing his roommate.

5 :15 There were fears a man missing from Janesville was a 3rd victim, but police say he is alive. Gerald Hockensmith was spotted at a bank in northern Wisconsin this morning.

5 :40 Police in Beloit are investigating the death of a woman Sunday night. It happened when police tried to arrest Christopher Rutherford. Officers say Rutherford took off in a van, hitting and killing his on-again, off-again girlfriend Sheila Rosenbaum as police opened fire on the van. Rutherford crashed nearby and police arrested him after a short foot chase.

3 5 1:50 Now that warmer weather is here and the kids are spending more time outside, parents need to keep an eye out for trouble.

4 5 4:50 We ask firefighters to save lives and property and they accept a certain amount of risk because it's a dangerous job. But it's become more dangerous than ever.

3 :45 Women who thought they were in the clear when it came to cervical cancer may actually be the ones most at risk. A new study shows that women ages 65-69 may be the highest risk group.

1 4 :25 Today Wisconsin's attorney general filed the official appeal of a federal court decision that ruled the state's voter ID law was unconstitutional.

4 :25 We'll find out tomorrow what will become of the Nine Springs Golf Course in Fitchburg. The common council will vote in their meeting tomorrow night on whether it will remain a golf course or become a park.

May 13

3 2:20 Mental illness has been linked to a couple of recent tragic incidents, but it also affects many more people to a less-extreme degree. Kristen Barbaresi has you covered on learning to help the estimated one in four of us who have a mental illness.

5 :40 Former Bishop Bruce Burnside took a plea deal today agreeing to plead guilty to reckless homicide in the death of Maureen Mengelt of Sun Prairie. Burnside hit the 52-year-old while she was jogging in April of last year.

8 :20 Many people in southern Wisconsin woke up to storm damage in their yards.

4 :15 The City of Sun Prairie has a new mayor. City council members voted tonight to appoint council member Jonathan Freund as mayor. He's been on the council for 8 years. He replaces former Mayor John Murray who stepped down last month to focus more of his time on his family.

4 2:15 The City of Fitchburg is weighing whether to convert its only golf course into a park.

13 :40 An army soldier from Wisconsin died while serving overseas. 33-year-old Sergeant Heidi Ruh of Kiel died Friday in Kosovo. Her father, Scott Ruh, says his daughter was shot, but he doesn't know details of how it happened.

11 :20 Planes are flying again out of Chicago tonight. A ground halt was put in place earlier today because of smoke at an air traffic control center near Chicago. Everyone there was evacuated and is ok.

4 :20 Breaking news out of Fitchburg where the city council has decided to keep the Nine Spring Golf Course as a golf course instead of converting it into a park. The vote was 7 to 1.

2 :30 The Janesville School District is apologizing for a video seen by some students at Craig High School. The school superintendent says the video is pro-gay marriage and should not have been shown because it violated district policy on controversial issues and political activities. The video was shown during the Day of Silence which calls attention to harassment and discrimination faced by LGBT youth.

2 :40 Kids at Lincoln School in Madison built their own life-size sundial today. The project was a combination of art, science and geometry.

11 :20 Madison's national reputation as a bicycling mecca is in the spotlight this week. It's Ride Your Bike To Work Week and the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin is hoping to recruit more people around the state to join the ranks of riders who routinely roll to work on a bike.

May 14

5 2:00 Three men are in custody and a fourth suspect is still on the loose after a shooting in Fitchburg. No one was hurt when the shots were fired.

5 :15 Police say they don't think there's a connection between this case and other shots that were fired in Fitchburg just a few hours earlier.

5 :25 A fire broke out tonight in an apartment building on Madison's east side. The Madison Fire Department responded to the fire at Loomis Circle around 7:30 pm.

5 :40 Police in Madison are drawing a connection between three recent robberies. They all involve suspects with chemical spray. The most recent was last night at Topper's Pizza on Mineral Point Road in which the suspects showed a gun and a can of bear mace.

5 :25 A murder suspect is headed to trial in Dane County. 39-year-old Phillip Byrd is charged in the death of 43-year-old Cheryl Gilberg of Mazomanie. Today, not guilty pleas were entered for Byrd.

5 :25 Police in Janesville arrested a man they say jumped in the Rock River to avoid being taken into custody. Officers pulled 52-year-old Bradley Bobzien from the river around 6:30 last night. Police say he got pulled over, then took off and jumped in the water near the Centerway Dam. Bobzien floated down to the Milwaukee Street Bridge where officers pulled him out. He was taken to the hospital and then to jail. Bobzien was wanted on a Department of Corrections warrant.

8 11 :20 Twenty-five tons of cattle waste spilled during a crash in Fond du Lac County this morning. Investigators say a truck carrying animal renderings tipped over while going around a curve on Highway 26 in Rosendale. The driver was taken to the hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries. It took crews about 8 hours to remove the semi and the spill and reopen the highway.

2 :50 Controversial issues policies are widespread in Wisconsin public schools and only expanding. It was the controversial issues policy in the Janesville School District that caused Superintendent Karen Schulte to apologize for Craig High School showing a pro-gay marriage video to students. Schulte said under that policy the opposing view should have been shown as well. School districts are being forced to utilize those policies more often.

1 4 :20 A federal appeals court says some of Wisconsin's campaign finance laws go too far. Today the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a ban on political spending by companies and associations and it also struck down some rules on issue advocacy. State regulators had already stopped enforcing some of these rules.

May 15

3 4 2:05 The location of a Dane County homeless resource center took center stage at tonight's county board meeting and debate is still underway. The board was scheduled to vote on purchasing a site on Martin Street in the Town of Madison that's currently owned by Porchlight as a hospitality center.

5 :30 Two dogs were killed in a fire on Madison's far east side tonight. A kitchen fire broke out around 6:45 on Pulley Drive. No people were hurt, but it did cause about \$60,000 in damage.

4 5 :25 Former Assembly Majority Leader Bill Kramer is headed to trial on sexual assault charges. Today Kramer pleaded not guilty to 2 felony counts in Waukesha County. He's accused of groping and kissing a legislative aide following an event in Muskego 3 years ago. Kramer disputes the allegations. His attorney is now concerned the intense media coverage could affect the jury pool.

5 :25 A judge will rule next month on whether to throw out evidence in the kidnapping of a baby from the Town of Beloit. Federal prosecutors say Kristen Smith took 5-day-old Kayden Powell from her half-sister and abandoned him at a gas station in Iowa.

2 5 :25 Police in Reedsburg arrested a man they say threatened violence at a local elementary school. Investigators say 21-year-old Dakota Berndt posted on his Facebook page Wednesday that he was going to shoot up the school. Police say they determined Berndt's threat wasn't credible, but he was arrested for disorderly conduct.

4 6 :30 Numbers show that 3 years into his 4-year term Governor Walker is less than halfway to his campaign promise of adding \$250,000 private sector jobs. The state Department of Workforce Development says just over 28,000 private sector jobs were added in

2013. In 2012 nearly 34,000 jobs were added and in 2011 there were nearly 30,000 jobs. So when added together the total is just under 92,000 jobs.

5 6 :25 Fast food workers in Madison protested today for higher wages. Dozens of protesters walked along East Washington Avenue to call for the minimum wage to be increased to \$15 an hour.

4 6 :40 Brewpubs in Madison can now increase their output of suds. The city council tweaked an ordinance which doubles the number of barrels these establishments can brew, from 5,000 barrels of beer a year to 10,000.

2 13 :40 UW-Madison is trying to improve the experience for student veterans. The university opened its Veterans' Services and Military Assistance Center in the building at 333 East Campus Mall. It's designed to help veterans, those on active duty, ROTC students and their dependents with benefits and support programs.

May 16

2 1:25 Tomorrow more than 6,000 students will receive their degrees from UW-Madison. And this year is one of firsts, with the ceremony taking place at Camp Randall.

2 11 :45 There's more than just commencement this weekend, undergrads are moving out of the dorms. That'll bring even more people to campus, so there are going to be traffic delays.

5 9 :50 General Motors has agreed to pay a \$35 million fine for its delays in reporting an ignition switch defect connected to at least 13 deaths. It's the maximum GM can be fined for a safety violation.

9 :30 We've got you covered on a renewed recall of more than 2 million dehumidifiers.

11 :30 A cleaner-running S.S. Badger hit the open water to start the season today. The car ferry makes trips between Manitowoc and Ludington, Michigan all summer.

11 :20 The unofficial kickoff to the summer travel season will be a busy one. AAA estimates more than 36 million Americans will travel at least 50 miles or more over the Memorial Day Weekend.

May 17

2 1:25 The UW-Madison alumni base expanded today, adding more than 6,000 undergrads and master's candidates.

2 5 :40 Police staffed the stadium as they would on a football Saturday in anticipation of the crowds and traffic. And to the commotion downtown.

2 3 :25 And some of UW's recent med school grads may be going on to become family practice doctors. A recent report finds in the past 3 years, 1 in 6 UW grads specialized in family practice. And the UW med school ranks in the top 10 of U.S. medical schools for educating the most family practice doctors. The med school is providing more resources to encourage family practice studies, especially in rural areas.

4 5 :55 Authorities are investigating a shooting after 1 person was killed at the home of an employee of the Portage County Sheriff's Office.

5 :40 In Milwaukee dozens of people lined the streets of a north side neighborhood to turn in guns. Over the past 3 months 4 children have been shot and today Milwaukee Police held a gun buyback event to get weapons off the street. The buyback was part of a weeklong effort started by religious leaders to bring attention to the city's gun violence. Gun owners were offered bank cards in exchange for any type of gun.

5 :20 A man was hurt in a crash in Fitchburg this afternoon when his vehicle rolled over.

9 :20 Kraft Foods is recalling 1.2 million cases of cottage cheese over concerns about proper storage.

9 :25 State officials are warning people about a scam that claims to offer free home security. Consumer protection officials say callers claim to offer free system installations.

11 :40 As the weather warms up, more boats will be hitting rivers and lakes in Wisconsin.

May 18

5 2:05 A 26-year-old woman is dead after Madison Police responded to a domestic disturbance early this morning. Police say the woman was holding a semi-automatic handgun and was not cooperating with officers.

5 :40 This morning's incident is the 5th officer-involved shooting for Madison Police in the last year and a half. November 9, 2012 30-year-old Paul Heenan was killed by an officer who was responding to a reported burglary on South Baldwin Street. On May 17, 2013 police shot and killed 43-year-old Brent Brozek after a standoff at his home on Rockefeller Lane. Exactly 3 months later 59-year-old Charles Carll was armed with a knife when he was shot to death by officers. Then on May 2nd of this year officers shot and killed 33-year-old Londrell Johnson in an apartment on East Washington after police say he stabbed 3 people, killing 2 of them.

4 5 1:50 A new state law has altered how officer-involved shootings are investigated. Pete Zervakis has more on how the process works and has reaction to the new policy.

5 :20 Two were killed and one other hurt in a shooting in Milwaukee this afternoon.

5 :20 In Portage County police say officers responded to a report of an intruder and a shooting yesterday. Now DCI is investigating a death there at the home of a sheriff's office employee in Plover, near Stevens Point.

5 :20 A barn is destroyed and some livestock killed in a fire near Marshall tonight.

4 :30 A group of firefighters in Washington County are testing a new tool that could help them fight fires more quickly.

May 19

10 2:00 Recently 1,000 middle school students travelled to Pagel's Ponderosa Dairy in Kewaunee to learn about potential careers in agriculture. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* see how Ag Career Day is fostering hope for future industry leaders.

5 2:00 Today we learned the name of the woman shot and killed by police in Madison on Sunday. She is 26-year-old Ashley DiPiazza. DiPiazza was killed after a disturbance on MacArthur Road on Madison's east side. Police say she was not cooperating with officers and she was holding a gun.

4 :50 Those officers will need time to recover after taking another life.

5 :20 Seven people were hurt in an explosion at a foundry north of Milwaukee. This happened around 3:30 this afternoon at Johnson Brass and Machine Foundry in Saukville. A plant supervisor told our affiliate WISN that molten metal spilled on employees. State fire investigators will help to determine what caused the explosion.

5 :25 Everyone got out safely when a charter bus caught fire this morning in Eau Claire. The bus was taking local high school students to Minneapolis, but the driver realized something was wrong with a rear tire, so they were about to switch buses when the fire broke out. All 37 people on board got out safely.

5 :20 Stabbing suspect Clayton Courtney is headed to trial in Rock County. The 28-year-old is charged with attempted homicide, among other counts, after police say he stabbed his roommate earlier this month.

4 7 :20 Family and friends paid their respects to former Wisconsin Governor Patrick Lucey today. His funeral was held at a church on the Marquette campus in Milwaukee.

10 :40 If it weren't for some major maneuvering by local cooperatives many farmers wouldn't be putting fertilizer on their fields this spring. That's due to widespread

delivery delays in the Midwest's railroad system. Industry experts say the infrastructure can't support the demand and rail companies are giving priority to oil and natural gas coming out of North Dakota. Landmark Cooperative in Cottage Grove ordered 60 rail cars worth of fertilizer for delivery this spring. So far only 6 have arrived.

5 4:00 Madison Police Department staff are involved in every application to drive a taxi in the city. Nonetheless we've found even registered sex offenders are behind the wheel of city cabs. Tony Galli joins us with more on qualifications for this important job in Madison's transportation scheme.

May 20

5 1:55 Beloit Police are searching for a woman they say suffers from mental health issues. The 36-year-old was last seen Saturday night.

4 5 :35 A spokeswoman for the State Department of Administration says the GEF-1 Building could be closed for 8 weeks or longer for cleanup and repairs following a fire last Friday. The building on East Washington Avenue houses the State Department of Workforce Development and Children and Families. Many employees have been working at home or alternate locations. Officials say most workers will have a long-term location set before next Tuesday. The Madison Fire Department said today the fire has been ruled accidental due to an electrical fault.

5 :25 Police in Madison say a man was killed when he fell under a Metro bus he had just left. This happened just before midnight on a Frontage Road off East Washington Avenue and East Springs Drive. Police say the 68-year-old had been drinking on the bus and when he got off, he fell under the bus as it was taking off. Police say it appears there was nothing the driver could do to avoid the accident.

5 :50 Police busted what they're calling a prostitution business in Monona. It resulted in the arrest of 2 women: Guifen Leann and Meizhi Chen. These women work at Fei Fei Spa on Frostwoods Road in Monona. Police say they'd been investigating the massage parlor since it opened years ago.

5 :20 The man accused of killing a woman in Beloit is expected in court tomorrow. Christopher Rutherford faces a charge of reckless homicide in the death of Sheila Rosenbaum.

4 5 :25 A former DNR warden in Sauk County is facing felony charges for stealing guns he seized while on the job. Capitol Police investigated David Horzewski at the request of his former DNR supervisors and found he had 6 firearms he'd seized while working as a DNR warden, even though he was fired from that job in June 2013. Horzewski faces 6 counts of felony theft and 2 counts of official misconduct.

2 4 :25 More than 3,400 students applied to take part in Wisconsin's school voucher program. But only 1,000 students will receive those vouchers. Those kids will be

divided among the 31 private and religious schools taking part in the school choice program. That includes 55 students at Lighthouse Christian in Madison and 100 at Rock County Christian School in Beloit and Janesville.

5 :25 Four of the 7 workers hurt at foundry are still in the hospital. Three others have gone home.

5 :30 A Janesville company faces more than \$50,000 in fines for what federal inspectors say were serious safety violations. Power Coatings was cited by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for 14 violations including failing to protect workers from toxic substances which can cause cancer, lung impairment and other diseases.

May 21

3 4 1:30 There's a new tool to help protect victims of domestic violence in Dane County and it's about to spread statewide. Kristen Barbaresi has details. It's called the Vine Protective Order Service.

5 :50 Prosecutors filed a reckless homicide charge against a man accused of killing his on-again, off-again girlfriend in Beloit. 40-year-old Christopher Rutherford faces that one felony count. Today in court his bond was set at \$100,000.

4 5 :25 The Madison Police Department identified the officers involved in this weekend's deadly shooting. They are Justin Bailey and Gary Pihaja. Police say the officers shot and killed 26-year-old Ashley DiPiazza at an apartment on Macarthur Road early Sunday morning.

5 :15 A missing woman was found safe in Beloit this morning.

1 4 :15 November's gubernatorial election in Wisconsin could be a close one. The latest Marquette Law School poll shows Governor Scott Walker and Democratic challenger Mary Burke tied at 46% each. Back in March the governor had a 7 point lead.

1 4 5:10 And you can expect more of those political ads on TV soon – many from groups you've probably never heard of.

9 :50 Complaints are coming in over a recent fun run in Madison. Runners say the event didn't deliver on its promotional promises.

5 :20 A fire led to \$1 million in damage at a disposal company in Rock County. The fire destroyed 4 garbage trucks late last night at Rock Disposal in the Town of Beloit. No one was hurt.

May 22

4 11 2:05 It's a project expected to last all the way until 2019: construction on Verona Road began last year.

4 11 :20 The Verona Road project is split into 2 phases. The first, going on right now, includes Verona Road from Raymond to Nakoma Roads and the Beltline from Whitney Way to Seminole Highway.

5 :20 An overnight shooting in Beloit left one man dead and another hurt. This happened just before 1 this morning in the 1400 block of Hull Avenue. Police say 25-year-old Jeffrey Hardnett died at the hospital.

5 :25 Also in Rock County, Clayton Courtney pleaded not guilty to 6 charges against him, including attempted homicide. That's according to the Janesville Gazette.

5 :35 Tips are coming in about Columbia County's Jane Doe. Investigators are trying to identify the woman whose body was found in the Town of Caledonia in 1982. Authorities say calls started coming in 48 hours after they announced the case had been reopened.

3 9 :25 We've got you covered on a recall that now involves beef sold in Wisconsin. More than 2 million pounds is being recalled due to e-coli and some of it was sold at GFS Marketplace, which has 2 stores in Wisconsin, Madison and Appleton.

3 9 :20 Dip sold at Trader Joe's in Wisconsin is also being recalled. It's the Trader Jose's Five Layer Fiesta Dip in 11.5- and 24-ounce containers. The products may be contaminated with listeria.

2 1:50 A deteriorating school in Middleton is getting new life. Kromrey Middle School had trouble with mold in the past but now it's nearly done with the first phase of its renovation.

7 2:40 Each month we devote a few minutes of our newscast to recognizing one of the many volunteers in our area. This month the Jefferson Award goes to a couple from Columbia County who go the extra mile to help their neighbors.

2 4 :25 The UW-System may cover tuition for some high school students taking college-level courses. That's the proposal from UW System President Ray Cross. For one year Cross wants to use \$1 million in cash reserves to cover tuition for high school students who take UW classes offered in their schools for college credit. Cross plans to present his idea to the Board of Regents in 2 weeks.

6 :45 This Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial kickoff to the summer tourism season. State tourism officials believe it'll also be the beginning of a big year for tourism in Wisconsin.

8 :20 Just in time for the holiday weekend, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest's recreational trails are open again.

May 23

5 2:20 Beloit has been besieged by violence recently. A series of murders and shootings has people on edge and police trying to calm their fear.

5 :40 That increased police enforcement at Krueger Park was in effect today. It comes after shots were fired from some vehicles in the parking lot during several high school girls' softball games on Tuesday.

4 5 :55 The Wisconsin Department of Administration is still working to find places for employees to work after last week's fire at a state office building. The fire in the GEF-1 Building on East Washington Avenue displaced about 1,000 workers.

4 :25 Wisconsin's attorney general has made a pre-emptive strike in the battle over the state's ban on same-sex marriage. Today J.B. Van Hollen filed a motion today asking a federal judge to put a stay or hold on any order she may make to strike down the state's law. The motion also asks that the current law stay in place while the state appeals that possible order.

8 :20 Many people will use the holiday weekend to get on the water and officials in Dane County are asking everyone to help prevent the spread of invasive species.

13 :45 A tribute to a well-known American military general won't be out for Memorial Day because it's moving to new digs in Milwaukee. The statue of General Douglas MacArthur is in storage right now.

2 :40 Students at one Green County high school are discovering that photos in their yearbook are literally jumping off the page. The Brodhead High School yearbook staff developed a way to embed video in this year's edition.

2 4 :45 The federal government recognized a group of UW-Madison students for their recycling program. The students started Styrocycle, a recycling program for Styrofoam on campus.

2 :35 Elementary students in Madison are helping out their peers. Students from Stephens Elementary collected stuffed animals and donated them to the Madison Police Department.

May 24

4 5 2:00 This weekend a lot of families will be getting out on the water and the DNR wants boaters to stay safe.

13 :40 This morning in Madison volunteers began setting up the annual Memorial Mile at Olbrich Park. The tombstone display is in memory of the U.S. soldiers killed in Afghanistan and Iraq. Members of Veterans for Peace and other volunteers put up nearly 6,800 tombstones along Atwood Avenue.

13 2:00 This Memorial Day weekend bikers are starting a journey to honor our nation's service men and women.

May 25

4 2:10 Madison Fire Department's Tactical EMS Unit has been around for 7 years. Now the Department is asking for more money in the city budget to keep the team of medics trained.

5 :35 Two people died in separate crashes last night in Richland County. The sheriff's office says the first was near Cazenovia around 5:30. 37-year-old Angela Novotny was taken to a hospital where she died. Around 8 pm authorities found a truck had gone down a steep embankment on Excelsior Road west of Highway F in Blue River. 51-year-old Larry Holloway from Blue River was inside.

4 13 :35 Governor Scott Walker paid a visit to veterans and their families at a Memorial Day service near Racine today.

1 :20 The governor's Democratic challenger Mary Burke also stopping by a Memorial Day tradition today. She spent part of the day as a guest cashier at Brat Fest, raising money for various charities.

May 26

10 2:00 It's the third staging for a new musical travelling the state, which showcases life on the farm. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* meet the new cast of "Dairymen the Moo-sical."

13 :40 A large gathering at the State Capitol this morning honored veterans and those who died serving our country.

13 :25 In Sun Prairie a Memorial Day parade was followed up by a ceremony at the city's veterans' memorial honoring current service members.

3 7 3:35 13 Wisconsin volunteers signed up to be part of a first-ever global partners team in Ethiopia. Surgeons, physicians, nurses and non-medically-trained volunteers headed into the operating room at Project Mercy.

13 :35 Today while many of us are recognizing service men and women who've died in recent wars, there was special Memorial Day service to honor those who served during the Civil War.

13 :35 1,200 photos of Wisconsin soldiers killed in the Vietnam War have been collected for a memorial in Washington, D.C.

May 27

8 11 1:15 During the downpour, downtown Madison was a mess. Several streets flooded.

8 11 :15 It was much the same story on University Avenue near the UW Hospital. Storm drains were inundated by the heavy rain, making it a slower drive while many people were coming home from work.

4 5 :55 The Dane County district attorney cleared the deputies involved in a deadly shooting in Dane County earlier this month. D.A. Ismael Ozanne determined the officers were justified when they shot and killed 50-year-old Dean Caccamo at a home in the Town of Primrose. Ozanne said the Dane County Sheriff's Office exceeded the requirements of the new state law that requires outside agencies to investigate officer-involved shootings and that agencies will benefit from the new rules.

5 :15 The Dodge County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of a man from Neosho after he was found trapped underneath a truck. Authorities say the 46-year-old was driving the truck. He has not been identified.

5 :55 A small section of a state wildlife area in Columbia County is at the center of a big argument over guns. For years gun owners have been using this part of the Swan Lake Wildlife area near Pardeeville for target shooting. They fire into the berms, small hills. But people who live in the nearby Apple Valley subdivision say they've had bullets shot into their properties and they want authorities to shut down the shooting area.

4 5 :55 A warning tonight about scam emails claiming to be from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. The messages say the recipient owes tax money. Don't believe it.

4 :25 It's back to work for employees at the GEF 1 building in downtown Madison, but they're not back in the building yet.

4 :25 There were big legal developments today on 2 controversial issues in Wisconsin. First, the Wisconsin Supreme Court declined to hear a challenge to the state's ban on gay marriage brought by a same-sex couple from Milwaukee. A separate lawsuit is pending in federal court. And the trial is underway on a challenge to the state's law requiring abortion providers to get admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. The trial is expected to last all week.

6 8 :45 A Wisconsin oil pipeline is expected to triple its current capacity by 2016. The Enbridge Energy Pipeline currently carries 400,000 barrels of oil a day starting in Superior and running the length of the state into Illinois. But it has secured the necessary permits from the Wisconsin DNR to increase that capacity to 1.2 million barrels a day.

May 28

4 6 2:05 After a decade of talking, it looks like Madison might soon take action on the idea of a locally-stocked, public market.

4 :15 There is still 1 more scheduled community conversation on the public market idea. It's tomorrow night in the fellowship hall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church which is at 2126 North Sherman Avenue. The discussion runs from 6-8 pm.

4 5 :30 Multiple reports indicate a settlement is in the works to end the John Doe investigation in Wisconsin. Sources tell the Wall Street Journal and the Associated Press that Governor Scott Walker's attorney is discussing a deal with prosecutors. The investigation is looking into possible illegal coordination between Walker's campaign and conservative groups during the recall election in 2012. Governor Walker could not comment on the issue when questioned this morning.

4 5 :30 An official termination letter sheds more light on why UW Police Captain Peter Ystenes was fired. The letter says that for more than 6 years Ystenes used department cameras and cell phones to take pictures of unsuspecting women from photographing co-workers from under tables to taking pictures of women in stores.

5 :25 An 18-year-old is now charged in the shooting of a 10-year-old girl on a playground in Milwaukee. Sylvester Lewis faces 3 felonies, including reckless injury.

5 :20 Also in Milwaukee, one of the suspects in the theft of a rare violin was convicted today. 36-year-old Universal Allah pleaded guilty to robbery.

4 8 :40 The amount of crude oil being shipped by train in the U.S. is 50 times higher than it was just 6 years ago. As a result, rail cars spilled more oil in the U.S. in 2013 than in the past 4 decades combined. Because of that, the federal government is now requiring railroads to tell state emergency officials how much oil they're shipping through and when.

4 8 :25 Deer hunting is going to change in much of northern Wisconsin for the 2014 season. The State Natural Resources Board approved a recommendation that requires buck-only hunting in all or part of 19 counties and 4 reservations. Hunters in those areas won't be able to take an antler-less deer.

2 6 :30 The number of public school students in Wisconsin who are eligible for subsidized meals is increasing. The State Department of Public Instruction says more than 43% of students received free or reduced price lunches this school year. That's an increase of 1/10 of 1% or 625 students from the previous school year. But compared to a decade ago, it's an increase of nearly 14%.

4 12 2:10 We talked earlier about a public market for local food growers. There's also a new market, of sorts, for local music.

May 29

3 6 2:10 Summer is a challenging time for area food pantries and new data shows in our area, need is growing.

2 :35 The principal of Baraboo High School was suspended without pay for 2 days for helping students with a senior prank. Principal Glenn Bildsten began the suspension today. Bildsten sent an apology letter to parents saying he let a small group of students into the high school last Wednesday with the idea they would rearrange some desks in several classrooms. But that small group turned into 68 students. Bildsten says the students put zip ties on lockers, filled balloons with glitter and created a larger mess in parts of the school.

5 :25 The man charged in a playground shooting in Milwaukee was uncooperative in court this morning. 18-year-old Sylvester Lewis was wheeled into court, being restrained for security reasons.

5 :20 A felony charge was dropped against a father accused of using his daughter to carry out a drug deal. 43-year-old Quentin Ellefson was acquitted today.

6 :20 The Shopko on Madison's east side is closing. The store notified the State Department of Workforce Development that it plans to close on Shopko Drive. 66 workers will be laid off, starting in late July.

5 :20 Two people were taken to the hospital after an apartment fire in Madison. It happened around 3:30 this afternoon at 50 South Gammon Road near Madison Memorial High School.

8 1:30 We're learning more about the damage caused by flooding near downtown this week.

4 :40 A federal judge could rule any day on Wisconsin's same sex marriage ban.

6 11 :40 Bells will be ringing in Middleton, but they'll be signaling something different. The city now has a free trolley service.

4 :25 The public might have a chance to vote on whether to reverse a Janesville City Council decision. A resident is starting a petition to add a referendum question to the November ballot that would ask voters whether a plan to rebuild Janesville's main fire station should continue. That roughly \$9 million project would mean a dozen homes nearby would be torn down.

3 :50 The Medical College of Wisconsin will play a leading role in a new \$30 million federal study of sports concussions.

13 :25 General Douglas MacArthur has a new home in Milwaukee tonight. Crews lowered a 9 ½ ft. bronze sculpture onto its new base at Veterans' Park.

May 30

2 8 1:35 We're told it was acid fumes mixed with the heat that caused about 15 students to get sick at Riverdale High School in Muscoda.

5 :20 Police in Sun Prairie are asking for help to find a missing man. They're looking for 72-year-old Melvin Rediger.

5 :45 Investigators have yet to identify the person found dead this morning in Watertown. This person was found in a car in a parking lot on South Church Street.

5 :25 The Smithsonian Institute is joining in the investigation of a cold case in Rock County. They're looking into the death of a teenage boy who died in 1994 and his body was found near Clinton in 1995. The Rock County Coroner's Office sent a bone sample to the Smithsonian for analysis. Investigators are trying to determine the geographic region where the boy grew up.

4 5 :20 The Rock County district attorney determined police officers were justified when they shot Christopher Rutherford earlier this month in Beloit. Authorities say the officers opened fire when Rutherford took off in a van, hitting and killing Sheila Rosenbaum.

4 :40 Dane County Executive Joe Parisi is calling for immediate changes in the county's 911 center. He wants emergency calls to be dispatched faster.

1 5 :25 A conservative group is suing the State Elections Board over the second John Doe investigation. Wisconsin Club for Growth says the Government Accountability Board violated the group's rights. The John Doe investigation looked into possible illegal coordination between conservative groups and Governor Scott Walker's recall campaign.

3 4 :20 The federal trial on Wisconsin's abortion law ended today. At issue is the law that requires abortion providers in Wisconsin to get admitting privileges at nearby hospitals. Today U.S. District Judge William Conley said he's concerned the law is inflexible.

4 8 :25 Middleton is the latest southern Wisconsin city to confirm what was suspected: emerald ash borer is killing its ash trees.

May 31

1 3 :55 Wisconsin's candidates for attorney general all agree: heroin and opiate abuse top the list of the biggest problems in the state.

5 :55 A day after police discovered a body in a parking lot in Watertown, a memorial is forming for the person who died.

5 :25 In Waukesha, police say 2 girls are in custody after another girl was stabbed this morning.

5 :45 A man who died after crashing his car into the East River in Green Bay was the owner of Al's Hamburgers, a Green Bay landmark for 80 years. Green Bay Police say 74-year-old George Rank drove out of a parking lot, over a wall, and into the water yesterday afternoon.

5 :25 In Sauk County 1 person was killed and another hurt in a crash early this morning at the intersection of Terrytown Road and Excelsior Road near Baraboo.

5 :25 Monona Police set up a sting inside a business on Monona Drive and discovered an employee is to blame for a number of burglaries there. Monona Police arrested 22-year-old Jarid Hinz last night.

5 :50 A Wisconsin boy is in a medically-induced coma after he was badly burned by a SWAT team flash bang grenade thrown into a home during a drug raid in Atlanta. 19-month-old Bounkham Phonesavanh and his family were sleeping when police raided the home in the middle of the night. A friend says the family is from Janesville, but their house burned down so they went to stay with other family at the home in Atlanta.

Jun 1

5 1:55 An 11-year-old girl was killed early this morning after a tree fell on her family's tent at Devil's Lake State Park. Her brother and father were also hurt in the accident.

5 11 :50 In Stevens Point police say a 47-year-old pilot has died in a plane crash during the Stevens Point Air Show.

5 :25 Three people are in jail after police say they assaulted a Madison man this weekend. Madison Police say the 29-year-old victim was crossing the intersection of West Gilman and University Avenue when an SUV cut him off.

1 4 1:00 Governor Scott Walker and his Democratic challenger Mary Burke both attended the same event this morning but had different answers responding to questions about the John Doe investigation. The two served up food at Brown County's Breakfast on the Farm in De Pere.

11 1:40 Streets around the Capitol were closed this afternoon to promote bicycling. It was called the Ride the Drive event.

Jun 2

10 2:00 One in six Americans faces hunger—and milk is one of the most requested staples at food banks. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we're highlighting an effort to get milk into the hands of those who really need it.

5 :50 A woman's death in Watertown has now been ruled a murder. Investigators confirm the victim is the mother who had been reported missing. The Watertown Police Department says it was 28-year-old Heather Stewart whose body was found Friday in the parking lot of a former grocery store. Stewart was reported missing after she didn't show up for work last week.

5 :25 Bail is set at \$500,000 each for two 12-year-old girls accused of stabbing their friend 19 times. The girls are accused of luring another 12-year-old girl into the woods on Saturday and then police say one girl held the victim down while the other stabbed her with a kitchen knife.

4 5 :25 Two police officers were cleared in a deadly shooting in Madison. The Dane County District Attorney's Office says Sergeant David McClurg and Officer Carlin Becker were justified in their shooting of Londrell Johnson. Officers shot and killed Johnson May 2nd after police say he stabbed 3 people at an apartment on East Washington Avenue, killing 2 of them.

5 :25 Today we learned the name of the 11-year-old girl who died at Devil's Lake State Park over the weekend. The Department of Natural Resources says she is Allison Spahr.

6 :20 A Wisconsin-based wireless provider plans to close 6 locations across the state, including here in Madison. About 55 employees will be laid off, beginning in late July.

1 4 1:50 The deadline for political candidates to file nomination papers has passed. Candidates are required to submit a certain number of signatures to get on this year's election ballots.

6 3:15 The future is up in the air for a place where the past meets the present. Many of us have visited little Norway in Blue Mounds, but no one has over the last year.

6 8 :25 Businesses in northern Wisconsin are also concerned about visits from tourists. In this case they're worried there will be fewer deer hunters. They're concerned the new state restrictions in the north woods will impact their bottom line. For the upcoming gun-deer season, hunters will be able to take only bucks in 19 counties in northern and central Wisconsin.

Jun 3

5 :55 Tonight the 12-year-old girl who was stabbed in Waukesha is in stable condition. Family members say it's a miracle she survived. Two of her friends are charged in the case.

5 1:50 So what is the "Slender Man"? And where did it come from?

5 :20 The girls read about the Slender Man on the horror website Creepypasta Wiki.

5 :15 Police in Janesville arrested a man for enticing and trafficking of a child. This happened at 10:30 this morning. Police say the suspect picked up a 17-year-old girl who was walking near Randall and Ruger Avenues.

5 :15 Investigators are looking into a man's death in Stoughton. The 31-year-old was found dead in a vehicle in the Culver's parking lot on Nygaard Street. Police are trying to determine how he died.

4 5 :30 Two Madison police officers were exonerated in last month's shooting on East Washington Avenue. Sergeant David McClurg and Officer Carlin Becker were cleared by an internal review by the police department. The officers shot and killed Londrell Johnson on May 2nd.

2 5 :30 No students will be ticketed after a senior prank at Baraboo High School got out of hand.

4 11 :25 This week the Wisconsin State Patrol is testing semis to make sure they're safe for the road. It's part of the nationwide Roadcheck Program, sponsored by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance.

4 11 :35 Emergency crews practiced their response to a full-scale disaster at the Dane County Regional Airport today. They simulated a plane crash on the airport runway.

4 6 :45 Some of Wisconsin's most promising start-up businesses competed today in the Governor's Business Plan Project. And they find out tomorrow if they will walk away with \$25,000.

Jun 4

2 2:20 It's tradition at Middleton High School for seniors to have dress up days the final week of school. But when the administration caught wind today's theme was Cross-Dressing Day, they said it would not be allowed, sparking controversy at the school.

4 7 :20 The Beloit Fire Department is commending two good Samaritans who helped a couple get out of their car when it caught fire today. Firefighters say the two people inside couldn't open their doors or windows, so two bystanders broke the window to help the couple escape.

4 :25 The County's 911 Board decided to do away with a policy adopted in 2010 called Police Priority Dispatch. It requires dispatchers to ask a series of questions but ultimately keeps them on the line for 25 seconds longer per call. The 911 center director says they'll go back to policies in place before 2010.

4 :15 Tonight, problems with the 911 system in the Wisconsin Dells area have been fixed.

5 :25 Authorities say the health of the 12-year-old girl stabbed 19 times is improving.

5 :15 Today the creator of the Slender Man says he is deeply saddened by the stabbing. Eric Knudsen published the first stories about the character in an online forum 5 years ago.

3 13 :20 Madison is now part of a national initiative to end veteran homelessness by the end of 2015.

4 5 :20 The DNR shut down a makeshift shooting range in Columbia County. It's at the Swan Lake Wildlife area near Pardeeville.

4 :15 The DNR says it's moving ahead with plans to build a public shooting range in Columbia County. It would be in the Mud Lake Wildlife area near Rio. It could open as soon as the fall of 2015.

2 4 :20 The Madison School Board signed off on new contracts for district employees. The deal between the school district and Madison Teachers, Inc. includes a pay raise of a quarter of a percent in the 2015-2016 school year. The raise could be bigger once the district knows how much state funding it will get for that school year.

5 :25 A deer crashed into the window of a business on Madison's west side tonight.

3 4 :40 A drug that could help some children with seizure disorders became legal in Wisconsin in April, but families are no closer to getting it. Physicians can now prescribe a marijuana compound called Cannabidiol or CBD if they get a waiver from the FDA. But essentially no doctors are pursuing that, in part because the FDA has yet to approve the drug's use.

3 5 :30 Wisconsin will get almost \$2 million in a settlement with a major pharmaceutical company over misleading ads and promotions for its drugs. Wisconsin is one of 45 states splitting a \$105 million settlement with Glaxo-Smith-Kline for the company's misrepresentation of the use and effectiveness of some of its drugs. They include asthma medication, Advair and antidepressant drugs Paxil and Wellbutrin. Along with the money, the settlement announced today requires GSK to change its marketing and promotions.

Jun 5

7 1:35 It was the definition of a random act of kindness. A pair of good Samaritans helping an elderly couple in a broken down car.

5 :25 The family of the 12-year-old girl who was repeatedly stabbed in Waukesha says she's improving every day.

4 5 :25 Georgia Governor Nathan Deal said today he's open to discussing changes to state laws regarding "no-knock" warrants after a Janesville child was hurt in Atlanta.

11 :40 Every year it's the same story, summer hits and road construction kicks into high gear. Several projects are underway at the same time this summer in Madison.

4 6 :50 The state is starting to distribute some of the money from its new \$25 million venture capital fund, but biotech firms in Madison are on the outside looking in. Flugen Incorporated is one such firm.

4 :20 Today marks two years since Governor Walker defeated Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett in the 2012 recall election.

13 :40 Wisconsin will commemorate the 70-year anniversary of the invasion of Normandy with a special ceremony at the Capitol tomorrow.

5 1:45 A lot of us use the summer months to take a trip, but before you go you should make sure you aren't setting yourself up for an unwelcome surprise when you get back. Kristen Barbaresi has you covered with how to keep your home safe while you're gone.

2 :20 An online study finds that UW-Madison has a big influence on social media.

2 :20 The UW Board of Regents approved a budget for the upcoming school year. The plan will freeze tuition costs for all students for the second straight year, but student fees and costs for room and board will go up. The increase will mean each student will pay an average of \$218 more next year at the 13 4-year campuses.

2 :20 The Board of Regents also approved a request to bolster the financial aid program in the state. The request will give a near \$15 million boost to the Wisconsin Higher Education Grant Program. The money will eliminate a student waiting list for grants and increase the award amount per student in the 2016-2017 school year.

6 :20 8,000 more people applied for first-time unemployment benefits last week than the week before. The Labor Department says last week's first-time benefit total was 312,000.

Jun 6

4 2:05 Officials in Dane County began conducting marriages about an hour after the ruling was announced. When they ended tonight at 9 o'clock, 61 couples were married.

4 2:10 But it's still not legally clear whether those marriages are valid. As we mentioned, the state attorney general is fighting today's ruling against the ban.

4 :30 Governor Walker reacted to tonight's decision by saying, "It is correct for the attorney general on this or any other issue, to defend the Constitution of the State of Wisconsin, especially in a case where the people voted to amend it." Democratic gubernatorial candidate Mary Burke also talked about the ruling while at the State Democratic Convention: "Today is a great day for Wisconsin and committed couples who love each other across the state. This freedom is now available in Wisconsin is something we all can and should be proud of."

1 4 :15 Burke spoke at tonight's opening of the State Democratic Convention in Wisconsin Dells. The other Democratic candidate who could be on the ballot is Brett Hulsey. The state assemblyman from Madison wants to speak at the convention. But the state party said no.

1 4 :15 In a statement, a state party spokesperson said, "Just like in 2010 and 2012, the party's administrative committee recognized that there is one serious Democrat with a plan to move Wisconsin forward. Our party is united behind our fantastic candidate."

5 :40 Authorities say two suitcases containing the remains of two people were found in the Town of Geneva.

5 20 The parents of the 12-year-old girl who was stabbed 19 times announced tonight that their daughter has been released from the hospital.

13 :30 70 years ago today, American and allied troops landed on the beaches of Nazi-occupied France in one of the most epic battles in history. Today D-Day was remembered by surviving veterans and world leaders.

13 :30 Some local veterans of D-Day were honored in a ceremony at the Capitol today.

4 5 :20 Today former district attorney Ken Kratz lost his license to practice law in Wisconsin for 4 months. In 2010 Kratz sent racy text messages to a domestic abuse victim whose abuser he was prosecuting. Other women came forward saying he made sexual comments to them.

4 5 :15 Kratz, now in private practice in South Bend, Indiana, issued the following statement: "Despite having lost my 25-year career, my wife, my house, my life savings and my reputation, the opportunity I have been given to change my life and recover from my addictive past has been remarkable."

2 :30 Leaders of Wisconsin's two public higher education systems signed an historic agreement today that essentially makes a 4-year degree more affordable to more people.

6 9 :15 Alliant Energy prices will stay the same for the next two years.

2 :15 Madison metro schools are planning to put a stopper in the summer brain drain. The district is urging families to take part in its Read Up campaign.

Jun 7

4 2:05 76 more couples got their marriage licenses at the Dane County Clerk's Office today. That makes 137 since yesterday afternoon when a federal judge struck down the state's ban on same-sex marriage.

4 :25 And 146 couples have tied the knot in Milwaukee since the ruling late yesterday.

4 :45 Legal experts say U.S. Judge Barbara Crabb's ruling yesterday is a bit vague, leaving questions over what happens next.

7 :25 Baseball players in Waukesha are helping raise money for a 12-year-old girl who was stabbed last weekend.

5 :25 Authorities are looking for two suspects involved in a shooting at a motel near East Towne Mall early this morning. Madison Police say two men in their 20's armed with handguns entered a motel room and demanded money from a 25-year-old man.

5 10 :15 A late night fire in Marathon County destroyed a barn and all the cows inside. Easton fire officials say when crews arrived around midnight the entire barn was up in flames. About 70 cows died in the fire but no people were hurt.

4 :20 This weekend admission is free at all of Wisconsin's state parks.

Jun 8

7 2:15 Thirty years ago today an F-5 tornado tore through the Village of Barneveld killing 9 people and leaving more than 200 other hurt. The storm changed the community forever.

4 1:55 It's been 2 days since a federal judge struck down Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriage. The ban had been in place since 2006. Pete Zervakis joins us now with more on how the decision could impact public opinion on gay marriage.

4 :45 Divorced fathers rallied at the Capitol this afternoon hoping to gain attention for their cause – visitation rights. The group wants legislation to change the state's custody law so parents have to live in the same school district as their kids.

4 5 :50 Protesters in the Atlanta area are calling for a change in tactics after a baby from Janesville was burned during a raid by police.

Jun 9

10 2:00 Farmers under the age of 40 are nominated each year to represent Wisconsin at the National Awards Congress held the following year to vie for the title of National Outstanding Young Farmer. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News*, meet this year's state winner Todd Augustian.

4 1:15 Same-sex marriages are still alive in Wisconsin. A federal judge refused to put a halt to them today, yet she also didn't give them her legal approval.

4 :20 Rock County began issuing marriage licenses this morning. It's one of 13 counties in the 27 News viewing area that are issuing licenses. The 4 others are still waiting for clarification from the state.

3 4 :50 A newly-released audit shows wait times at the Madison V.A. Hospital are the longest in Wisconsin. The report by the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs shows a new patient has to wait 51 days for an appointment. The V.A.'s target is 14 days.

5 :20 Madison firefighters were called out to a fire tonight at a senior living center on Madison's west side. This happened around 8:30 at Oakwood Village on Mineral Point Road.

4 :20 Madison's Plan Commission delayed a vote on the future of a Civil War-era building downtown. Developers want to put an apartment building at 502 West Main Street and either move or knock down the current residence that's been there for about 150 years.

4 5 :20 There's no criminal liability for the Madison Police officers involved in a deadly shooting last month. That's the determination from the Dane County District Attorney's Office. Officers shot and killed Ashley DiPiazza on May 18th at an apartment on MacArthur Road. Police say DiPiazza was armed and threatened the officers.

5 :25 Authorities in Dodge County are looking into a possible death within the walls of the Waupun State Prison, 50 years ago. A former inmate told the sheriff's office a few months ago that he saw a staff member kill a prisoner in the 1960s. Sheriff Patricia Ninmann says the caller didn't report it at the time but it had been weighing on his mind. Ninmann says investigators are taking the tip seriously and they are now pouring over old prison records.

5 :20 We now know the bodies found inside suitcases in Walworth County were both female. Autopsies show one was an adult and the other also appears to be an adult, but investigators still need more information before making that official.

5 11 :20 Tonight divers recovered the body of a pilot whose plane crashed into Lake Superior. The plane went down Saturday about a mile off the shore of Duluth.

4 5 :20 A federal appeals court says the John Doe investigation should remain on hold. Prosecutors were looking into possible illegal coordination between conservative groups

and Governor Scott Walker's recall campaign. In May a federal judge halted the investigation. Today the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judge's ruling.

1 4 1:00 State election officials will announce tomorrow morning whether they think Madison Democrat Brett Hulseby should be disqualified from running in the August 12th primary for governor. The State Democratic Party is trying to convince the Government Accountability Board that Hulseby should not be on the ballot because he didn't get enough valid nomination signatures. In fact, the party's complaint against Hulseby accuses him of forging the cities or towns of petition signers.

4 8 :25 A small town in Rock County is in a land battle with the State Department of Natural Resources. The DNR wants to buy 205 acres of private land to expand the Avon Bottoms Wildlife Area in the Town of Avon. But the town chairman is dead set against the idea.

8 :15 Wisconsin is off to one of the slowest starts to tornado season on record. It's in the top 10 all-time. No twisters have touched down in the state this year.

4 10 :45 A recent crackdown by the Food and Drug Administration could drastically change the cheese making industry in Wisconsin. Federal officials say the cheese should not be aged in wood.

9 10 :20 The base of the dairy industry, milk, is getting more expensive. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says a gallon of whole milk cost \$3.69 in April.

6 :20 More than a dozen businesses and organizations in the Madison area are joining a program to make them more environmentally friendly. The 13 M-Power Business Champions include companies like Shop Bop and Trek.

Jun 10

3 4 2:00 Tonight Dane County's plans for a new homeless day center were dealt a setback. A Town of Madison committee voted to not approve the plan. The county board approved purchasing the Porchlight Hospitality site at 1490 Martin Street last month but the town planning committee has concerns.

7 :40 Support is pouring in for the Waukesha girl who survived a stabbing attack.

5 :20 A 2-year-old from Dodge County is in the hospital after ingesting cocaine. The child wasn't feeling well and was taken from a home in the Village of Lomira Sunday night.

5 :25 New tips are coming in about the two bodies found in suitcases in Walworth County. In one case a caller told police that a few days before he saw a suitcase fall from a pickup truck a few miles from where the bodies were found and the driver struggled under the bag's weight to put it back in the truck bed.

5 :25 Metro Transit cleared the driver who was behind the wheel of a bus that ran over a man in Madison on May 19th. Metro says driver Michael Sanchez was not at fault.

4 :15 More than 2/3 of Wisconsin's counties are issuing same-sex marriage licenses. They're going out in 49 of 72 counties.

1 4 :40 Mary Burke and State Assemblyman Brett Hulseby will square off in a Democratic primary for governor. Today the Government Accountability Board rejected a challenge to Hulseby's candidacy allowing him to appear on the August primary ballot. The GAB only rejected 57 of Hulseby's signatures leaving him with well over the 2,000 he needed.

5 6 2:10 A local company is taking complaints about unfair trade practices to the U.S. government. Stoughton Trailers says hundreds of jobs are at stake.

2 5 :35 A conservative, non-profit group is threatening to sue the University of Wisconsin for racial discrimination in its selection of students. Last year the Supreme Court ruled that colleges and universities must try to use everything except race to determine who gets into the school. But the Project on Fair Representation says UW-Madison has not done that and the group has started a social media campaign trying to recruit people who applied and failed to get into the UW to join a possible lawsuit.

8 :25 A staple of summer is back on Madison's lakes. It's not one to celebrate – we're talking about blue-green algae.

Jun 11

4 1:25 A flood of same-sex couples applied for marriage licenses after a court ruling on Friday, but some are holding off on saying their vows.

4 :55 The hundreds of same-sex couples now married could find themselves in legal limbo if a freeze of Judge Barbara Crabb's ruling is issued.

4 :15 On Friday Judge Crabb will hear arguments on what she should order state officials to do next. The ACLU wants Crabb to require the state to let same-sex couples marry and recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states. Van Hollen says that request is too broad.

4 :25 While this court battle continues, the State Office of Vital Records has started processing same-sex marriage licenses. The office had been holding them while waiting to hear from the A.G.'s office on what to do next. But it's since decided to process the licenses.

5 :25 Bail is set at \$1 million for the man accused of murdering Heather Stewart. 32-year-old Michael Henderson of Waterloo was arrested and is now charged in her death.

5 :25 A mental health exam is ahead for one, and possibly both, of the girls accused of stabbing a classmate 19 times. Both of the 12-year-olds were in Waukesha County court today.

4 10 :25 The Food and Drug Administration is easing fears about its regulation of cheese makers. Some in Wisconsin were concerned they wouldn't be able to use wood to age their products.

3 :20 A big grant will keep funding Alzheimer's research at UW-Madison.

6 :15 A company in the UW Research Park is expanding. Ultratec is adding space to its corporate headquarters on Science Drive.

6 :20 On Madison's south side, demolition crews knocked down an old car wash on West Badger Road, making way for a park for kids. The Fountain of Life Covenant Church plans to build the Badger Road Field of Dreams there. It would include a soccer field and basketball courts.

5 11 :25 The pilot who died when his plane crashed into Lake Superior last weekend was from Germany. Authorities in northeastern Minnesota say he was 47-year-old Alexander Georg Ober-Steg.

2 4 :25 The 16-year-old student who started a big fire at Oconto High School will not face criminal charges.

Jun 12

5 1:45 Friends and family gathered tonight to remember a Madison woman shot and killed in her east side duplex one year ago. Julia Majette was 25. Her murder remains unsolved.

5 :20 It's 55 years in prison for the father convicted of running over and killing his young son. That sentence was handed down today to 32-year-old Jesus Castillo-Dimas. He also stabbed his estranged wife, which is the boy's mother, and attacked her boyfriend.

5 :15 Also in court today, a Madison man was convicted of killing his brother. Bonnell Hanger took a deal and pleaded guilty in the death of Fredrica Hanger who was shot on East Wilson Street in March. Hanger faces up to 65 years in prison at sentencing.

4 5 :20 The Madison Police Department cleared two officers involved in last month's shooting on MacArthur Road. An internal review determined the officers were justified in using deadly force when they shot and killed Ashley DiPiazza. Authorities say DiPiazza was armed and threatened police.

5 :20 Investigators determined an apartment fire in Madison last month was intentionally set. The fire on Loomis Circle displaced 15 people and caused at least \$500,000 in

damage. The Madison Fire Department says it has identified the person it believes is responsible and has forwarded its report to the Dane County District Attorney's Office.

4 :35 Tomorrow federal Judge Barbara Crabb is expected to officially grant same-sex couples in Wisconsin the right to marry.

4 2:15 If Judge Crabb does freeze her ruling, it will put in question the status of marriages in the last week. Kristen Barbaresi has you covered on how this impacts couples' rights to healthcare benefits.

4 :35 Today Governor Scott Walker reiterated his support for Van Hollen's defense of the state's same-sex marriage amendment. During a stop in Oak Creek the governor said his personal opposition to gay marriage doesn't matter, because the people of this state approved the ban.

13 :50 There's closure tonight for the family of a World War II soldier. Local doctors have finally determined how he died, 70 years later.

4 11 :20 The State Department of Transportation is helping Fitchburg build a few new streets in town. The DOT awarded the city a \$1 million grant to make 2 new streets – Sprocket and Spoke. The roads will connect McKee Road with the Frontage Road along Verona Road. City officials say improving access will benefit growing businesses in that area.

4 10 :25 Wisconsin Congressman Mark Pocan wants to keep the Food and Drug Administration from banning wood-aging cheese making. Pocan and some colleagues are pushing an amendment to an agriculture bill to do just that.

6 8 :25 A new report suggests utility companies in Wisconsin are well-positioned to meet the federal government's new carbon standards. Data from the Wisconsin Public Service Commission shows that in 2013 utilities generated more than 10% of their electricity from renewable resources. The state's goal was to be above 10% by 2015.

12 :20 Goodman Pool in Madison is open just in time for the end of the school year.

Jun 13

4 1:20 Same-sex marriages are legal but on hold in Wisconsin tonight after a federal judge made her final ruling ending Wisconsin's ban on same-sex marriages.

3 5 :45 UW-Madison Police say a former UW-Hospital nurse stole strong pain medication that was intended for patients and refilled the containers with water or saline. Authorities say 31-year-old Stephanie Jones admitted to hospital staff that she was stealing morphine and other pain medication for at least 6 months.

5 :20 Detectives in Platteville are trying to solve the murder of a taxi driver who was found dead in the trunk of his car. Overnight authorities near La Crosse discovered the body after a high-speed chase and a crash. Police arrested the driver, 25-year-old Timmy Lansing Johnson, Jr.

5 :25 South of Madison 4 people were injured in a crash on Highway 14 in the Town of Rutland. The Dane County Sheriff's Office says a garbage truck was rear-ended by a beer delivery truck. The beer truck was then hit by an SUV which then crossed the center line and struck another SUV head on.

8 :40 There appears to be an effective weapon in Wisconsin's fight against the emerald ash borer. Today crews in Madison showed us how they inject ash trees with an environmentally-friendly chemical called triage to control the beetle which ends up killing the trees.

4 8 :40 Meanwhile, it's a fight to save the honey bee. They've been disappearing due to a sickness in hives and now the USDA is working with landowners in Wisconsin to set up bee-friendly environments. The agency is giving 80 landowners money to put in plants and flowers that attract bees and provide a healthy food source to keep them alive through a cold winter.

9 11 :25 GM is announcing another recall due to an ignition switch problem. Around 512,000 Camaros between the model years of 2010 to 2014 are being recalled.

9 11 :25 And as the auto recalls continue in the U.S., this year is on pace to break the record for most recalls for a single year.

Jun 14

4 :50 Same-sex marriages are legal but on hold in Wisconsin after a federal judge made her final decision on the state's ban yesterday. Today Governor Scott Walker is weighing in. He says he agrees with Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen's request for a stay during the appeal process.

4 :35 Now the legality of the nearly 500 marriage licenses granted after last week's decision is being questioned.

5 :25 The main road around UW Hospital was closed this morning for a bomb scare that turned out to be a false alarm. UW-Madison Police say a pedestrian heard a beeping sound coming from a trash can outside a UW med school building on Highland Avenue.

5 :20 Officials believe alcohol and speed contributed to a deadly crash early this morning in Dane County. The sheriff's office says a driver lost control around a curve and hit a tree on Martinsville Road near High Rise Road in the Town of Berry.

5 :20 Authorities are investigating the deaths of 2 people who were hit by a train around midnight in Juneau County. Mauston Police say the 2 were standing on the tracks in Mauston.

7 :25 The Milwaukee community is raising money for a 10-year-old girl who was shot in the head last month. Sierra Guyton was hit by a stray bullet while she was on a playground in Milwaukee. She's still in the hospital, on life support.

3 :25 Health officials are on high alert as several new cases of a mosquito-borne virus have emerged. They're concerned it could soon become as prevalent as West Nile. The Chikungunya virus has no known cure or treatment. Today 2 more cases were confirmed in Rhode Island bringing the total to 41 in 6 states.

9 :20 Apple is recalling I-Phone chargers in 37 countries. The company's website says its 5W adapter may overheat and pose a safety risk.

7 :45 A Civil Air Patrol cadet is being honored for his leadership and skills. Cilton Wilbur is the newest recipient of the Billy Mitchell Award after passing a written exam and assessment of his leadership skills.

2 :20 Middleton High School has named its new principal. Steve Plank will take over duties at the school after Denise Hermann resigned in May to accept a similar position in California.

10 :45 Many gathered this morning to get a glimpse of what life is like on the farm. This year's annual Dane County Breakfast on the Farm was served at Zander's Dairy Farm in Mount Horeb.

Jun 15

3 2:00 While many spent time with Dad today, more than 24 million children in America won't have that chance. Census numbers show 1 in 3 kids are living without their father. Gordon Severson explains why researchers believe a male role model is crucial for a child's development.

3 1:45 The Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Meriter Hospital got a special surprise this month. Pete Zervakis tells us it all started with a 10-year-old girl who was inspired by her little sister.

5 11 :35 A freight train went off the tracks this morning on the south side of Milwaukee.

4 5 :25 An investigation in UW-Milwaukee's police chief has found he exchanged inappropriate messages with a student. But the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reports a Milwaukee county judge's review also found Michael Marzion did not violate school policy.

5 :20 One person is dead after a rollover crash early this morning in Sauk County. The sheriff's office says a driver lost control of a truck around a curve on Highway 60 and it rolled several times.

5 :25 Madison Police are looking for 2 suspects who assaulted a man at a downtown bar. Police say the 51-year-old and his daughter were at Red Rock Saloon when he was attacked.

4 :2 A national report has found the number of police officers who have died in the line of duty is up this year in the U.S. According to the Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, 63 officers have died on the job since this time last year. That's compared to 45 last year. This comes after 2 officers were shot and killed last week in Las Vegas.

4 12 :40 A county park in northeastern Wisconsin is finally reopen after a tornado wiped out $\frac{3}{4}$ of it last August.

Jun 16

10 2:00 Not every public institution can claim 125 years of service. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* we're shining a light on the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences as it celebrates 125 years of research, teaching, and outreach.

2 4 1:50 The Madison School Board has passed a budget for next year.

4 :25 Congressional Democrats from Wisconsin are asking the federal government to recognize the marriages of same-sex couples who recently wed in Wisconsin. Senator Tammy Baldwin, along with Representatives Ron Kind, Gwen Moore and Mark Pocan sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder with that request.

1 4 :40 Same-sex marriage is becoming a bigger issue in the race for governor.

5 :30 An Iraq war veteran was dealt another setback in his bid for leniency for a past crime. The Grant County district attorney rejected the bid from 33-year-old Eric Pizer. Pizer was convicted of substantial battery in 2004 in Grant County and he says that's holding him back from a career in law enforcement.

2 5 :20 Opening statements begin tomorrow in the trial of a former UW football recruit charged with sexual assault. Jurors were picked today in the case against 18-year-old Dominic Cizauskas.

5 :20 The driver involved in a crash Saturday morning in Dane County is still in the hospital tonight. Authorities say 22-year-old Kurt Laufenberg has serious injuries. His passenger, 22-year-old Dylan Lindeman of Middleton was killed.

5 :20 Firefighters in Janesville rescued a dog from a house fire today. A passerby called in the fire in the 1600 block of Barham Avenue this morning.

2 :35 A big donation will fund a new research institute at UW-Madison. The Grainger Foundation committed \$25 million to create the Grainger Institute for Engineering.

5 :40 Two teenagers took action when they noticed something strange on the highway this weekend. The driver next to them was 9 years old. Authorities say the 9-year-old and a 4-year-old stole a car and took off.

4 5 :25 In Milwaukee 3 of the 4 police officers hurt in a traffic crash have been released from the hospital. The 4th is still being treated for nonlife-threatening injuries.

Jun 17

8 :15 Six tornadoes hit southern Wisconsin late last night and into early this morning, tearing apart homes, shaking neighborhoods, and knocking down trees and power lines.

8 1:55 A confirmed EF-3 tornado ripped apart homes in Verona.

2 4 :35 The tornado that hit Verona also caused a wall to collapse at Country View Elementary. Governor Scott Walker visited the school today and spoke with families whose homes were damaged. While in Verona, Walker thanked emergency crews for their quick response.

5 :40 A curfew is in place tonight in storm-damaged areas of Platteville. Two tornadoes hit the city, an EF-2 and an EF-1.

8 :40 The National Weather Service confirmed tonight a tornado touched down in Madison. The EF-2 hit about a mile southwest of the Capitol.

8 :20 Two of the tornadoes that hit our area touched down in Green County last night.

6 1:45 Homeowners who sustained property damage during the storms were likely busy today making insurance claims. Those claims then have to be processed.

8 :20 Utility crews have also been busy today, restoring power to thousands of homes and businesses.

5 :40 A fire in a church in Jefferson County won't keep its members from getting together. Firefighters from 16 different departments were called to Cornerstone Church in Waterloo around 9:45 last night.

4 :25 Early August is the latest target date for people to start returning to work at the fire-damaged GEF-1 Building in Madison. The May fire forced about 1,000 workers out of their offices and they've since been working out of home or temporary desks. Today state

officials said it appears areas will be ready for some workers in early August, but it'll be the end of August before most return. The cause of the fire was ruled accidental, an electrical problem.

3 5 :25 The Adams County Sheriff's Office is asking for help to find a missing "at risk" teenager. They're looking for 16-year-old Evelyne Fischer. She was last seen on the night of June 13th at a home in the Town of Springville, north of Wisconsin Dells. She's believed to be with 20-year-old Tyler Hand. Authorities say Hand has a warrant for his arrest for sexual assault of a child.

4 :25 There could be more lawsuits coming over the state's same-sex marriage ban. Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union in Wisconsin are looking at whether to file lawsuits on behalf of same-sex couples who got married after a federal judge struck down the ban.

4 11 :20 The Dane County Regional Airport will soon be getting an upgrade. It'll receive some money from the Wisconsin Airport Improvement Fund.

7 :20 Meet your neighbors over dinner – it's the theme of Madison's Meet and Eat, which is back this summer.

7 :25 Tonight our local Jefferson Award winner was honored at a national ceremony. Barbara Knopf is one of 90 recipients recognized at an awards gala in Washington, D.C.

Jun 18

8 :15 Another round of severe weather hit the Madison area this morning. Trees fell onto at least 5 homes and damaged cars in Sun Prairie.

8 :10 Homes on Madison's west side were hit by the storm, too. The Wexford Village area was one of the hardest hit.

8 :15 Many homes lost power after the storm and tonight, most of them have it back.

8 2:00 Kristen Barbaresi tagged along as crews worked and joins us now with more. A spokesman for MG&E says all power should be restored by midnight.

2 :40 UW-Platteville will resume summer classes tomorrow after being closed for 2 days from tornado damage. Student workers were on campus today, cleaning up debris.

4 :20 A resource center is opening for anyone in the greater Platteville community. It's at Platteville High School on East Madison Street.

2 :20 Over in Verona, the cleanup process is underway at Country View Elementary.

4 5 :45 Some people in Dane County were wondering why they didn't hear warning sirens when the storms swept through. Dane County Emergency Management says it's because the system put in place two years ago only activates sirens for locations most at risk. The old system would have sounded sirens for the entire county.

4 8 1:35 The recent rain has emergency officials on alert for flooding.

5 :20 Former Badger football recruit Dominic Cizauskas was convicted tonight in a sexual assault case. Prosecutors say he assaulted an acquaintance in her dorm room during an official visit to campus in December. The 18-year-old pleaded not guilty.

5 :40 In Rock County Nathan Middleton will spend more than 2 decades behind bars. The Evansville man was sentenced to 22 years in prison for burning and hiding the body of 18-year-old Aprina Paul last October.

6 10 :40 Beef prices are at an all-time high and state officials say they probably won't drop anytime soon. The national average for ground beef is just shy of \$4 a pound. That's a 74% jump since 2009. Production has remained steady in Wisconsin, but a drought in Texas hurt production there.

4 9 :20 Here's another thing that could hit your wallet – an increase in tax on gas. Two senators are proposing to raise it 12 cents over the next 2 years. They say it would replenish the Federal Highway Trust Fund which is expected to go broke in late August. If passed, it would be the first increase in more than 2 decades.

11 :20 Drivers should expect delays tomorrow on part of the interstate near Madison. The DOT says 2 lanes of south bound I-39/90-94 will be closed between the Badger Interchange and the Beltline.

4 6 :20 A decision in the U.S. House tomorrow could impact hundreds of jobs in Wisconsin. Lawmakers are expected to vote on funding for the Littoral Combat Ship program as part of the 2015 Defense Authorization Act. Defense officials want to end production early. Some of the ships are built at Marinette Marine in Marinette, Wisconsin, which employs about 1,400 people.

Jun 19

5 2:10 Prosecutors accuse Governor Scott Walker of being part of a national criminal scheme. The allegations became public in hundreds of pages of unsealed documents from the John Doe investigation.

5 :45 A break today in a murder case in Rock County. Police arrested 28-year-old Clayton Courtney for killing his girlfriend, Britney Cross. The 21-year-old Cross was found dead May 5th.

8 :55 A woman who survived one of the tornadoes in Platteville this week faces a long recovery. She shared her experience in an interview.

2 :15 Meantime, the public sector damage estimate in Platteville tops \$10 million. That includes damage to several buildings and the football stadium at UW Platteville. The chancellor of the university says it will be ready to serve all of its students this fall.

4 :20 In Dane County, this week's storms caused losses of more than \$15 million. The county executive's office says there is more than \$10.5 million in damage to homes and businesses and more than \$4.5 million to public buildings. The estimate now goes to the state which will decide whether to apply for federal disaster assistance.

6 :15 Wisconsin lags behind most of the country when it comes to job growth. Numbers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show Wisconsin ranks 37th out of all 50 states. We had job growth of just over 1% in 2013.

4 6 :20 Madison Mayor Paul Soglin is one of 16 mayors from major cities across the U.S. asking for a hike in the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$10.10 an hour.

5 :20 The company that ran the Electric Foam 5K in Madison has now filed for bankruptcy.

7 2:45 Every month we choose one volunteer from our community as the Jefferson Award winner for their service. Tonight's recipient proves you're never too young to start giving back.

3 9 :25 Kraft is recalling Velveeta Cheese that may have been sold in Wisconsin.

8 :25 Millions of pounds of toxic chemicals are getting into Wisconsin's rivers and lakes. Wisconsin Environment Research and Policy Center says data from the EPA shows industrial facilities dumped nearly 3 million pounds of toxic chemicals in Wisconsin's waterways in 2012. The research center recommends these industries switch from toxic chemicals to safer alternatives, along with restoring Clean Water Act protections to all of our waters.

Jun 20

8 1:40 A break from severe weather means boaters got out on the water today, but officials say they need to use caution and watch for debris left from the storms.

8 :25 Here's another thing for boaters to watch out for – emergency slow, no-wake rules due to high water.

4 :20 With all the rain we've received this week, water is getting into the basement of homes. For people in Sauk County, the county's emergency management has flood clean up kits available with things like mops, towels and disinfectant.

8 :20 The tornado total in southern Wisconsin is up to 9. The National Weather Service confirmed 3 more today.

4 :15 Today Governor Walker declared a state of emergency in Dane, Grant and Green Counties where 8 of the 9 tornadoes touched down. The declaration directs all state agencies to help these counties with the recovery effort. The tornadoes caused millions in damage, but no deaths.

7 :40 Volunteers are a big part of the recovery effort in Madison and Verona. Memorial Baptist Church in Verona is coordinating the effort and more than 100 volunteers have stepped up to help so far.

5 :50 Police in Watertown say a man killed one man and injured another using a samurai sword. 29-year-old Young Choi was arrested and is now charged with intentional homicide. Investigators say Choi stabbed Dustin Vander-Heyden and another man in a boarding house above a bar on Thursday.

5 :20 Prosecutors filed a homicide charge against 28-year-old Clayton Courtney today. He's accused of killing his girlfriend, 21-year-old Britney Cross.

5 :20 A former Middleton bank executive was convicted of sexually assaulting a child. Jurors determined Thursday that 50-year-old Michael Daniel was guilty of two felony charges. In March of 2013 prosecutors say Daniel victimized a 13-year-old girl during the teens sleepover at his Sun Prairie home.

5 :20 A construction worker died on a job site in Richland County today. Just before noon, the Richland County Sheriff's Office was called to the Ithaca school construction site for a report that a man was trapped under a crane. There deputies found the body of 30-year-old Christopher Kraemer of Spring Green.

4 8 :30 The federal government is spreading more money across the upper Midwest to save honey bees.

4 6 :30 The House passed a bill this morning that includes money for the Littoral Combat Ship program. The defense spending bill would fund 2 ships in 2015.

4 :25 Minnesota is trying to convince Wisconsin to accept a new agreement on income tax reciprocity. Minnesota says Wisconsin owes it about \$92 million a year because many more Wisconsinites work in Minnesota than the other way around. That's at least \$4 million more than Wisconsin officials think the state should pay.

Jun 21

8 1:55 Today is the official start of summer and mosquito season. West Nile virus was found in a bird in Dane County last week so health officials say you need to take extra caution to avoid bites.

5 :15 A Madison man is arrested, accused of a late-night armed robbery on Mendota Court in Madison. Police say 21-year-old Quinton Peake asked the victim to use his cell phone, then showed a gun and took off with it. He was later found and identified by the victim.

5 :20 Health officials are looking for a dog that bit a woman on Madison's west side yesterday afternoon. Public Health Madison-Dane County says the woman was near Elver Park.

13 :40 As the crisis in Iraq continues, veterans in Wisconsin say they're still feeling the impact of their experiences fighting in that country. Many struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD. On average, there are 22 military suicides each day. Today a group of veterans in Green Bay hiked nearly 30 miles to show their support for those with PTSD in an effort they call "Carry the Fallen".

2 :35 Music could be heard once again at UW-Madison's Memorial Union Theater. It's been a quiet 2 years for renovations.

Jun 22

8 2:50 A year ago today Boscobel was dealing with one of the worst floods in its history. Gordon Severson was there when it happened and revisits the community one year later to check in on progress.

5 :20 A Sheboygan County man is dead after hitting a deer on his motorcycle last night on I-90 near Wisconsin Dells.

5 :15 A Green County man has died more than a week after he got in a car crash. Officials say 76-year-old Robert Chaddick of Browntown made a left turn in front of another vehicle on Highway 11 in the Town of Cadiz, causing the crash. Chaddick died at a hospital yesterday.

5 :20 A Belleville man led authorities on a high-speed chase across the Madison area this morning. Madison Police say the driver was caught speeding near Seminole Highway. An officer attempted to pull him over but he took off on the Beltline, eventually exiting on Rimrock Road. He was finally stopped on Highway MM in Fitchburg.

5 :20 The trial of a woman accused of kidnapping a baby from the Town of Beloit is set to begin tomorrow morning with jury selection. 31-year-old Kristen Smith is

accused of kidnaping Kayden Powell from her half-sister and abandoning him at a gas station in Iowa.

Jun 23

10 2:00 It's a program established through a joint partnership of the Wisconsin Center for Dairy Research, UW-Extension and the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board. In this segment of *Wisconsin Dairy News* the Master Cheesemaker Program celebrates 20 years of elevating the skills of outstanding Wisconsin cheesemakers.

2 1:45 The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School Board has taken a step toward changing its non-discrimination policy. The changed would be meant to better accommodate transgender students.

4 6 :35 Officials are narrowing down the list of potential sites for a public market in Madison. The city's local food committee chose to look at these 3 locations: the North side Town Center by Northport Drive and North Sherman Avenue; the near east side on East Washington between the Yahara River and First Street; and, the south side on Park Street near Wingra Park.

4 :20 The U.S. Supreme Court won't get involved in the challenge of Wisconsin's abortion law. The state asked justices to allow it to enforce the law that requires abortion providers to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals, but the court decided not to take the case. The law is currently on hold while a federal judge weighs a lawsuit from Planned Parenthood.

4 6 :15 Dane County and its largest employee union have a deal for a new contract for 2016. It includes a raise of 22 cents an hour and an agreement to recruit and retain more minority workers. The agreement still needs to be approved by the Dane County Board.

2 :20 UW-Platteville is now in recovery and reconstruction mode following the tornadoes that hit one week ago.

4 11 :20 Driving will be a little smoother on part of the Beltline in Madison tomorrow. The DOT says the John Nolen Drive ramp to the eastbound Beltline will open by 6 am and turn restrictions on Rimrock Road and the Beltline should end by noon.

5 :20 The man convicted in a deadly shooting in Mauston will spend the rest of his life in prison. That sentence came down today for 30-year-old Cody Treul. He was convicted of killing Gail Howland and injuring Ebony Lasher during a shooting outside a bar in May 2013.

5 :25 Police say a pharmacy employee helped stop a man who robbed a drug store in Mount Horeb. Police arrested Paul Engel of Evansville.

2 3 :40 A local non-profit hopes its re-launch will help bridge the achievement gap in Madison. CDI is re-organizing and changing its name to One City Early Learning Centers Incorporated.

4 :40 Teens in Madison are building their resumes by cleaning up the city. The 14- and 15-year-olds are part of the Madison Street Team. It's a work experience that benefits both the kids and the city.

12 :50 The setup is in the final stretch for Rhythm and Booms, which is moving downtown this year.

5 :50 A Stoughton woman says an overdue sewer bill held up the sale of her house. The thing is, the bill is from 40 years ago, long before she owned the home.

8 :40 Big changes are coming for a utility company in our state. Wisconsin Energy Corporation is buying Integrys Energy Group. The \$5.7 billion deal will create a more diverse Midwest electrical and natural gas delivery company. It will be called WEC Energy Group Incorporated. The boards of both companies approved the deal which will close next summer.

6 :20 Home sales in Wisconsin dropped for a 5th straight month in May. Compared to the same month last year, home sales were down 6.9% according to the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

4 :20 Three counties in the area will receive state grants to establish new drug courts. Grant County will receive more than \$100,000, Iowa County more than \$60,000 and Marquette County more than \$112,000.

9 :20 There's a rampant recall of cars with defective airbags, with a half-dozen automakers now involved. BMW, Chrysler, Ford, Honda, Mazda, Nissan and Toyota will all recall cars at the U.S. government's request because their air bag inflators could rupture and hurt someone.

Jun 24

8 2:00 A Wisconsin oil pipeline is set to triple its capacity, moving more than 1 million barrels per day by 2016. The owner, Enbridge Energy, already got most of the necessary permits approved. But as Kristen Barbaresi explains, concerned citizens are demanding more answers to their questions.

5 :20 One person was killed and two others seriously hurt after a crash in Madison. The Eastbound Beltline was shut down at Millpond Road just after 5 pm. Madison Police say the person who died was pronounced dead at the scene.

5 :25 The Waukesha girl stabbed 19 times is progressing well in her recovery.

5 :20 A young boy from Dodge County is in the hospital after he was run over by a lawnmower. This happened around 2 this afternoon in the Town of Lomira. The Dodge County Sheriff's Department says the 3-year-old was running toward the lawnmower and the operator was backing up and didn't see the child. The boy was taken to the hospital with severe injuries.

5 :20 A Madison man is charged with threatening a Dane County judge. The criminal complaint says 55-year-old George Bennett made threatening phone calls to judge Rhonda Lanford after she ruled against him in a small claims case earlier this month.

5 :45 A national study shows fewer Wisconsin inmates released from prison are going back. The study shows that in 3 years the recidivism rate has dropped from more than 56% to a little more than 51%.

1 4 :45 Three Republicans hoping to become the next congressman to represent Columbia, Marquette and Green Lake Counties made their pitch to some key donors today. State Senators Glenn Grothman and Joe Leibham and Assemblyman Duey Stroebel are all vying to replace Congressman Tom Petri in District 6. They touted their strengths and visions at a GOP candidate forum in Milwaukee.

4 6 :20 Madison Mayor Paul Soglin says he supports the site recommendations for a potential public market in Madison.

12 :45 Pyrotechnicians are getting the fireworks ready for Rhythm and Booms this weekend.

5 :20 There's a No Carry-In policy this year at Rhythm and Booms, so you shouldn't bring things like coolers, grills, food and beverages like you have in years past at Warner Park. Event organizers say you'll have to buy food and drinks from vendors along John Nolen Drive. They say everything is subject to a search, so it's best not to bring in anything.

9 :30 Homeowners in Madison are getting letters again alerting them they haven't signed up for insurance for their lateral lines. These letters are from a company called Homeserve USA and appear to be an urgent notice about getting insurance. Madison Water Utility says the letters are part of that company's sales campaign and they are not from the utility or the company it selected to sell optional coverage for sewer line service.

10 :40 It hasn't been an easy season for farmers in Wisconsin. It started with a cold spring and now some fields are too wet. It's a problem all over the state. 25-50% of the crops are under some sort of water stress.

2 :20 Tomorrow UW-Platteville is expected to put a price tag on the tornado damage on campus. As assessors finish up their inspections, the recovery process is underway.

4 :40 The waters were safer in Rock County today, safe enough for the Cops and Bobbers event. The day of fishing paired 20 kids with law enforcement officers.

2 :40 A woman whose long career with the City of Madison began with an internship is the namesake for a program giving that chance to more young people. Today 24 local high school students began their summer in the Wanda Fullmore Internship Program. Both public and private groups are helping to pay for and run the program.

6 12 :25 Concerts on the Square returns tomorrow and will continue its summer series for years to come. The Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra and the American Federation of Musicians announced today they have signed a new, 5-year collective bargaining agreement.

4 7 :20 The former Republican state senator who resigned last week was announced today as the new head of a state trucking group. Neal Kedzie is taking over next month as president of the Wisconsin Motor Carriers Association which has more than 1,000 members. Republican Assemblyman Steve Nass and Democrat Dan Kilkenny are running for Kedzie's District 11 senate seat.

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6 1:40 We are just 3 days away from Rhythm and Booms and with the show along John Nolen Drive this year, big crowds are expected on the Isthmus, which means big business downtown.

12 :15 There will be free water at Rhythm and Booms. The producers of the event worked with the city to bring the water utility's water wagon to the site on Saturday. Producers say you'll also be able to bring in a factory-sealed water bottle.

12 :15 There will still be free fireworks on Madison's north side. The Madison Mallards are planning a free fireworks show on Saturday July 5th around 9:40 pm at Warner Park.

8 :40 A possible tornado is being reported in Green County.

2 5 :45 The damage done at UW-Platteville from last week's tornadoes could top \$10 million. Three residence halls suffered severe water damage, broken windows and had their roofs torn apart. All of them were built after 2005. Chancellor Dennis Shields was on a university trip in China when the storm hit. He says the response and cleanup teams have been incredible.

8 :20 Up in La Crosse, flooding along the Mississippi River is now a problem. All 300 campsites at a local campground are now closed. And all but a few tent sites are under water.

5 :45 Investigators arrested a former police officer today in connection with the 2 bodies found in suitcases in Walworth County. 52-year-old Steven Zelich is now in custody. Police say Zelich used to be a police officer in West Allis.

5 :20 Federal prosecutors filed an amended charge against accused kidnapper Kristen Smith. The new charge carries a minimum penalty of 25 years in prison if Smith is convicted.

5 :20 In Jefferson County the suspect in a murder case waived his preliminary hearing. 32-year-old Michael Henderson is charged in the death of Heather Stewart. She was found dead in Watertown last month.

4 :25 Dane County's 911 Center is making a change to improve responses to emergency calls. The Dane County Public Safety Communications Board approved a 90-day pilot program that has operators take live, incoming calls before returning calls that were hang-ups or disconnections. Those abandoned calls would be put in a queue and then handled after the active calls.

6 :20 Unemployment is down in nearly all of Wisconsin's counties. The State Department of Workforce Development reports that unemployment dropped in 69 of 72 counties. Dane County remained unchanged at just under 4%.

4 :40 Madison's Central Park is now open.

4 :25 A new state tax credit program is so popular it's being put on hold because it's costing the state far more than expected. The restoration of Madison's Orpheum Theater is one of 29 projects that applied for and got approved for expanded historic tax credits signed into law by Governor Walker last year.

3 5 :25 A group of Wisconsin hospitals could face federal penalties. A Center for Medicare report shows 65 hospitals across the state could be punished for high infection rates and patient injuries. That includes Meriter Hospital here in Madison. But of those 65, only 26 have scores that are at serious risk to be penalized. Hospitals that still have poor scores in October will lose 1% of their Medicare payments through September 2015.

Jun 26

4 6 2:10 New issues came up tonight about Dane County's planned day center for the homeless. The county is trying to convert the current Porchlight Hospitality site in the Town of Madison.

4 :20 Tonight Dane County board members decided to renew the contract of 911 Center Director John DeJung.

4 :15 Board members also approved a new contract for the county's largest employee union. The deal announced earlier this week includes a raise of 22 cents an hour and the promise of recruiting more minority workers.

4 6 :35 Tonight the county board is expected to approve a referendum on the November ballot asking for an increase in Wisconsin's minimum wage. Supervisors want the rate to increase from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour.

5 1:00 The Wisconsin man charged with hiding the bodies of 2 women is expected to make his first court appearance tomorrow. 52-year-old Steven Zelich faces 2 felony counts of hiding a corpse.

5 :20 A convicted murderer in Columbia County will spend the rest of his life in prison. 20-year-old Jordan Scott was convicted of killing 22-year-old David Johnson in Portage in September of last year. The 2 were co-workers at a restaurant in town.

5 :20 We now know the name of the woman who died earlier this week in a crash in Madison. The Dane County Medical Examiner's Office says she is 65-year-old Darlene Uttecht of Birnamwood, Wisconsin. Uttecht was involved in Tuesday's crash on Highway 12 at Millpond Road.

4 5 :25 The attorney for the special prosecutor in the John Doe investigation says Governor Scott Walker was not a target.

Jun 27

6 1:45 Monona Terrace may have one of the best views of tomorrow night's Rhythm and Boom's show. But before organizers announced the fireworks would be downtown, one couple had already booked the rooftop.

5 :40 A tornado touched town in northern Wisconsin this afternoon. The National Weather Service confirms it touched down briefly around 3:15 pm in the Village of Colfax which is about 25 miles northwest of Eau Claire.

5 :45 Bond has been set for the West Allis man who confessed to hiding 2 bodies found in suitcases in Walworth County. A judge set bail at \$1 million for 52-year-old Steven Zelich in court today.

5 :15 In Jefferson County court today the man accused of killing one man and injuring another with a samurai sword was ordered to have a mental examination. Investigators say 29-year-old Young Choi killed Dustin Vander-Heyden in a boarding house in Watertown last week.

4 5 :25 The Dane County Sheriff's Department finishes up a comprehensive jail study. They released the results of the 18-month study earlier today which assesses the current and future needs of the Dane County jail.

3 4 :25 A program aimed at stopping infant sleeping deaths in Janesville is being called a success. Police and local health care providers started the program in 2011.

6 :35 Area businesses are asking that you buy local over the next 11 days. This is the first year “Independents Week” is being held in Dane County.

2 :55 It was graduation day for a group of Madison-area kids. 140 kindergartners completed their Safety-Town studies today. Safety Town is a one-week program that uses hands-on activities to teach kids all about traffic, fire, water safety and much more.

Jun 28

12 1:50 Rhythm and Booms is wrapping up in a few minutes and we are going to take you out there now live to catch the grand finale.

5 :40 A small community in northwest Wisconsin is cleaning up after a small tornado blew through Friday afternoon.

5 :35 Dane County sheriff’s deputies recover the body an adult male found by fishermen in the Yahara River. One of the fishermen called 911 after finding the body just after 3 am near Squaw Bay on the southeast side of Lake Monona. The sheriff’s office says the death does not appear to be suspicious at this time.

5 :50 The body of a 49-year-old man is found at the bottom of a pond in Marathon County. According to authorities he was swimming when he went missing around 3:30 this afternoon. A dive team recovered the man’s body several hours later.

5 :30 Police say the still-unidentified woman whose body was one of two found in suitcases in the Town of Geneva is not believed to be from Kenosha, despite the fact ex-West Allis Police Officer Steven Zelich told investigators he killed one of the women in Kenosha County in late 2012 or 2013.

5 :35 It’s been a violent weekend in Kenosha so far, where police are looking for a suspect in an early morning bar shooting that left a 31-year-old Illinois woman dead. Police say just before 2 am a man entered Shenanigan’s Tavern downtown and began shooting. He hit the woman before fleeing. She later died at a Kenosha hospital.

5 :20 Meanwhile Kenosha Police also responded to the scene of an apparent murder-suicide at a cemetery just after 8 am. Investigators say a groundskeeper found the bodies of an 80-year-old man and 78-year-old woman who had both suffered a single gunshot wound to the head. Authorities say they were a married couple from Kenosha and they don’t believe there is any threat to the public.

11 :25 You shouldn’t experience many road construction delays over the 4th of July weekend. That’s because most Wisconsin road projects will be put on hold starting around noon on Thursday the 3rd and not resuming again until the morning of Monday July 7th.

5 :40 Across Wisconsin authorities are cracking down on driving a boat drunk.

Jun 29

12 1:25 The rain stayed away just long enough for a very successful Rhythm and Booms festival Saturday, capped off with a loud and spectacular fireworks finale.

8 :40 Strong storms swept across western Wisconsin and caused quite a bit of damage Saturday evening.

5 :30 The Dane County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting that sent a 33-year-old man to the hospital with nonlife-threatening injuries. Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of possible shots fired at the Red Mouse Barn in Pine Bluff around 2 am.

5 :20 Meanwhile 2 men were arrested early Saturday in Grant County after gunshots were fired behind a bar there. According to authorities, they found drugs and a shell casing behind the Silver Spigot Saloon in Cassville. After investigating they arrested Cory Conn of Cassville and another 17-year-old male.

5 :45 A Jefferson County bar was the site of drama as well as people were forced to jump to safety after a fire last night.

5 :20 Two Madison West High students are in trouble with the law. Madison Police say two 16-year-old boys broke into the school just after 11:30 Saturday night and stole clothing out of a storage unit.

13 :45 A former Vietnam prisoner of war is honored as a hero in Stoughton today. American Legion Post 59 declared this Don Heiliger Day and held a luncheon and program to honor the former air force pilot.

Jun 30

8 :25 Emergency managers in Grant County reported seeing a funnel cloud in Livingston, which is about 20 miles northeast of Lancaster.

8 11 :20 There are no reports of any major injuries from today's storms. And it certainly led to traffic problems all around. Streets flooded around Dane County.

8 :20 Now let's take a look at the current outages.

8 1:25 Today's storm came as people were cleaning up from 3 tornadoes that touched down last night. The strongest one, an EF-2, touched down in Iowa County.

8 :40 Another tornado touched down in Grant County near Fennimore.

4 :25 Governor Scott Walker toured storm damage in La Crosse today.

5 1:00 Walworth County officials say the second victim who was found in a suitcase in the Town of Geneva has been identified as a missing woman from the state of Oregon. Investigators believe Jenny Gamez of Cottage Grove, Oregon was identified by using dental records. She would have been 19 when police say they believe she was killed by Steven Zelich of West Allis.

1 4 :45 Governor Scott Walker has attended 10 campaign fundraisers since April, nearly half of them were hosted by people whose companies have received financial awards from his administration. Three of the companies received awards from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, while another got a grant from the Department of Workforce Development. But a political science expert at UW says this is nothing new in Wisconsin politics.