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**ISSUES OF LOCAL IMPORTANCE**

1st Quarter, 2020 Station: WGBW \_\_\_\_ WLAK \_XX\_

DATE OF BROADCAST: January 20, 2020

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: Brillion fire displaces two families at duplex.

**EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:**

A fire early Sunday morning displaced two families at a duplex.

According to the Brillion Fire Department got the call at 3:30 a.m. The fire was under control in 30 minutes and crews were on the scene for three hours. Crews from Potter and Reedsville also responded to the scene.

There were a total of five adults and three children in two units of 421 North Glenview Avenue residence, according Justin Kern, of the American Red Cross of Wisconsin, which is assisting the families.

The cause of the fire is still undetermined and several residents were treated for smoke inhalation.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: January 24, 2020

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: Governor promotes farm crisis plan for State farmers

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE: One day after his second State of the State address, Governor Evers spent the day touring the state to urge support for his plan to tackle the farm crisis.

However for any of those Democratic bills to move forward, they will need Republican votes.

With the Farm Discovery Center in the background Governor Evers once again addressed the state's farm crisis, re-iterating his message from Wednesday night's State of the State speech, and adding he took further action just after that.

"I signed an executive order telling the legislature to come into special session next Tuesday the 28th of January to begin talking about these challenges," Evers said.

However the top Republican in the Assembly, Speaker Robin Vos, responded Thursday in a statement saying, "The Assembly will not be on the floor next week," and that, "The bills will be referred to committee and hearings will be held. We're currently reviewing the legislation and gathering input from farmers, including farmers from our own caucus

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DATE OF BROADCAST: February 7, 2020

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: Sturgeon spearing season approaching. Ice conditions are not favorable.

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE: We're now quickly approaching the start of sturgeon spearing season, one of the biggest events of the year on Lake Winnebago. However getting out on the ice Saturday might not be as easy as it's been in the past. At least in Oshkosh, the plan is for the Otter Street Fishing Club to check the ice early Friday and make a determination of whether it's safe enough to put the ATV bridges out. Right now vehicle bridges are just not an option. It's evidence Herman says that driving out on a vehicle, or even something smaller could pose a problem this weekend. While some spots on the lake have up to 15 inches of ice, others have just five or six inches.

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: Kiel Woman  
Accused of Embezzlement

**EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:** Manitowoc County prosecutors have filed 71 counts against a woman accused of stealing thousands of dollars from her employer in Kiel.

A criminal complaint details allegations against Karen S. Schwind, 51.

The complaint alleges Schwind stole more than \$65,000 from Steller & Son LLC between April 25, 2018 and June 4, 2019.

Kiel Police Chief David Funkhouser states in the complaint that the owner of the trucking company approached him in June 2019 after discovering a company check made payable to Schwind in an amount over \$2,000. The owner believed Schwind had forged his name on the check and cashed it for herself.

Police recommended the owner have an audit of his financial records.

In September, the owner told police that the dollar amounts he initially found "had gone up dramatically and that his company was suffering significantly."

An accountant discovered checks that had been entered in a ledger as paid to a vendor, but were actually written out to Karen Schwind.

The accountant's review estimated a loss of almost \$66,000 for the Steller & Son business.

On Feb. 6, Kiel Police arrested Schwind in Kewaunee and transported her to the Manitowoc County Jail. She has not made an appearance in court.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: February 11, 2020

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: Republicans at State Capitol propose Farmer Aid in emergency bill

**EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:**

Republicans are moving quickly on a pair of bills cutting taxes for Wisconsin farmers by nearly \$30 million a year, proposals that comes after Democratic Gov. Tony Evers called for the Legislature to take emergency action to help the state's agriculture economy.

The bills were introduced Monday and the Assembly's Agriculture Committee held a hearing and planned to vote on advancing the measures Tuesday. That would make them ready for the full Assembly to vote on as soon as next week.

The measures would have to pass both the Assembly and Senate, and be signed by Evers, before becoming law. Both Evers and Republican Senate leaders have been open to the measures, although Evers has expressed concerns about the tax cuts not having an immediate impact.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: February 13, 2020

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: Dept of Ag declares 14 Wisconsin counties as disaster areas.

### **EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture declared 14 Wisconsin counties primary natural disaster areas due to problems caused by the excessive snow and rain from January through the middle of August last year.

- Brown
- Calumet
- Kewaunee
- Manitowoc
- Oconto
- Outagamie
- Sheboygan
- Winnebago

Farmers have until October 5 to apply for federal emergency loans to replace equipment or livestock, refinance certain debts or reorganize their farming operation. It's recommended farmers apply as soon as possible.

The Farm Service Agency will review the loan applications, taking into account the extent of losses, the amount of security available, and the farmer's ability to repay the loan.

According to National Weather Service data, more than 28 inches of precipitation fell in Green Bay by the end of summer last year.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: February 19, 2020

BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: New Holstein  
Incumbent Mayor Loses in Primary Run-off Election

**EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:**

New Holstein Mayor Dianne Reese finished third Tuesday in a three-way primary election and will not be on the ballot for the spring election on Tuesday, April 7. Retired New Holstein Police Department Captain Jeff Hebl easily won Tuesday's primary with 469 votes. The race for second place and a spot on the April 7 ballot was close with challenger Mike Jacobson receiving 185 votes to Reese's 178 votes.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: February 25, 2020

**BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY:** Codi Miller found guilty for drunk driving crash that killed his passenger and injured bicyclist.

**EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:** **WLAK-** A jury found Codi Miller guilty Friday for the drunken driving crash which killed his motorcycle passenger and injured a boy on his bicycle.

Miller, now 23, was convicted on seven counts in the case, including homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle and injury by intoxicated use of a vehicle.

The crash happened Aug. 19, 2018, at the intersection of Hwy. KK and State Park Road in Harrison. Kim Anderson, 53, a passenger on Miller's motorcycle, was killed. Henry Schinke, 13, who was riding his bike, was seriously injured.

While traveling east along Hwy. KK, Miller, 22, told investigators a vehicle in front of him moved into the westbound lane. When that vehicle moved back into its lane, Miller told officers he saw Schinke in the intersection, headed south. Miller said by the time he saw the boy, it was too late. He swerved to try to miss the boy, but clipped the boy's rear tire. In the process, the motorcycle tipped over, throwing Miller and Anderson off.

A blood test showed Miller's blood alcohol concentration at .210. Because of three previous drunken driving convictions, Miller had a .02 limit for driving.

Sentencing is set for May 27.

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DATE OF BROADCAST: March 13, 2020

**BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: HIGH SCHOOL  
TOURNAMENTS CANCELLED DUE TO VIRUS  
THREAT**

**EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:**

The Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association canceled all remaining state tournaments Thursday night in response to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus. In a statement, the WIAA said the remaining games for the State Girls Basketball Tournament, the boys basketball sectional finals and the State Tournament were canceled. Earlier today the organization was told the Kohl Center wouldn't be able to host the upcoming State Boys Basketball Tournament scheduled to start March 19. Tickets for the state tournaments will be refunded in full. The WIAA asked for fans to allow time for these refunds to be made and to only contact the office if they don't see a refund to accounts within two weeks of the tournament. Any tickets bought at school will be refunded by that school and not the Resch Center or the WIAA.

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BRIEF OUTLINE OF NEWS STORY: FATAL  
MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT IN CALUMET COUNTY

EXHIBIT, IF AVAILABLE:

WLAK -The Calumet County Sheriff's Department says a woman died after being thrown from a motorcycle Sunday.

It happened on Highway 10, west of County Highway D in Woodville. This is in the northern part of the county.

Officials say a 53-year-old Neenah man lost control and a female rider was thrown. She died. We don't know her age.

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