

Issues/Programs Quarterly Report

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The following newscasts, programs, specials and announcements airing on WXOW-TV provide the most significant treatment of community issues:

WXOW-TV Newscasts

News 19 Extra Early Daybreak Monday-Friday 4:30-5:00 a.m.
News 19 Early Daybreak Monday-Friday 5:00-6:00 a.m.
News 19 Daybreak Monday-Friday 6:00-7:00 a.m.
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News 19 @6pm Monday-Saturday 6:00-6:30 p.m.
News 19 @10pm Monday-Sunday 10:00-10:35 p.m.

Public Service Announcements

Varying length announcements from :10-:60 airing throughout the day about issues of community interest and importance.

The following ABC network programs are also represented in this report:

Good Morning America
ABC World News
Nightline
20-20
This Week with George Stephanopoulos

In direct response to timely news topics, viewer letters and emails, WXOW-TV elected to cover the following issues through news stories, public affairs programming and/or special reports:

GOVERNMENT

CRIME & COURTS

AGRICULTURE

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

HEALTH

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EDUCATION

POLITICS

EMERGENCY RESPONSE/ PUBLIC SAFETY

1. "GOVERNMENT"
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:23 1/1/18 10PM

Slug: TRANS MILITARY

The New Year brings new hope for transgender individuals who want to join the military. The Defense Department is taking steps to receive transgender recruits into the ranks as soon as today. But, those who join know the legal road ahead could be bumpy. President Trump announced a transgender ban in August, but it is yet to be implemented. Last month, a second federal judge blocked enforcement of the prohibition.

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:30 1/1/18 10PM

Slug: CHI TOWN MURDER

Chicago police report the city's murder rate declined by 16% last year. The city recorded 650 murders in 2017. That's down from 771 the previous year. Chicago has faced criticism for its high rate of gun violence including from President Trump, who called the city a "total disaster." Almost 3,500 people were shot in Chicago last year, down from more than 4,300 in 2016. Police attribute the decline to more than 1,100 new police officers, changes in policy and investments in technology like body cameras.

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:32 1/2/18 10PM

Slug: COUNCIL

The La Crosse Human Rights Commission says it needs more time to clarify its scope of power after an ordinance proposed late last year threatens to take some of it away. At tonight's J and A Committee meeting the commission was granted a 90 day referral. Last year, Mayor Tim Kabat proposed an ordinance that would take away the commission's power to receive housing authority complaints. City Council member Jacqueline Marcou says doing so would require residents to file complaints with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, which is often a drawn out process.

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2:31 1/3/18 6PM

Slug: COUNCIL ISSUES

Within the last year both the La Crosse City Council and County Board are approaching subjects often left to debate on the state and federal level. Topics like global warming, sanctuary cities and gerrymandering all garnering more attention here at the local level. But should they be discussed or left alone? News 19's Caroline Hecker joins us now with a look at both sides of the argument. Whether local government officials should be weighing in on these topics depends on who you ask. Some say these bigger issues create financial repercussions locally. Others say stick to the more immediate, hyperlocal problems. They're issues that are continuing to pop up in all different forms across local government bodies, climate change, gerrymandering, sanctuary cities just a few of the state and federal hot button issues making their way into La Crosse government. Martin Gaul, City Council President, says the city should avoid debating the issues all together. Late last year the question of recognizing climate change and supporting a carbon tax was brought to the floor by a council member. Gaul says the issues can be divisive and believes the council's time can be better spent tackling other problems. Across town, County Board member Maureen Freedland says it's the responsibility of local officials to approach these subjects. Last year the board passed a resolution recognizing climate change and one joining other counties around the state in a push to end partisan gerrymandering. Both passed unanimously. Freedland says many state and federal issues have local financial repercussions and the county is doing its job by exploring them. Gaul says as City Council President he's trying to make sure everyone works together as positively and cohesively as possible. Freedland says school funding is an issue where decisions are often made in Madison. However she says the trickle-down effect can be

seen and felt within local schools, an example of a bigger issue with local implications. Votes on resolutions proposed in Common Council on these issues are often split, with some members abstaining. The county on the other hand has passed those two resolutions on climate change and gerrymandering unanimously. So what do you think? Should local government officials be spending time on these topics? Go to the WXOW Facebook page to let us know what you think.

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Slug: LINCOLN HILLS

Governor Walker announced today that juveniles will no longer be housed at the Lincoln Hills Youth Prison. The facility north of Wausau has been under federal investigation and the subject of multiple lawsuits alleging inmate abuse. The Lincoln Hills-Copper Lake Prisons will be changed into medium security adult prisons. The state will instead open five regional juvenile prisons across the state. A federal judge last year ordered the state to dramatically reduce its use of solitary confinement, shackles and pepper spray on inmates at the juvenile prison.

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Slug: POLICE PARKING

Downtown La Crosse may get a new parking lot, not for the public but for the police department which says the current lot doesn't provide sufficient security. But the cost is a factor, with a price tag of a million dollar critics question the need. At a City Finance and Personnel Committee meeting last night members approved funding to make the La Crosse Police parking lot more secure. News 19s Mackenzie Amundsen shows you some of the proposed changes and why Police Chief Ron Tischer says the project is long overdue. Right now the parking lot for police officers is completely exposed. Located on the south side of City Hall next to the old county administrative building, few barriers separate squad cars from the public. The parking lot upgrades will not only add protection for the officers but also a sense of privacy. According to La Crosse Police Chief Ron Tischer the current parking lot for police officers has become a shortcut for the public. He says the public traffic isn't only a nuisance but a privacy concern for everybody visiting the station. Chief Tischer brought the proposed parking lot upgrade to City Council. The cost of the security features in the new parking facility will add up fast, but both City Council members and police officers agree you can't put a price on safety. The police department started exploring new parking lot options as the old county administrative building started to become apartments. The new police parking facility will likely include a wall in the middle of the current lot. Tenants of the new apartments will be able to use the outside spaces. The parking lot upgrades come as the city plans new fire stations and a potential public safety building. Olson says city officials are forward-thinking, hoping to best serve residents not only today but in the future. The funding approval from the Finance and Personnel Committee is the first step. It will go before full council for a vote next Thursday. If approved, architects will start drafting final designs for approval and the department will start looking for bids. A tentative timeline shows project completion by next January.

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Slug: CENSUS

New census numbers show Wisconsin's population grew slightly in the last year; the state's population increased by 0.4% from July 2016 to July 2017. That is the largest uptick in a single year since 2010. The state now has a total population of 5-point 8 million. Wisconsin ranks 30th for annual population growth. The numbers also show that much of the growth is the result of children being born, not an influx of people moving to Wisconsin. In fact the census data estimates that about 2,000 people moved away during the survey time frame. The state has seen more people leaving than moving in since the Great Recession began in 2007. The State of Idaho saw the largest percentage growth over the last year; 2.2% increase. Nevada was second. Wyoming had the largest percentage decline in population, losing about 1% of its population.

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:16 1/8/18 6PM

Slug: CHRISTMAS

The City of La Crosse now is picking up Christmas trees. Crews will work their way across town throughout the week. They ask that if you would like your tree picked up remove all decorations, especially tinsel, lights and ornaments and place the tree on the curb by 7am.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:27 1/9/18 5AM

Slug: AIRPOLLUTION

A State Senate committee has signed off on a Republican bill that would relax Wisconsin's air pollution regulations. The bill would repeal any state air pollution rules that go beyond federal regulations by the end of 2018. The state currently regulates hundreds more pollutants than the federal government. State regulators could develop new rules that go beyond federal regulations but those regulations would stand for only a decade. The vote clears the way for a full Senate floor vote.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 1/14/18 10PM

Slug: LINCOLN HILLS GUARDS

A new superintendent is being hired at Lincoln Hills. The announcement comes after Governor Walker said he wants to close the youth prison. Jason Benzel becomes the fourth leader at the prison in two years. He has worked for the Department of Corrections for 24 years. The post had been vacant since the previous superintendent resigned in August. Benzel will begin the job next Monday.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:25 1/16/18 5PM

Slug: GOV SHUTDOWN

Washington continues to face an impending government shutdown, with government spending set to expire at midnight this Friday; at the center of the debate, nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants. The hopes of finding a solution for these dreamers appear to be at a standstill. Just last week the president rejected a bipartisan plan that many senators believed would finally bring about a solution. The president is placing the blame on democrats, tweeting that democrats want to shut down the government over amnesty for all and border security but democrats say they want protections for the undocumented immigrants to be a part of the deal that keeps the government open past midnight on Friday. On Fox White House Press Secretary says any fix for DACA needs to stand alone. Complicating negotiations this week, debate over comments made by the President about Haiti and African countries.

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:42 1/18/18 5PM

Slug: HIAWATHA

The debate over the Hiawatha statue in Riverside Park is heating up again. The nearly 60 year old statue depicts an Indian in a way supporters call a tribute but critics say is demeaning. The City Human Rights Commission will discuss its options tonight. Hiawatha was designed and built by La Crosse art teacher Anthony Zimmerhagl in 1961. Council member Gary Padesky supports keeping the statue arguing that Zimmerhagl was part Native American and shared a strong bond with that culture. Members of the Ho-Chunk Nation say it's an inaccurate representation that harms the well-being of Native American youth. The commission is just one agency that will have a say in the future of the statue. We'll bring you tonight's developments on our ten pm report.

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Slug: LAX CENTER

A major renovation for the La Crosse Center takes a big step forward with the selection of a design for the expansion but the price tag exceeds the budget for the project. As you can see here the new design includes a ballroom and meeting space that will extend to the west. It will hang over Front Street and include an entrance at Riverside Park. President of the La Crosse Center Board Brent Smith says choosing the design is a big accomplishment. The recommended design will now go to City Council for approval. If approved it would go back to the board and through City Council one more time for additional funds. Smith hopes to see preparation work start late this spring. He expects it to be a two-year project with staggered construction during that time.

Time: 1:42 First Aired: 1/20/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: SHUTDOWN

At Capitol Hill democrats and republicans are at a stand-still, blaming one another for the government shutdown enacted at midnight at last. ABC's Karen Travers has the latest. The White House says its position is firm; there will be no negotiations on DAVA until the government reopens and it's up to Senate democrats to make that happen. Earlier this morning this sarcastic tweet from President Trump "this is the one-year anniversary of my presidency, and the democrats wanted to give me a nice present." Uncertainty in Washington and across the country; after the Senate failed to get enough democratic support to end debate on yet another stop-gap federal budget bill even some republican Senators voted no. Democratic lawmakers say they won't pass a spending bill unless they get guaranteed protections for dreamers, the nearly 800,000 undocumented immigrants brought to the US as children. The shutdown furloughs 800,000 federal workers and defers pay for many military personnel, but this weekend it's already impacting some Americans, including Tulsa Mitrovich, who planned to visit the Statue of Liberty National Park. This isn't the first time the White House has reached an impasse; the government has shut down 17 times since 1976.

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Slug: WOMENS MARCH

Women across the world are marching through the streets for the Second Annual Women's March. Today marks one year since the first women's march filled the day after President Trump's inauguration. People marched in Philadelphia, Chicago, Washington Milwaukee Madison and many more places today. More than 600 marches were scheduled across the US. The goal is to create a political push that will carry more women to be elected into office.

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Slug: PRISONS

A study shows that Minnesota is imprisoning more people despite a decline in the crime rate, those figures from a study released by an organization called the Pew Charitable Trusts. The state's incarceration rate rose 1% from 2008 to 2016, despite a 24% dip in overall crime. Among the reasons is that state lawmakers have created more laws that categorize more crimes as felonies in recent years, among them drunk driving, sexual assault and illegal firearms possession. The study co-author says more states are learning that putting more people behind bars is not the best path to public safety. Wisconsin saw its prison rate drop by 26% over the same eight year period.

Time: :16 First Aired: 1/26/18 Shows: 5PM

Slug: FIRE

A reason to celebrate this morning at the La Crosse Fire Department; Battalion Chief Jeff Murphy was promoted to Assistant Chief of Operations. Colleagues, friends and family were on hand as he officially received his new title. Chief Murphy took a moment to reflect on his time in La Crosse. The Assistant Chief of Operations serves as second in command of the fire department. Murphy has been with the La Crosse Fire Department for more than 20 years.

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Slug: GOP

Local republicans also came together this morning to celebrate the grand opening of their new headquarters. Governor Walker visited La Crosse for the big event as well. He spoke to members of the La Crosse Republican Party regarding issues that affect La Crosse residents as well as the importance of utilizing the new headquarters to its full extent. The new republican headquarters can be found at 3462 Losey Boulevard South.

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Slug: RAIL-SAFETY

In November of 2015 two trains derailed in Wisconsin, dumping oil and chemicals into the ground. State Representative Jill Billings and Senator Jennifer Shilling introduced a bill to further regulate the industry but failed to get a vote. The two have now reintroduced the bill called the Wisconsin Rail Safety Act which is modeled after a law in Minnesota. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with more details on that bill it's been a number of years since this was originally introduced and since the area has seen major derailments. However, local reps said Wisconsin should not rely on luck when it comes to rail safety. The bill calls for more state rail inspectors, more training for local emergency response and guidelines concerning response timelines in the event of an incident. The bill also requires railroad companies to provide the state with prevention and response plans and ask the division of emergency management for training and resource needs as well as recommendations for how procedures could be improved. The bill faces a couple of major obstacles. Republicans control both houses of the legislature and the Governor's office and generally oppose new regulations on businesses. The railroads and the State Chamber of Commerce oppose the new rules.

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2/6/18

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Slug: FAMILY & MEDICAL

The possibility of repealing parts of Wisconsin's Family Medical Leave Act is front and center for lawmakers this week. Capitol Bureau Chief Emily Fannon spoke to workers to see what their message is to lawmakers. For Chineva Smith finding a steady job that allows her to take time off to care for her son has not always been so easy. Her son has special needs, something that's not covered right now under Wisconsin's Family Medical Leave Act. But instead of expanding the act, it's on the chopping block to make it streamlined with the federal law. Some GOP lawmakers say having a state and federal law can be confusing for employers. Groups like 9 to 5 argue the law was created to help working families and taking away protections will do more harm than good. Changes being considered would limit part time employees' flexibility and make it harder or eliminate employees' ability to take medical leave. Herndon says regardless of lawmakers' decision to repeal or not, they'd like the conversation to continue towards equal pay and create standards for paid medical leave. A committee will meet to host a public hearing tomorrow about the repeal.

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2/6/18

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Slug: LAX STREET

If you drive down La Crosse Street you know it's in pretty rough shape; potholes and uneven pavement. Mayor Kabat says the city can no longer wait for the state to come through with repair funds so it will pay for repairs on its own. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with more details. It's only a one and a half mile stretch of road but it's one of the most widely used, and it shows. La Crosse Street is a part of Highway 16 and falls under the responsibility of the State's Department of Transportation. But the mayor says they can't wait any longer for their help, so they plan to take care of it on their own, which will affect local taxpayers. The mayor said the city will take this year to make plans and assess the costs of the entire project. However, with leftover money in the capital budget, he says the inter-

sections at La Crosse and 4th and La Crosse and Losey will be fixed sometime this year. UW-La Crosse is among La Crosse Street's biggest users. Chancellor Gow said today that he was "delighted, that these repairs are coming... because of what a major role the road plays for students, faculty and staff". Coming up at 10 tonight we'll have reaction from businesses along La Crosse Street who say they're all too familiar with the effects of the road's current condition.

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Slug: TAX

The IRS urges filers to be extra vigilant to protect from scams during tax season. Most common scams involve someone calling or sending an email claiming to be the IRS and in some cases even threatening prison or eviction to get you to send them money. The IRS also says to be guarded with any personal information like social security number or driver's license ID. Some will use stolen personal info to file false return in someone else name to get a refund. The IRS will never make an initial contact to demand immediate payments and the majority of their correspondence will be through the mail. If you suspect identity theft or another scam the IRS recommends you file a report with law enforcement immediately.

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Slug: SHUTDOWN

The Senate agreed to a bi-partisan spending bill today but there's a catch; it does not include a deal on immigration, something the President and Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi want. Senate leaders on both sides of the aisle are claiming victory. They agreed to a 2-year spending bill that if approved by the house would avoid a government shutdown Thursday. The \$400 billion dollar deal includes lifting the spending caps, increasing funding for the military, domestic programs and disaster relief. But the bill puts off dealing with immigration to another day. And that's not cutting it for House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi. She's been in extended debate on the House floor for hours in support of dreamers, undocumented immigrants brought to the country as children. Yesterday, President Trump said he welcomed a shut down if his immigration demands weren't met. He wants a border wall along the southern border in exchange for amnesty for the dreamers. But today, White House spokesperson Sarah Sanders said he likes the Senate deal, even if it doesn't include an immigration fix. The Senate has now sent their bill over to the House. They have just over 24 hours to secure the votes on a bill that not only excludes immigration but also increases the deficit, something House conservatives will most likely reject. The DACA program that protects dreamers expires March 5. The President's Chief of Staff says they have no plans to extend that deadline, putting pressure on Congress the new spending bill includes more than 70 billion dollars in disaster relief and increases spending by nearly 4 hundred billion over the next two years.

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2/8/18

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Slug: COUNCIL

The plan to add a fifth fire station to the city moves forward tonight. The council approved recommendations from the fire station and planning task force that the city begin researching a five-fire-station model, building a fifth station and replacing three others and renovating the fourth with some council members claiming that the proposal's wording could cause problems for future councils, locking the council into replacement rather than renovation. Tonight's decision is a research process to find possible building sights for future fire stations. No renovations or building projects have been approved at this time, the issue among a busy night for the council. Members also voted to award contracts for \$400,000 in improvements to the La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor docks.

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Slug: WALKER

Governor Scott Walker's plan to lower insurance rates won committee approval today. The Governor's 200 million dollar plan is designed to help lower premiums for people buying insurance on the private marketplace. That plan passed the budget writing joint finance committee with a 13 to 3 vote. The vote today sets up the bill for approval by the full legislature as soon as next week. Under this bill a Washington DC health consulting firm estimates insurance rates in Wisconsin would drop 13% in 2019 and 12% in 2020. The measure has found broad support among health insurance providers, doctors and the medical community.

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Slug: INTERNAT SECUR

The leaders of US intelligence agencies talked about emerging global threats facing the nation. ABC's Serena Marshall has a look at what many believe is the greatest threat. The assessment was blunt and clear. Russia continues to meddle in US politics and views the 2018 mid-terms as a prime target. The nation's top spy joined other leading intelligence officials, testifying on Capitol Hill, warning lawmakers about threats to the US. The Trump administration officials acknowledged they had not been directed by the President, specifically, to blunt Russia's influence, and didn't challenge the view his continued denials of Russian interference in 2016 is making it harder to stop them. Other areas of concern: the national debt and North Korea. Director Coats has already been a prominent advocate for warning American citizens about foreign election interference.

Time: :24 First Aired: 2/14/18 Shows: 5AM

Slug: RURAL SCHOOL

The Wisconsin State Assembly gives it's go ahead for a measure allowing low-spending school districts in the state to raise property taxes without a referendum vote. The bill passed 91-2 and would only apply to districts where voters have not rejected an increase in property taxes in the past 3 years. About 100 districts are expected to qualify. The bill would also increase sparsity aid available to 144 qualifying rural schools.

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Slug: FOSTER CARE BILL

They'll be some additional help for foster kids in the state. Today the assembly passed a package of bills aimed at helping kids in the system. There were 13 bills in all including a measure that would waive tuition and fees for foster kids at UW-System schools and some state tech schools. Lawmakers say there are too many barriers in current law preventing children in foster care from getting a college education and they hope this bill will remedy that. The package also includes a pilot program that would help ensure legal representation for parents involved in child abuse or neglect cases. All the bills together are expected to cost somewhere between 4 to 5 million dollars.

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Slug: IMMIGRATION

After months of negotiations a much anticipated bi-partisan Senate immigration bill failed to get the 60 needed votes. The failed reform bill would have provided a path to citizenship for nearly 2 million undocumented immigrants who came to the US as children and 25 billion dollars in border security, along with a four-pillar solution that included cuts to family-based migration and would have ended the diversity lottery program. President Trump called the bill a total catastrophe, tweeting that "voting for this amendment would be a vote against law enforcement and a vote for open borders." And there's no clear answer on what will happen next. Just 39 senators voted for the measure gaining the least support of any of the bills.

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Slug: WORK REQUIRE

The Wisconsin Assembly has given Governor Walker a victory, approving his proposal to increase work requirements for food stamp recipients. Currently those receiving assistance must work at least 20 hours per week. The new standard is 30 hours. It also extends the work requirement to parents, not just childless adults, meaning they must find childcare. Every Republican voted for it. Every Democrat voted against it. Republicans say the goal is to get more people into the workforce. Democrats say the goal is to save money by pushing people off welfare rolls and fire up Republican voters during an election year. It still needs approval from the full Senate.

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Slug: ELECTION

Primary elections are today but weather may be playing a role in a lower than normal turnout. County election officials said they were already expecting a low voter turnout, about 10 to 12%. But with the added safety issues of the ice storm they now say they will be lucky to break double digits at all. We'll have totals from the election throughout the evening on our website wxow.com.

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Slug: WS REFERENDUM

Referendums in the November 2016 election allowed the West Salem School District to move ahead, updating and improving facilities; 20-million dollars for middle school renovations and 5-million dollars for a sports complex and multi-purpose events center. More than one year later construction is well underway, but not everything unfolded as planned. Costs of the events center however are more than expected. Now district officials want to transfer the money between projects. The transfer is going before voters as a referendum in the spring primary elections on Tuesday. The referendum does not ask for more money from voters. Instead it breaks the unused money down; 1-million dollars for construction on the multi-purpose facility, 500-thousand dollars to expand the high school auto lab. The vote will go one of two ways. Voters could say yes to finish the construction or they could say no. Gunderson and other district officials are asking voters to weigh their options, but most importantly to show up and cast a vote. Gunderson reminds voters that the referendum does not impact taxes. That plan has already been approved and set into place. He says he's heard a lot of positive feedback from the community on the upgraded facilities and says the facilities will not only benefit students but the entire community, now and in years to come. The multi-purpose events center would include a specialized gymnastics area along with the ability to hold outdoor sports inside. Upgrades to the automotive lab would add four additional auto bays for students to work in along with more modern equipment.

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Slug: GUNS IN SCHOOL

Republicans in the Wisconsin legislature have approved funding to help schools pay for armed guards. It's in response to the calls for improved safety following the Florida school shootings but it is not what those pushing for new laws had in mind. Democrats had hoped for laws requiring universal background checks for gun purchases. Republicans who control both the Assembly and Senate rejected that request, voting instead for the funds for armed guards. Wisconsin republicans are also considering a proposal to allow teachers at private and tribal schools to carry concealed weapons on school grounds. Their goal is to eventually expand the program from private schools to public schools.

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Slug: ENVIRONMENT

The Trump Administrations movement toward easing environmental standards for automobiles meets with resistance from La Crosse community leaders. News 19's Peter Lenz tells you who's speaking

out. On Thursday La Crosse community leaders respond to the Environmental Protection Agency's review of America's Clean Car Standards which set fuel efficiency targets for US car manufacturers. The standards were meant to combat US pollution and if they are amended La Crosse residents could feel the impact. Some think the review is the first step towards weakening US manufacturing standards, with people like Avery preparing for the change with the federal government's environmental commitment unsure. Residents focus on the importance of controlling pollution in our own community. The review also encourages La Crosse officials to lead their own environmental efforts despite local efforts. Mayor Kabat says cooperation would go a long way. The review prompts area officials to be a pioneer in environmental protection. A final decision is due by April first.

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Slug: ONA CHIEF PD

A shocking announcement from Onalaska; Onalaska Police Chief Jeffrey Trotnic tendered his resignation last night, today both Onalaska Mayor Joe Chilsen and City Council President Bob Muth confirming. As of right now neither party can confirm if the resignation has been accepted or what led the chief to offering his resignation. Trotnic has been the Onalaska Chief of Police since September of 2008. This is a developing story. WXOW will bring you any new information as it comes.

Time: :19 First Aired: 2/27/18 Shows: 5PM

Slug: MN BUDGET

Minnesota is now operating with a budget. Governor Dayton has signed the spending plan into law last night after the House and Senate approved a bill to restore 130 million dollars in funding last week. Last year Governor Dayton vetoed the same amount in legislative funding, triggering months of court cases and use of emergency funds.

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Slug: FRACKING

A judicial hearing is underway concerning a DNR permit to fill 16 acres of wetland in Monroe County. A permit approved for meteor timber to fill wetlands on their future frac sand operation was appealed by a number of environmental organizations who have argued that the approval would destroy rare wetlands that could not be replaced. Supporters say that Meteor would create 100 jobs and go to greater lengths to preserve certain lands than the previous land owner. We will have updates throughout the week as the hearing continues.

Time: :48 First Aired: 2/28/18 Shows: 5PM

Slug: WH SECURITY

Presidential son in law and senior advisor Jared Kushner has lost his top security clearance, this during a security clearance crackdown tears through the capitol. It all started two weeks ago when a former White House aid accused of domestic violence continued to handle classified information. Jared Kushner's role in the White House may be in jeopardy, which may make the job he's been tasked to do, solving peace in the middle east and other parts of the world, a bit challenging. Kushner has been working under a temporary security clearance since the inauguration. The FBI reviewed his application for nearly 15 months, Kushner even having to update it several times to add the contact he had with foreign officials before joining the administration that he initially omitted. ABC News has learned some of Kushner's contacts with foreign officials were never disclosed to the National Security Council or officially reported at all, which may be of interest to Special Counsel Robert Mueller who's investigating how the Russians meddled in the last US presidential election. The President does have the authority to give Kushner a permanent clearance but Trump left that decision up to his Chief of Staff John Kelly.

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Slug: HUMAN RIGHTS

Four members of the La Crosse Human Rights Commission resigned on Wednesday. The commissioners were upset over how the city was responding to citizen complaints about housing discrimination. The members who resigned included Shaundel Spivey, Elizabeth Digby-Britten, Rose Reinert and Will Van Roosenbeek. There were already vacancies on the commission before Wednesday's resignations. Human Rights Commission member Jacqueline Marcou told News 19 there were many frustrations between the commission and Mayor Tim Kabat. Marcou also noted there was a lack of trust between commission members and Mayor Kabat along with his staff. According to Marcou the resigning members felt the Mayor was having the commission work on things that the commission did not feel were within their bounds. The commission is not able to conduct business right now as the resignations created a lack of a quorum. Mayor Kabat is holding a news conference now to respond to the resignations. We will have his reaction tonight at six.

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Slug: MN DRUGS

New data shows Minnesota authorities see a notable increase in the amount of drugs taken off the street last year. According to the report released today more than 214,000 prescription pills were seized in 2017, over 3 and a half times the amount seized in 2016. Authorities also saw other large drug seizures during last year claiming 625 pounds of meth, 42 pounds of heroin and almost 4,500 pounds of marijuana.

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Slug: TARIFFS

President Trump announced on Thursday the US will impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports starting next week. The President said he'd like to see a 10% tariff on aluminum and a 25% tariff on steel. His announcement upended markets and left many uncertain. Republican Party members voiced their concerns, some saying that the President should "carefully consider all of the implications" and that Americans will surely suffer.

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Slug: DOMINICK

For the last eleven years Fire Chief Don Dominick led the Onalaska Fire Department, pioneering the idea that fire departments should serve as a community resource instead of just emergency responders. News 19's Peter Lenz talked with the chief about his impact on the city. Whether it is the educational programs Chief Dominick organizes or the precautionary events the department holds many Onalaska residents have been affected by the chief whether they are aware or not. After moving to Onalaska from the Detroit metropolitan area Chief Dominick quickly realized the tight knit Onalaska community. That connection helped Chief Dominick to revolutionize Onalaska's Fire Department. The chief's retirement from the department has some residents worried for the future, but Dominick says the department thrived before his involvement. Dominick continues to say that the department is prepared to overcome any challenges that arise in his absence. The chief also describes that once June comes he looks forward to spending weekday afternoons fishing and not being constantly tied to a pager. Chief Dominick's last day is June 21st at which time the city will begin a search for his replacement.

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Slug: LA CRESCENT DEV

Last Thursday night the La Crescent City Council approved a preliminary agreement that would bring a 75-unit housing development into the area. The proposed project would be built on land off County Road 6 commonly known as the Racetrack property. Taxpayers are not expected to see an increase because of the development. However those living in the Township of La Crescent could see up to \$20,000 in costs per household. That money would pay for the extension of city water and sewer lines. Many of the homes in the township will also become part of the city through a larger annexation plan. Mayor Mike Poellinger understands that annexation can be devastating to homeowners. However he says the need for housing is great. Poellinger says the city will work closely with the state as the project moves forward. The next public hearing will be at a rezoning discussion to move the land from agricultural to residential. No date has been set at this time but the public will be given a 10 day notice.

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Slug: COUNCIL

The La Crosse Public Library operates three locations and receives a little over four million dollars a year in taxpayer funds. Making sure the library continues to expand its services to meet the needs of users is an important goal. Last year the library had 826,000 items checked out and its public computers were used 75,000 times. Those are among the statistics presented to city council members tonight. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen tells you about the library administrators' priorities for the New Year. Council members tell me that they appreciate presentations like they had tonight, where they can escape the trivial details of government and focus deeper on just one core aspect of the community. Top priorities for the year include updating technology, digitizing city records and creating more partnerships in the community; but at the top of the list, restructuring space. Right now Krieg Sigman says the museum space isn't being used to its fullest potential. The review would, however, include a look at the overall layout of the Main Street building. The council will make some decisions this week on additional funding for some library projects including \$30,000 to re-purpose the old Explore La Crosse van for a pop-up library.

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Slug: MN GUNS

The largest physicians' organization in Minnesota is calling for a ban on assault weapons and more research on gun violence in the wake of the Florida high school shooting. Thousands of Twin Cities area students held a rally to call for new gun control laws this week in Saint Paul. Leaders of the Minnesota Medical Association want gun violence classified as a public health issue. The doctors are calling for renewing and strengthening an assault weapons ban, including high-capacity magazines.

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Slug: LED LIGHTS

Safety, security and historic charm; all among the reasons for a new lighting project on Cass Street in La Crosse and it's a money saver to boot. The Board of Public Works approved historic-style LED lights this week. It is part of a construction project taking place on a section of Cass Street from 7th Street to West Avenue. The project includes more crosswalks that will feature bump-outs and narrow roadways in some spots. There will also be up to 40 LED lights installed, averaging eight per block with four on each side of the road. Engineers say it's all about safety. Hassemer says the project could start as early as mid-May. The light installation will be complete this fall.

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Slug: WALKER

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker released new school safety legislation. The Governor says the plan includes 7-components but here are the bulk of items; establishing the Office of School Safety, creating a 100-million dollar School Safety Grant Program, requiring mandatory reporting of threats and

amending the bullying statute to include prompt parental notification. The governor called a special session to address these bills. The assembly plans to meet next week.

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Slug: SAFETY DIRECTOR

Onalaska city officials are considering how to move forward as they search for a new Fire Chief and Police Chief. One new option on the table is combining both positions into a Safety Director position. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen is live from the Police and Fire Commission meeting happening at Onalaska City Hall tonight and Mackenzie, what does the change mean for the future of the City's Public Safety. At the end of last month Onalaska Police Chief Feff Trotnic filed his letter of resignation to pursue other career opportunities. Just four days later Fire Chief Don Dominic announced his retirement. Tonight is the first meeting of the Onalaska Police and Fire Commission since both public safety leaders announced their intentions to leave. With the future open to all possibilities city officials are weighing all of their options including merging both the police and fire chief into one position, a Safety Director. That's a concept that's not popular in the State of Wisconsin. Just three communities have one unified Public Safety Department; Palmyra, Menomonee Falls and Ashwaubenon. The Village of Ashwaubenon did away with the traditional system in 1980. All members of the department are cross trained as EMTs, firefighters and police officers. They work 24 hour shifts, wearing each hat for eight hours at a time. Chief Eric Dunning acts as both the Fire and Police Chief. He told me in a phone interview this afternoon that the cross-training leads to a quicker and more efficient response to calls. In the City of Onalaska Mayor Joe Chilson says they will be looking to Ashwaubenon's structure if the change is approved. However Chilson says the Safety Director would be mainly administrative, managing paperwork and the budget. There are still a lot of unanswered questions. There is a possibility that those on the commission will make a decision on the position tonight. I'll have more from the meeting tonight at 10pm. The combining of positions in Onalaska doesn't mean a merger of departments. The Fire and Police Departments will remain separate entities. But Mayor Chilson says the timing of both Trotnic and Dominick's departures offers a rare opportunity to make some changes moving forward.

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Slug: FRACING

Legislation to allow a 70 million dollar frac sand processing plant may still be alive. Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald is saying he wants to reconvene the senate to tweak special election law, also saying that Senators are still interested in the bill that would allow meteor timber to build their plant in Monroe County and that the measure could come up while they work on special election law. The Assembly passed provisions last month that would have allowed the company to fill wetlands while the judge is still considering the case, but the Senate closed its two year session on Tuesday without voting on the bill.

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Slug: OPIOID

The opioid crisis continues to grip the United States including right here in La Crosse County. Today at a special roundtable discussion health officials and local law enforcement sat down to discuss the issue with US Senator Tammy Baldwin today. News 19's Jeremy Culver was there and Jeremy, what do they want the federal government to do about it? They want to see more partnership between the federal, state and local governments working on prevention efforts. At the discussion health officials say they saw 28 deaths in La Crosse County linked to drugs last year, but the number could actually be higher because of how some are listed. Senator Baldwin says the recent federal spending bill appropriated \$4.7 billion dollars to fight the nationwide epidemic and prevention must be a top priority. Those health officials and law enforcement say these open discussions are vital to getting the real needs directly to the Senator so she can take those remarks back to Congress and make good legisla-

tive decisions and advocate for real changes. Local health officials say most of the drug related deaths are between the age group of 30 and 55 years old.

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:32 3/26/18 10PM

Slug: BRF SUMMIT

The Jackson County Sheriff announced today a county-wide school safety plan incorporating a resource officer. The plan works with 3 districts in the county for training for active shooter scenarios, holds several community input and involvement sessions and creates a threat assessment team, made up of behavioral health professionals, school staff and members of the sheriff's office. The sheriff said unified training along with good communication is key to creating safe schools. It also helps create better connections between students and law enforcement due to funding; this county project is only a pilot program starting on April 7th, ending on the school year.

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:56 3/28/18 6PM

Slug: DRUG\$\$\$\$

Just this year La Crosse police have staged drug raids that netted tens of thousands of dollars in cash and property. Current law allows local law enforcement to keep a portion of the funds but that may change. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen explains what happens next and why it's a the center of state legislation it may not be one of the first questions that comes to mind when police report a drug bust but it's one with an answer that might surprise you. Under the current state laws law enforcement can petition the court to obtain funds seized from a drug crime even without a conviction. If an administrative process finds the money was the result of a crime related to drugs or drug dealing it would be released from evidence. If the amount is less than \$2,000, 70% of the money goes to the state school fund, 30% goes into a segregated fund at the La Crosse police department. If the amount is over \$2,000 the money is split 50-50. A piece of state legislation could change the current system of dealing with seized property. Senate Bill 61 would make it illegal to seize items taken from a drug bust unless the person was convicted of a related criminal offense. Senate Bill 61 would force 100% of any forfeited funding to go into the state school fund. That fund helps schools across the state buy library books and other instructional materials. Senator Jennifer Shilling voted against the bill that Senator Craig told me has bipartisan support. It has passed through the House and the Senate and now it's on Governor Walker's desk waiting for a signature. The senate voted 22 to ten in favor of the bill. All 18 republicans voted yes; only four of the fourteen democrats supported it. Senator Craig says police departments should not be depending on forfeited money as a funding stream. It's up to the departments to allow for investigation costs in the budget. However Melby says losing this funding could cost the taxpayers in the end.

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:45 3/30/18 6PM

Slug: STATE TROOPER

Thirty seven Wisconsin State Patrol recruits spent the last 26 weeks training to be state troopers and today they officially become officers. News 19's Peter Lenz joins us now after spending time at the state patrol graduation to tell us more about the 63rd class of recruits. The new officers come from as close as Sparta and as far away as Hartford Connecticut, but after today they close the door on their past and open the door to their future with the Wisconsin State Patrol. Their training prepares them to handle everything from traffic laws to lifesaving skills and with only three female officers this graduating class is consistent with the make-up of previous years. But at the Wisconsin State Patrol officers say their ability as a trooper is far more important than gender. Six graduating officers are also military veterans. Now out of the 37 graduates 29 will begin their service as troopers with eight working as inspectors. Troopers generally patrol and enforce laws on Wisconsin highways while inspectors help enforce state and federal safety regulations typically effecting commercial motor vehicles. The recent graduates have been assigned to work from one of the five state patrol posts across Wisconsin.

2. CRIME & COURTS 1-1-18 THROUGH 3-31-18

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Slug: HEIDI ALBERS

A La Crosse woman arrested twice in three days for drunk driving pleaded guilty and was sentenced today in La Crosse County Court. Thirty nine year old Heidi Albers was arrested in August for a second and third OWI within days of each other. She registered a .38 BAC during her arrest for second OWI and .28 just a few days later. Today she was sentenced to more than 6 months of electronic monitoring, ordered to pay \$5,000 in fines and could lose her license. Today Albers apologized for her behavior in court. Albers says she successfully completed in patient treatment and is currently going on 60 days sober.

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:26 1/4/18 5PM

Slug: JURORS

Jurors summoned for the Kendhammer trial who didn't appear in court could face some hefty fines. Judge Todd Bjerke ordered jurors to appear in court with an explanation of why they didn't report for jury duty. Wisconsin statute allows judges to fine jurors who fail to report for duty up to \$500. The charges are listed as contempt of court. Judges don't usually penalize jurors who don't appear but the fines show the seriousness of serving on a jury. Twelve summoned jurors failed to appear for the Kendhammer trial. Kroner said if it had only been one or two Judge Bjerke may not have taken action. Todd Kendhammer is currently facing life in prison after a jury found him guilty of first degree intentional homicide.

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Slug: SHOOTING

One person is dead and one in custody after a shooting in the Town of Jefferson in Monroe County this morning. The victim is 25 year old Israel Alcantara. Police arrested 35 year old Adalberto Lopez a short time after the shooting in Juneau County. No details yet on what led to the shooting. The shooting resulted in the cancellation of classes in the Cashton School District during the investigation. Lopez has a court appearance on Tuesday.

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:25 1/12/18 6PM

Slug: VOGEL

A Winona man has pleaded guilty to the sexual assault of a child. Thirty three year old Jacob Vogel pleaded guilty in Buffalo County court to charges dating back to March of 2016. Prosecutors say Vogel communicated online and exchanged sexually explicit messages with an eleven year old girl, Vogel arranged for her to meet him, where they had a sexual encounter in his vehicle. The girl later told her parents who contacted police. Sentencing is set for March.

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:24 1/16/18 5PM

Slug: DRAKE

A Sparta man pled not guilty to felony drug trafficking charges today. Thirty eight year old Corydon Drake allegedly set up multiple marijuana growing operations in Colorado and brought that to the La Crosse area to sell over the past three years. Meg Unit Coordinator Tom Johnson took the stand today, testifying that an associate of Drakes said he would threaten and intimidate to keep his operation running. He remains free on \$10,000 cash band.

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Slug: DRUG BUST

A burglary investigation led to a drug bust on La Crosse's north side. Police say burglary reports led to a search at 1018 Gillette Street in which 6 people were arrested. That location is right across the street from Northside Elementary. Police say TV's, video game systems, and other electronics were discovered and a total of just under 600 grams of 7 different types of illegal substances were found, having a total street value of \$57,000.

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Slug: SHERWIN

An update now on a story we told you about last Friday. The story involved the search of a Holmen storage unit resulting in the evacuation of some area businesses. Tomah Police say that unit was rented by a Bangor man stopped December 29th for a traffic violation. Tomah Police say they stopped 35-year old Anthony Sherwin. They searched the vehicle after a Tomah Police drug dog reacted. After the car search police discovered explosive powders and steel shot contained in a glass jar. Tomah police then obtained a search warrant for a Holmen storage unit rented by Sherwin where they discovered a facsimile pipe bomb that was recovered and rendered safe. Sherwin is charged by the Monroe County DA with 8 offenses including possession of improvised explosives, methamphetamine and THC. He will make his initial court appearance in Monroe County on Thursday.

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Slug: JAKUB

A jury in Rock County has convicted Joseph Jakubowski, the Janesville man who stole guns and sent threatening letters last spring. The 33 year old Kakubowski was previously convicted in federal court and sentenced to 14 years in prison. Last April he stole the guns and set off a statewide manhunt that ended ten days later near the Vernon-Richland County line. He faces up to 25 years at his sentencing next month. The jury deliberated for just 90 minutes before returning the guilty verdict.

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Slug: BAGSTAD

Additional charges filed against a La Crosse man for child sexual assault. Last month 33-year old Dustin Bagstad made his first court appearance, charged with the assault of a 14-year old in November 2016. The girl, now 16, told police she had a number of sexual encounters with Bagstad in his apartment and car. Now a second accuser has come forward and Bagstad is facing 4-additional felony, child sexual assault charges as a result. He's pleading not guilty. Bagstad was a part time employee in the La Crosse School District. He has resigned.

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Slug: STUDENT ARREST

A freshman from China attending Virginia Tech has been charged with illegally possessing an assault weapon. Authorities arrested Yungsong Zhao Monday. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted of possessing an AR-15 weapon and attempting to order 5,000 rounds of ammunition. Students on campus say they're thankful the situation was handled safely but others are concerned about a greater focus on preventing incidents like this. Zhao's lawyer has said the student never made any threats and there was never any danger to the Virginia Tech community.

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Slug: DALLET

Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice Michael Gableman is not running for a second 10-year term. There are three people running for his seat. One is Judge Rebecca Dallet, a Milwaukee County Circuit Court Judge. We began our conversation with why she wants to run. I'm running for the Wisconsin Supreme Court because our rights are under attack, every day, tweet by tweet. And we have concerns about the things that we care most about in Wisconsin, things like clean air and water, public schools, equal protection under the law. And we have a Supreme Court that is broken. And what we need at this moment in time is someone to stand up and repair that Supreme Court; someone with the values and experience to do that. And I've been working in our courts for more than two decades as a prosecutor and now as a judge really fighting for those rights every day and I want to continue to do that on our Supreme Court. We need someone with that combination. The values I was talking about we care about, we have a wonderful state with great parks and waterways, great public schools and we protected working people, ensure people are treated equally throughout our state and those things are really at risk right now. And our court is not functioning in a way it should. It's functioning in a way that it's looking out for its political allies as opposed to applying the law. I care deeply about the law. I care deeply about helping people and serving justice which is what I've done for more than two decades. As a judge I've had over 10 thousand cases I've provided over in all kinds of areas of the law making sure our rights are protected. I've stood up for women both as a prosecutor and a judge in domestic violence and sexual assault cases. These are the qualities we need on that court right now. Along with Dallet Madison attorney Tim Burns and Sauk County Circuit Judge Michael Screnock are running. The two with the greatest number of votes in the February 20th primary will move on to the April 3rd general election.

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:27 2/13/18 5PM

Slug: GERMONATTA

A woman who recently announced her primary campaign against Ron Kind is now in custody of the NYPD on grand larceny charges. Juliet Germanotta was arrested by the La Crosse County Sheriff's Department following a call to the DA's office from the NYPD, saying that Germanotta was wanted for grand larceny in the third degree. No word yet on the context of that charge. According to the warrant her charge deals with theft of property that exceeds a value of three thousand dollars.

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:17 2/13/18 5PM

Slug: DAMON TAYLOR

There will be sentencing in April for a La Crosse man in connection with a south side shooting last year. Police arrested Damon Taylor following a seven hour standoff with police last April. Taylor shot another person in the leg during a drug dispute in a south side apartment complex. Sentencing is set for April 18th.

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:30 2/14/18 6PM

Slug: WINONA MURDER

A jury has convicted a Winona man of murder in a bar shooting in July of last year. The jury convicted 51 year old Ricky Waiters in the death of 53 year old Robert Johnson also of Winona. Waiters fired shots into a crowd at half a dozen people gathered outside EB's Corner Bar after the group had told him he couldn't park in the spot near the building. Waiters attorneys claim he acted in self-defense, saying the people outside the bar rushed his car after he tried to back away from where he had parked. He faces sentencing in April.

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Slug: ANDERSON

Mitrel Anderson of La Crosse pled guilty Wednesday to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine. At the plea hearing Anderson admitted taking part in a drug deal on November 17th of

2016. That deal took place in Trempealeau County involving three ounces of methamphetamine. Sentencing is scheduled for April 20th. Anderson faces a statutory minimum sentence of five years and up to 40 years in prison and a minimum four year period of supervised release and various fines. You may remember in 2014 a jury found Mitrel Anderson not guilty in the death of Demario Lee inside a Cass Street convenience store restroom, that incident taking place in 2013.

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Slug: OPIODS

La Crosse County will join a lawsuit against pharmaceutical companies over the opioid drug crisis. On Thursday night the La Crosse County Board voted to join more than 60 Wisconsin counties in the lawsuit. The lawsuit seeks compensation for millions of dollars in costs of social services law enforcement and emergency care in response to the opioid epidemic. The legal action alleges that pharmaceutical drug makers and physicians pursued fraudulent marketing practices for prescription painkillers. There is no cost to the county to join the lawsuit and the county would join in the payments if a settlement to the lawsuits is reached.

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Slug: MADISON ASSAULT

A former UW Madison student pleaded guilty on Wednesday to five felonies. Twenty one year old Alec Cook has been convicted on three counts of third degree sexual assault, strangulation and stalking involving eleven different women from the UW campus. All incidents occurred between 2015 and 2016. Cook now faces up to 10 years of combined prison and extended supervision for the sexual assault convictions, up to six years for the strangulation conviction and up to three and a half years for stalking. He currently remains free on a \$100,000 bond until his sentencing hearing.

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Slug: HEROIN OD

Two have been arrested and one is now dead following a heroin overdose. First responders and the La Crosse County Sheriff's office responded to a possible heroin overdose Wednesday. Jessica Docken was transported to Gundersen Health System where she was treated until she passed away on Thursday. Her husband Shawn Docken has been arrested for delivery of heroin, bail jumping and marijuana related charges. An autopsy is scheduled for February 26th.

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Slug: DOCKEN

There was a court appearance today for an Onalaska man facing possible reckless homicide charges in the drug overdose death of his wife. Police say 54 year old Shawn Docken and his wife 33 year-old Tiffany Docken had smoked heroin at their home last Wednesday. Tiffany overdosed; first responders found her unresponsive. She died the next day. Docken faces a number of drug related charges. His next court appearance is March 14th.

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Slug: KENDHAMMER

A last-minute motion was filed by Todd Kendhammer's attorneys, asking for the recusal of trial judge Todd Bjerke. Hendhammer was found guilty of first-degree homicide of his wife Barb in a jury trial last December. His sentencing is set for this Friday. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen explains why defense attorneys say the La Crosse Circuit Court Judge needs to remove himself from the case. Kendhammer's attorney's filed the motion for recusal Monday, days before Judge Bjerke is expected to sentence Todd Kendhammer for first degree murder. In the motion his attorney's state that the request

is based on the court's conduct during trial which "at a minimum raised questions about whether the court was impartial or whether it placed the interests of the media and how the court appeared in the media ahead of the defendant's right to a fair trial and effective assistance of counsel." The 28-page brief provides examples of pre-trial media coverage surrounding the case that the attorneys say swayed the court and the jurors to make up their minds of Kendhammer's guilt. However legal experts say the media plays a vital role in criminal trials. Kroner said the defense attorneys had the option to file a motion to hold the trial outside of La Crosse County. They ultimately did not choose to change the venue and therefore were aware of the media coverage surrounding the case. No time has been set for Judge Bjerke to discuss the motion for his recusal. Kroner said it will likely be addressed before Kendhammer's sentencing begins Friday morning. District Attorney Tim Gruenke issued a statement regarding the motion for recusal. Although he does not take a position he states that the defendant hasn't provided enough evidence to support that the media coverage made the court biased. He says it doesn't appear the defendant had any of his rights violated or even impacted. News 19 will be live streaming the sentencing on our website starting at 9 Friday morning.

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Slug: SIMMONS

A court appearance today for the La Crosse man charged with sexual assault. Prosecutors say Gregory Simmons assaulted a woman with whom he had a relationship then planned to take her to south-east Wisconsin to make her a prostitute and then kill her. The woman escaped at a convenience store. She notified a clerk who allowed her to hide in a freezer until police arrived. He's held on \$25,000 bond. He's due back in court later this month.

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:30 3/8/18 10PM

Slug: KENDAMMER

The judge in the Todd Kendhammer case today announced he would not recuse himself from the sentencing phase and will impose the sentence tomorrow morning. The sentencing is set for 9 tomorrow morning. A jury found Kendhammer guilty of first-degree homicide at a trial last December, believing he killed his wife Barb before staging the death as a tragic accident. Kendhammer faces a mandatory life sentence but the judge could choose to make him eligible for parole after at least 20 years. News19 will live-stream the sentencing on our website.

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:19 3/14/18 6PM

Slug: OWI

A Riverdale man is in jail after his fourth OWI. The Wisconsin State Patrol says they pulled over 38 year old Corey Johnson on Highway 53 near Holmen. Johnson was going 90 miles an hour in a 65 mph and he had an infant and an 18 month old in the car. Johnson is currently being held at the La Crosse County Jail.

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Slug: MEADOWSMALON

Two men arrested last week as part of an ongoing drug investigation made their initial appearances in court this afternoon. Christopher Malone of La Crosse and Denzel Meadows of Chicago were arrested on March 14th at a home in the 2800 block of South Avenue. Investigators had information that heroin and fentanyl was being sold from the house. According to the criminal complaint Malone and Meadows face felony charges of delivery of a controlled substance and maintaining a drug trafficking place. Both men also face felony bail jumping charges. Their next court date is not yet set.

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Slug: PRETRIAL

In 2017 La Crosse County saw a record number of felony cases filed, that's according to data shared by La Crosse County District Attorney Tim Gruenke at the monthly Criminal Justice Management Council Meeting this morning. Gruenke says the rise in felonies results from a rise in meth charges and bail jumping. La Crosse County is one of eight Wisconsin counties testing new pre-trial assessment. The goal is to develop an evidence based system to determine the appropriate bond and supervision. Bisek says there's a larger philosophical debate happening nationwide about relying on cash bonds to ensure a court appearance. That's how the justice system is set up under state statute. The pre-trial pilot project is an effort to better assess public safety locally within those means. The county is expected to start using the Public Safety Assessment in the near future.

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Slug: HOUSE DRUGS

La Crosse Police arrested three people last night at 425 Johnson Street, part of a drug investigation. In custody are 32 year Deante House, 21 year old Kindred Foster and 21 year old Austin Bonner. During a search police seized a loaded hand gun and a number of drugs including cocaine, methamphetamine, crack cocaine, heroin, marijuana and nearly five thousand dollars cash.

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Slug: MASHAK

Prosecutors in Monroe County filed charges against a Sparta middle school teacher. She's accused of sexual contact with a 17-year old male student at the high school. Twenty seven year old Alexis Mashak is charged in a criminal complaint with child enticement, sexual assault of a child by a person who works or volunteers with children and two counts of exposure. The Sparta area school district issued a news release yesterday afternoon explaining that Mashak had been placed in paid administrative leave but it did not mention the charges filed by prosecutors. Mashak is set for a court appearance April 16th.

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Slug: NASSAR BOSS

Larry Nassar's boss is facing charges. Former Michigan State Dean William Strampel is charged with one felony count of misconduct in office and a misdemeanor count of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct for his actions as dean from 2002 to 2018 according to court documents. Strampel was in court today after police arrested the 70 year old Monday. If convicted he could face up to five years in prison.

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Slug: LEXIVOLD

A man facing battery charges against a La Crosse police officer was in court today. He's the same man who attacked officers with a logging chain two years ago. Thirty-eight year old Daniel Lexvold appeared before Judge Elliot Levine. He's facing a number of charges, the first batter of a police officer, resisting arrest, 3 counts of bail jumping and being charged for having drug paraphernalia. These charges come after an incident late Tuesday night in which Lexvold was driving the wrong way on a one-way stretch of Cass St. Lexvold was combative with police and said quote "you're lucky I didn't have my chain this time". Lexvold is in the La Crosse County Jail.

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Slug: PULSE

It was a not guilty verdict for the widow of the Orlando night club shooter. Noor Salmon was accused of aiding and abetting a terrorist and obstruction of justice. Authorities arrested her in January last year, accusing her of helping her husband plan the attack that killed 49 and injured 53. Salmon was facing life in prison. According to her family she plans to return to her home state of California where she will live with her son.

3. AGRICULTURE 1-1-18 THROUGH 3-31-18

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Slug: HEMP

Wisconsin farmers planning to grow hemp will learn more about the process of getting a permit this spring. State lawmakers ended the ban on hemp production last fall. Analysts say the state will form an application process and require farmers to obtain seeds through the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. Hemp must also overcome a stigma that links it to marijuana production. The new rules strictly regulate the amount of THC in the plants, which is the active ingredient in marijuana. Hemp can be used for products ranging from clothing to building materials to paper.

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Slug: DAIRYFARMS

America's dairy land could be facing trouble because even as milk production rises the number of dairy farms is falling. Wisconsin Public Radio reports that Wisconsin lost 500 dairy farms last year, based on data from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. At the beginning of 2018 the state had just under 9,000 dairy herds registered. An Agriculture and Applied Economics professor from UW Madison says it's difficult for small farms to be profitable, but that small producers could instead look to growing interests in local food and specialty crops.

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Slug: FARM SHOW

Advancements in technology are affecting every aspect of our economy including farming. La Crosse is hosting the Annual Midwest Farm Show this week and as News 19's Sam Shilts reports, it comes at a time when some farmers say they need all the help they can get. New products and technology on showcase for the 40th Annual Midwest Farm Show; this comes in the midst of a now four year rough patch with commodity prices projected to continue a decline farmers. Particularly those from smaller and family owned operations have been feeling the effects over the past three months. Prices seem to remain stagnant or dip slightly. Investors are shying away which can impact prices and as a result a farmer's bottom line even though it seems the rough patch may continue. Farmers here say they are up to the challenge. Farmers are also keeping an anxious eye on the future of the NAFTA Trade Agreement. President Trump has threatened to withdraw from the trade policies which would impact the foreign markets available to sell their products.

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Slug: WETLAND

Pushback on some proposed wetlands legislation is having lawmakers make some changes. A proposed bill would allow developers to fill in state wetlands without a permit. Currently, the DNR must issue a permit before the dredging or filling of any wetland. Conservation groups spoke in opposition to the bill at a public hearing last month. Senator Jennifer Shilling says it's important to remember the importance wetlands have to surrounding communities.

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Slug: FARMERS NAFTA

Farmers are growing more and more anxious with the negotiations over the North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA. Several Wisconsin farmers' organizations have joined a new coalition in support of keeping the NAFTA deal alive. News 19's Alex Wasilenko joins us now to talk more about the new coalition and the possible local impacts if NAFTA were to get the ax. Wisconsin Potato and

Vegetable Growers Association and the Wisconsin State Cranberry Growers Association have become part of the New Americans for Farmers and Families Coalition. This coalition is made up of thirty state and national organizations and is aimed to lobby President Trump and Congress about the importance of NAFTA negotiations. Some farmers across the Coulee Region would be affected negatively if NAFTA negotiations were to fall through. This would limit trade options across our northern and southern borders for local farmers that export their produce or dairy products. Not only will the farmers suffer if they cannot export their goods, but so would the local economy. These NAFTA negotiations may also have a broader impact than just trade with Canada and Mexico. Other countries will be observing how the United States handles these negotiations. NAFTA negotiations are reported to be making some progress.

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Slug: FARMS

New research confirms a troubling trend in Wisconsin. The western portion of the state had the highest number of farm bankruptcies in the nation last year. The western district of Wisconsin, which includes 44 Counties including La Crosse, had 28 farm bankruptcy cases in 2017. Wisconsin farmers are earning less because of low commodity prices for corn, soybeans and milk. More farmers are turning to seed or equipment companies for lines of credit instead of traditional agriculture lenders, something that could lead to more bankruptcy cases.

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Slug: WETLANDS

A republican bill that would allow developers to fill wetlands without Department of Natural Resources permits is a step closer to passing the State Assembly. The Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform approved the bill today. The bill would let developers fill up to an acre of urban wetlands without a DNR permit as long as the activity doesn't affect a rare and high-quality wetland. Conservationists say the measure would lead to the destruction of countless wetland acres, resulting in more flooding and the loss of wildlife habitat.

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Slug: CONSERVANCY

The Mississippi Valley Conservancy is the recipient of a million dollar gift. That announcement came this morning. A donor, who wished to remain anonymous, gave one million dollars to help promote conservation of the Driftless Area. An endowment called Our Children's Natural Heritage will get the money to help offset the costs of conservation easements, which protect lands from any future developments. Abrahamson says the vision of the anonymous donor was to grow that endowment to 3 million dollars through gifts and donations. She says they are nearly halfway to matching today's million dollar donation.

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Slug: ARCADIA WATER

Arcadia can say something no one else can. They have the best tasting water in the country. That's according to the National Rural Water Association. The taste test was held today in Washington DC. The National Rural Water Rally began on February 2nd and more than 350 rural water professionals attended. Today after nearly a half hour of taste testing the Arcadia Water Utility of Wisconsin received the top prize. Three representatives accepted the gold medal. If you would like to see the taste test competition you can find it on the National Rural Water Association's website.

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Slug: DAIRY INSURANCE

Wisconsin lawmakers have worked to modify a federal price insurance program following criticism from dairy farmers. The Margin Protection Program for Dairy allows farmers to buy insurance that pays out when the cost to produce milk becomes too close to the selling price for the milk. But Wisconsin dairy farmers say the program doesn't fully account for feed, supplements and transportation costs. US Sen. Tammy Baldwin introduced changes to the program that would lower the cost of premiums for small and medium sized producers.

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Slug: MOSES

The La Crosse Center is geared up for the first night of the 29th Annual MOSES Conference. MOSES, which stands for Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service, provides resources for local organic farmers. Organic food and organic farming is now a 50 billion dollar industry. This weekend's conference is expected to attract three thousand people. To register go to the South Hall entrance of the La Crosse Center. The exhibit hall will be open to the public until 8 pm and again on Saturday from 1:30 to 3:30.

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Slug: FARM TO TABLE

With the Organic Conference in town some local producers and farm to table restaurants are gearing up for a bigger crowd. Organic food and farming is now a 50 billion dollar industry. Locations like Hackberry's Bistro above the People's Food Co-Op are expecting an influx over the weekend, though according to staff, the number of what they called "conventional eaters" are rising in what used to be considered a niche industry. Lesser said the conference provides a unique opportunity to network with others in the organic foods industry. MOSES runs through tomorrow night.

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Slug: WOMEN FARMING

Over the years the agriculture industry has seen various revolutions. With the MOSES conference focusing on the rise of organic products, people also take the time to recognize the rise of female leadership in the farming industry. WXOW's Peter Lenz joins us now to tell us more about the representation of women in agriculture. Area agriculture educators say 10 years ago males held the majority in their classrooms but in the span of just a few years that majority switched. Regardless of gender one thing every successful farmer has is a story to tell. Aimee Schomburg now teaches Farm Management at Western Technical College and before she became an instructor full time she followed her passions. The support from Schomburg's family helped to follow her goals to the farm, but it's not always easy for aspiring female farmers. Some attribute the increase in female agriculture students to female leaders in our community encouraging people to follow their goals. And just like the ecology of the farms they work on. Diversity is key to success. Lance continues to say opportunities for female farmers to succeed in the La Crosse area do exist. Those opportunities require two things though, passion and a commitment to their farm. If any students in your life have an interest in farming, Lance says to reach out to the nearest FFA organization.

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Slug: HEMP

Wisconsin farmers can begin applying for licenses to grow hemp. Federal drug laws do not differentiate between hemp and marijuana, but in 2014 Congress began allowing states to conduct research programs. So far 31 states have researched the plant and last fall Wisconsin lawmakers lifted the ban on hemp. The deadline to apply for the upcoming growing season is May 1st.

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Slug: DAIRYNEWS

In this segment of Wisconsin Dairy News sponsored by the Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board we're focusing on the Farm Bowl. It's an ag-focused obstacle course involving farmers and NFL players competing for recognition all while celebrating the importance of agriculture. In an event designed to inspire youth to consider a career in modern agriculture, six teams of farmers and NFL players paired up to complete tasks loosely resembling those on the farm. Team huskers included Wisconsin Dairy farmer Amber Horn-Leiterman and former Green Bay Packers wide receiver Greg Jennings. Amber and Greg competed as a team through a series of timed challenges! And one of the tasks, the hay bale backup, proved to be quite challenging for Greg! Despite the setback, Jennings and Horn-Leiterman were pleased with their performance and the opportunity to showcase agriculture. Regardless of who took away the title of Farm Bowl Champions, the day was full of excitement and inspiration for the next generation of agriculturalists. And that's Wisconsin Dairy News today. Less than two percent of the US population is involved in farming. Many people still consider farming to be an antiquated profession when in reality experts say it's driven by innovation and technology.

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Slug: CWD

Sixty deer across Wisconsin hunting ranches tested positive for Chronic Wasting Disease in 2017. That number is the second highest in state history, with the highest on record from 2006 with 61 deer testing positive for CWD. According to Wisconsin Public Radio nine deer have already tested positive for CWD this year, those deer at breeding facilities and hunting ranches.

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Slug: LAND

The public was invited to join in on a discussion about land management ethics held at Centennial Hall today on the UW-L campus. News 19s Alex Wasilenko was at the meeting today and discusses how the practices of philosophy and earth science are trying to come together to create a better environment. The ethical dimensions of land management symposium were held today at UW-L. The symposium helped open up discussions about land management and restoration with a hope of creating more open minds. Professor of Philosophy at UW-L, Samuel Cocks, was one of the speakers today and wanted to know more about the thought process behind these decisions. A different perspective they may help nature and environmental decisions mesh as one, closing that gap and blending into nature will be the ultimate goal moving forward with local land management. The key note speaker at the symposium was philosopher Adam Briggles from the University of North Texas. He spoke on problems facing land management, hunting regulations, frac sand mining, and oil drilling.

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Slug: DUCK NESTS

It's a conservation partnership spanning nearly one thousand miles, just in time for spring. Over the next few months hundreds of mallard ducks in northeast Wisconsin will have a new, safer place to nest. Along a marsh at the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, Eric Johnson is installing a mallard hen house courtesy of the Flyway Foundation in South Carolina. Last week, the Packerland chapter of Delta Waterfowl received a truckload of more than 400 donated nests. Conservation groups from Sheboygan to Marinette then show up at the Maribel Sportsman's Club to load up as many as they could use. Johnson says studies show the hen houses tremendously increase nesting success from about 6% where a mallard nests on the ground to more than 60% duck production where the nests are placed. According to estimates from the Wisconsin DNR there are nearly 190,000 mallards in the state.

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Slug: BIRDS

Fourth grade Cub Scouts at Blessed Sacrament School worked with Friends of the Marsh this afternoon to help the black tern bird population have nesting platforms. Black tern birds are a neo-tropical migrant that comes from South America to the La Crosse area in the spring to nest in our marshes. The scouts are building 12 platforms. Scouts say this is very important for the black tern population and it feels good to help. The black terns will make their way to the La Crosse area in mid-April to mid-May, depending on the weather, and will be in the area for about a month to a month and a half.

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Slug: COMMUNITY GARDEN

As the Kane Street Community Garden celebrates 20 years in La Crosse another in front of the Dahl YMCA is on their second anniversary since breaking ground in 2016. Both are part of a rising trend in urban agriculture over the past decade. News 19's Sam Shilts went to two community gardens and joins us with details. As the growing season approaches in the late 1990's one of the Hunger Task Force's first programs was a small plot of land to help produce extra food for the community. Now 20 years later they produce tens of thousands of pounds of food each year. Now some others are following suit and even breaking some new ground of their own. The main portion of the planting season is quickly approaching. These volunteers at Kane Street are getting ready for this, their 20th growing season. Some new additions, including a mobile greenhouse structure, combined with what has kept them going for 2 decades. The gardens have grown to encompass two city blocks, run almost entirely by volunteers. Another community gardening project experiencing some major growth of their own is the YMCA's Food Forest, another community gathering place and food source that just 2 years ago was an empty lawn. Both serve their own separate purposes, but at the same time serve a need from their urban locations. As projections predict urban populations to grow some say the need for agriculture right in town will grow along with it. As long as volunteer effort and community involvement remain strong the gardens continue to grow, in more ways than one. Both Kane Street and the Community Food Forest rely on volunteer hours. Over at the Y, each Wednesday night beginning in June is educational events for volunteers. Kane Street will need interested volunteers right away. They are open starting at 8am Monday through Saturday. Coordinators say if gardening isn't your thing but you're handy with construction work they also need help putting together new greenhouse structures that will help extend their harvest season in the fall. Contact information for both the Community Food Forest and the Kane Street Community Garden can be found on our website.

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Slug: EASTER LILLIES

As Easter approaches many local flower shops in search of one specific lily. The Easter lily symbolizes the resurrection for those in the Christian faith. Many churches display the flower during Easter services. Linda Zoerb, President of La Crosse Floral, says Easter lilies come from Oregon. The bulbs are planted in October to be ready for Easter. She says once the holiday is over the Easter lily bulb can be planted. Zoerb says if you have cats you should know that Easter lilies can pose a danger, causing renal failure. So, keep them away from your cats.

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Slug: BEANS

Many farmers across the nation are planting soybeans over corn this spring. That includes farmers in Minnesota. The US Department of Agriculture says Minnesota farmers intend to plant nearly eight million acres of soybeans this year compared to 7.5 million acres of corn, the state's lowest corn acreage since 2006 and a seven percent decrease from 2017.

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Slug: SYRUP

Phil and Sarah Gudgeon have a family history of making maple syrup in the Kickapoo dating back to the late 1800's. Their memories of making maple syrup the old fashioned way have led them to create a larger scale operation called Kickapoo Gold, which offers pure organic maple syrup and maple cream to people across the United States and the Coulee Region. Chief Photographer Travis Judell takes you to Viroqua to give you an inside look behind the family operation. With the growing interest in further expanding their maple syrup production Phil and Sarah saw an opportunity to service other local maple syrup producers. So in 2002 Kickapoo Gold became a dealer for Leader Evaporator Company, offering a full line of products for producing maple syrup with an office and showroom located in Westby.

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Slug: TICKS

As the snows melt, more and more life comes into the Coulee Region. Unfortunately, some of that includes the return of nasty parasites carrying disease. Spring signals the start of tick season. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with some prevention tips for both you and your pets. It may seem early, but ticks can survive the harsh winters here. Any day that gets above 40 degrees, they become active and they're looking to feed. Ticks will soon be out in larger and larger number as the weather warms. Coming in many shapes and sizes, ticks usually are found in tall grassy areas or leafy foliage. They feed on their hosts by attaching and gorging on blood, possibly transmitting Lyme disease, endemic in Wisconsin. It presents early, typically with a rash, fever and chills, but later can turn into severe joint aches and nerve pain, even neurological symptoms. It takes about 24 hours after a bite for the disease to transfer. Pets, particularly dogs are at risk as well. Without prevention, the disease can be transmitted and present itself very quickly. Prevention medications and even vaccinations are available as well as tools to safely remove the parasite. Now, it shouldn't deter you or your pets from going outdoors. It's just important that if you do so in a grassy or wooded area, to establish a prevention routine. Be sure to do a full body check right away at home. Take a hot shower to wash away any ticks that haven't been attached yet and check any gear you may have brought along. Meller said to toss clothing in the dryer on high heat for about 20 minutes. That should be enough to kill any ticks leftover it's recommended that removal be done by tweezers at the very base to remove the whole tick. More information on signs and symptoms of Lyme disease can be found at the CDC website. If you notice a rash at the bite or fever and headache you should seek medical attention.

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Slug: MAYO BABY

Mayo Clinic Health System welcomed the first baby born in La Crosse in 2018 this morning. Kalei Ryan Johnson was born to parents Amanda Craig and Jacob Johnson at 6:49 this morning. He was born eight pounds thirteen and a half ounces. His due date was supposed to be tomorrow but his parents were happy to welcome him a day early baby Kalei will go home in a few days with mom and dad and also a big sister.

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Slug: GUNDY BABY

And over at Gundersen, this little one was born exactly 7 pounds to parents Jen and Keith Branes at 7:23am. He is the latest addition to a now family of 7. His parents say they're still considering a name, and say they were hoping he would have come earlier so the rest of the family could spend their winter break with the new baby. According to the US Census Bureau babies were born on average every 8 seconds over the past year. Congratulations to both families on their new additions.

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Slug: POLAR

People braved frigid temperatures to take part in Milwaukee's "Polar Bear Plunge". Today the water was about 33 degrees but participants started splashing into Lake Michigan at around noon anyway. The water may have been frigid, but the air temperature was far worse. It was negative 3 degrees at 11:00 with a wind chill of negative 22. A posting on PolarPlungeMilwaukee.com warned folks that due to colder than normal conditions, medical professionals recommended not taking the plunge. Similar events planned in Kenosha and Port Washington were called off due to the cold weather.

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Slug: ROTARY

Volunteers spent today braving the cold to help take down the Rotary Lights display. About 80 people helped out today. It takes on average a little more than a week to take down the entire display although Rotary Lights President Pat Stephens says due to the weather it may take a little longer. Volunteers are always welcome, Stephens says, particularly during this week of take down. Interested volunteers can visit the Rotary Lights website to find out more.

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Slug: HOMELESS

There are a number of services helping less fortunate individuals find shelter from the elements. One shelter is looking to expand their services but they need the volunteers to do it. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with how the Sacred Grounds Coffee Sanctuary fills a need during the cold winter months. Sacred Grounds is a part of the Wesley United Methodist Church on 8th and King Streets. Volunteers said they originally opened to help fill the gap between when the Warming Center closes and afternoon services become available. Between 8 and 11am, they provide a warm space and breakfast for about 55 guests. But with the number of volunteers they have now they are only able to be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hill said the guests are not exclusively in the homeless community but are also those who have recently found housing and may not yet be financially secure. There they find a free breakfast and company, many of which they have known from being in the homeless community themselves. To expand their services beyond 2 days, Hill said they need at least 4 committed volun-

teers per day. Salvation Army also provides their gym all day during cold weather as a shelter space. Those interested in volunteering at Sacred Grounds can meet with one of the lead volunteers on either Tuesdays or Thursdays between 8 and 11am or call Wesley United Methodist Church at the number on your screen.

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Slug: MAYO-LAW

Mayo Clinic Health System donated \$75,000 to the Washburn Neighborhood Resource Officer Program this morning. News 19s Mackenzie Amundsen explains the importance of community investment in neighborhood policing. The Washburn Neighborhood Resource Officers are more than just your average cops patrolling the streets. Officers Dan Ulrich and Tyler Rachwal go door to door building relationships with people living in the Washburn Neighborhood. The program started in 2014 through collaboration between the La Crosse Police Department, Mayo Clinic Health System and Viterbo University. The goal of the program is to allow officers to provide a more permanent solution to the problems people in the neighborhood have. It's in an effort to make the Washburn Neighborhood a better place to live and work. Tim Johnson, Regional Vice President of Mayo Clinic Health System, says they budget money every year for community involvement. The healthcare organization also donated land for the new Coulee Council on Addictions Center, also located in the Washburn Neighborhood. La Crosse Mayor Tim Kabat says the investment in the neighborhood is making a difference. Since the neighborhood resource officer program started he says the Washburn Neighborhood is growing and thriving. The donation will keep allow resource officers to stay in Washburn Neighborhood for another year. The neighborhood is one of three in La Crosse with resource officers. The other two are the lower north side depot and downtown.

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Slug: SUSTAINABILITY

Local businesses showcased various sustainability projects this morning at Western Technical College. It's part of the sustainability institute's M-Power Business Champions Program. Participating companies are working to reduce their environmental impact while saving costs and creating a healthier workplace. One business says even a small change can make a big difference. In addition to McHugh Excavating projects were presented by Empire Printing, the Habitat for Humanity Restore, Viterbo University and Western Technical College. You can find more information about the sustainability institute on our website, wxow.com.

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Slug: BOWL-LIVE

In our busy world one La Crosse man is offering tips on relaxation and he's teaching people how to tap into their own state of consciousness through meditation. News 19's Heather Armstrong joins us from the Franciscan Spirituality center where an interesting event is taking place. Sound has been used as a tool for healing in various cultures for thousands of years. Whether through the use of mantras, drumming, chanting or in this case singing bowls, these various techniques all have the same intention: to move us from a place of imbalance to a place of balance. Thomas Roberts has been doing this for years. Tell us more about the bowls and how it can be used to expand our state of consciousness. The sounds create a deep communication with our inner world that opens us to the divine. Sound has the ability to positively affect our whole being. Traditional historic Tibetan singing bowls produce sounds that invoke deep states of relaxation, naturally assisting one in entering expanded states of consciousness and meditation. Our entire body acts as memory storage, much like a tree has rings that record its history. Sound vibrations can help soften blocked energy and even release it so our body-mind becomes more balanced, creative and fluid. Explore how various tonal vibrations will help open your spiritual growth to deeper levels of integration, meaning and healing during this new retreat. You don't have to be in a group setting to tap into your Zen. You can purchase your own bowl,

or if you don't want to do that, they have meditation apps that you can download and listen to whenever you need some healing. The Sounds of Bowls is offered on the second Tuesday of the month from September through May and later this month the Franciscan Spirituality Center is hosting an all-day singing bowls retreat. This event is \$45 and includes lunch. It's called The Sound and the Silence: A Singing Bowls Retreat, Saturday, January 20 from 9am to 4pm at the Franciscan Spirituality Center. For more information go to fscenter.org .

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Slug: UNITED WAY

The United Way is still in need of donations with just a few weeks left in its annual fundraising campaign. The goal is to reach 2 million 85 thousand dollars by January 31st. So far it's reached about 93% of that goal. Every year, money raised from the campaign helps support 76 local programs in six counties. If the United Way does not meet its campaign goal it will likely be forced to cut funding to some of its programs. To make a donation to United Way you can either visit their website you see on your screen or if you prefer to mail or drop off your gift, their address is 1855 East Main Street in Onalaska.

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Slug: VFW

A local VFW Post honored a La Crosse veteran today for his service and educational accomplishments. The Veterans of Foreign War Post 1530 awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Dustin Schulz. Schulz joined the Army National Guard in 2006. His service included deployments to Czechoslovakia and Iraq. Now he lives in La Crosse and attends Western Technical College pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. He says the \$1,000 will help him pay for school. Schulz says the membership in the VFW, which is part of the award, will give him extra support as he adjusts to civilian life in La Crosse.

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Slug: ROOTCROWN

An area business is putting its own unique twist on second hand shopping. Mary Jo Wilbur says she wanted more than just another thrift store. She wanted a way to recycle unused items and put them to good use for the organizations that serve the community. Eight weeks ago her vision came to fruition and now she needs your help making the Rootin crown a success. When you shop at Rootin Crown you not only get a good deal you get the chance to help someone else. Bonnie Daines is with Crimestoppers and says her group is always looking for ways to raise money. Rootin Crown located on La Crosse's south side is the brain child of Mary Jo Wilbur. The concept is simple. Donate items and select from 21 local nonprofits that you want to benefit from its sale. Same goes for shopping. Each price tag has a name of the organization your purchase will support. Andrea Finney says almost every year her organization worries if they'll have enough money to get by. But now every quarter the Down Syndrome Association will receive a little extra in the form of a check from the sale of donated goods. So does La Crosse need another second hand shop? Mary Jo says absolutely. Some of the non-profits currently registered at Rootin Crown include La Crosse Montessori Preschool, Tabby Town USA, Franciscan Spirituality Center and many others. Rootin Crown is located at 2919 East Avenue South in the old bakery building.

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Slug: MLK SUNDAY

A community celebration in La Crosse tomorrow night will honor Dr. Martin Luther King Junior. The celebration is tomorrow at 7 pm at the Viterbo Fine Arts Center. Doors open at 6:15. It is free and open to everyone. They do ask that you bring a non-perishable food item for the Hunger Task Force.

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Slug: ALTRA

Altra Federal Credit Union donated \$75,000 to help fund the All Abilities Trane Park in La Crosse. The park is designed for people with cognitive, sensory and physical challenges and their families. Those who came up with the idea say there's a real need in the community. Tranepark.com says more than 12,000 people over the age of 5 have a disability. Altra Federal Credit Union President and CEO said for his company it's all about improving the lives of those in the community. Today's donation helps the park reach its 6 million dollar funding goal. Construction of the new park is expected to begin this May, with its grand opening in July of 2019.

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Slug: MARY JUSTICE

It's time now to meet this month's Jefferson Award winner. Every month we honor someone in the area who dedicates themselves to serving others. They are not always grand gestures, often simple things. News 19's Heather Armstrong spent some time at Fort McCoy to meet this month's winner. This month's recipient is a Sparta woman who helps out at Whitetail Mountain at Fort McCoy. She is a very busy lady. She works for Housing Data Systems in West Salem as a data analyst and accountant but does what a lot for the community with the little free time she has. Mary is the Director of the Fort McCoy Ski Patrol. She volunteers over 250 hours each ski season, patrolling the slopes and responding to emergencies. But what she loves most is giving lessons. Mary has a full time job. In her off time she volunteers helping an elderly man care for his horses. Ironically, Mary started skiing 14 years ago when she was 46. So she is a living testament that you can always try something new, and if things go as planned she'll be able to ski as long as her 83 year old dad, maybe even more. Encouraging people to experience the outdoors and use your physical strength are just a few of the goals of this month's winner. But if she changes your mind about winter along the way she says she's done her job. Mary is the mother of 4 children. She has travelled the world and even lived in Dubai for a few years, but she says she loves Sparta, not just because she can do a lot of activities outdoors but because of the people. We couldn't bring you these stories without your help. You're out in the community, you see people doing good deeds. Don't forget to nominate them for a Jefferson Award and maybe you'll see them on News 19.

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Slug: FIREFIGHTER

A La Crosse firefighter credits teamwork and high expectations for earning him City Firefighter of the Year honors. Battalion Chief Jeff Schott is this year's recipient, accepting the award as his family looked on. Jeff's strengths include communication, safety, leadership and most importantly his teamwork skills.

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Slug: UNITEDWAYCAMP

Time is running out for the Great Rivers United Way campaign to meet its goal. Contributions will go to local organizations that help the greater La Crosse community. The campaign ends next Wednesday January 31st. To donate visit their website. You can also make a pledge by text or make a pledge to give at a later date.

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Slug: LCPD GO FUND ME

The victim of a carjacking in La Crosse last August is one step closer to getting her car back. It happened on August 13th in Houska Park, when a man with a handgun approached an SUV with a mother and her two young children inside. The woman was able to get out safely with one child but the car-

jacker drove away with the other in the backseat. Ultimately La Crosse police officers safely rescued the child and fatally shot the suspect. The SUV sustained damaged during the incident. The woman, unable to pay for the damage herself, has been without a car since. The La Crosse Police Department decided to do something. On Thursday they set up a Go Fund Me to help cover the cost of repairs. The community stepped up and in less than 4 hours they exceeded their \$1,000 goal. That money has been delivered to Lakeview Auto for repair costs, who also donated some work and material to help fix the SUV.

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Slug: RAIL FAIR

One of the largest hobby train convention is in La Crosse today. The Great Tri State Rail Sale features the largest collection of hobby train sets and memorabilia in the area, offering hobbyists an opportunity to pick up new collectables. The event also helps raise funds to restore and maintain the historic locomotive in Copeland Park. The next rail sale will take place this summer on July 28th.

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Slug: XCEL P RICO

About 70 Xcel Energy workers are on their way to Puerto Rico. That includes 4-linemen from La Crosse, Sparta, Hudson and Amery. They will help with power restoration on the island. Sixty eight percent of customers have power restored but hundreds of thousands still have no power as a result of Hurricane Maria more than 4 months ago. The president of Xcel Energy for Wisconsin and Michigan Mark Stoering says "When the call came in for help, our crews were ready to answer it. We have some of the best line workers in the nation and they are proud to be helping the people of Puerto Rico."

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Slug: HISTORY

February is Black History Month and La Crosse wants to encourage young people to learn more about African American culture. A number of local agencies including the African American Multicultural Assistance Network have sponsored a contest. It features 28 questions focused on African American contributions to the La Crosse community. That contest begins Thursday and runs until February 15th. You can pick up copies of the 28 question test at several locations of La Crosse County and city libraries as well as the Historical Society and River Side Museum. The winner gets a \$1,000 cash prize and a trophy.

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Slug: HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity provides people with homes all around our community and today they celebrate the dedication of their 43rd home in the area. News 19's Peter Lenz was there to see the family in their new home for the very first time. This morning the Kochagian family walked into their new home with snow under their feet and smiles on their faces. The new home of the Kochagian family provides Melissa and her three children with an environment more suited for raising a family than their last place. The move gives the family a fresh start in a new place but it would not have been possible without a little help from Habitat for Humanity. Habitat works to put families in more suitable environments while empowering them to be able to finance their own home in an effort to ensure a successful future for Melissa and her family. The new house is ready for the family to move in but some work still needs to be done before their new house becomes a home. Now all that Melissa and the Hochagian family have left is to move in. Habitat for Humanity provides mortgages with 0% interest to help make payments more affordable. Melissa says she has the family's bags packed into their truck and plan on

starting the move today. Melissa's new home is the first of seven houses that Habitat for Humanity is building on the corner of 5th and Mississippi.

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Slug: HOLMEN FIRE BREAKFAST

People in Holmen continue to serve up support for victims of a devastating fire three weeks back. On January 12th a tire compressor ignited the fire that destroyed a Holmen apartment complex and as News 19's Peter Lenz explains this morning generosity was featured on the menu. At 10:41 on the morning of January 12th Holmen firefighters respond to a car fire on 615 McHugh Road, the same car fire that went on to take the homes of 12 Holmen residents. Chief Menches says they are in the business of worst days ever and when people in the Holmen community have their worst day ever others do what they can to turn it around. On the morning of February fourth the Holmen Knights of Columbus rallied and held a breakfast fundraiser with proceeds benefitting those displaced by the January fire. Events like the breakfast fundraiser help the Knights of Columbus to provide valuable services to community members in need when they need it most. Despite the devastating events following the January fire light does shine through the smoke and ruin. The Holmen fire also provides motivation for fire education in the area hopefully eliminating future catastrophes in the end. The Holmen community does their best to find new life in the rubble. Proceeds from today's breakfast will be distributed evenly between victims of the January fire.

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Slug: PROMISE

For some families things like owning a home and sending their kids to college can seem like just a dream, but today the La Crosse Promise Organization welcomes a new family into the community, while helping to make those dreams a reality. News 19's Peter Lenz joins us now to tell us more about La Crosse Promise and what they do for our community. La Crosse Promise works to transform the area by revitalizing La Crosse neighborhoods, while providing families with the ability to ensure future opportunities for their children. This morning the Wacek family invites community members to their new La Crosse Promise home. La Crosse Promise works to transform La Crosse in hopes to create a better environment for everyone. The organization works with families to receive grants from La Crosse County to help them acquire property in an effort to help families achieve their goals while stimulating the La Crosse economy. La Crosse Promise also believes that through education the quality of life can improve for the entire community. That belief motivates them to supply promise families with up to \$50,000 in college scholarships once their children graduate from a La Crosse area high school. Today's open house features the tenth promise home in La Crosse with two more built right next door.

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Slug: RENTAL ASSIST

The La Crosse Collaborative is a group of local organizations working together to end homelessness. Just last year, they moved all homeless veterans into housing, a huge victory in their fight to end homelessness in La Crosse, and most recently the group housed 20 chronically homeless individuals. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen tells you about the resolution going before city council tomorrow night that would provide support to local families and how the city plans to pay for it. District 6 Council Member Jackie Marcou drafted the resolution. It passed through the finance and personnel committee in a unanimous vote last Thursday. The resolution calls for a combination of surplus funding and community development block grants to help local families experiencing homelessness. As of last December the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness identified 12 families, including 20 children, who are homeless in La Crosse. A resolution going before city council on Thursday allocates \$110,000 to the rental assistance program in an effort to get these families into more permanent housing. Sixty thousand dollars would come from left over money in last year's city operating budget, the

other \$50,000 from community development grant funds. And the money is not a handout. The rental assistance helps families for between 18 and 24 months while they get on their feet, spending the money up front to prevent higher costs to taxpayers down the road. The resolution hopes to meet a need in the community without the cost to tax payers, a win win situation. Gregerson says the La Crosse Collaborative to End Homelessness has compiled a list of families in need. Those families will be placed under the rental assistance program based on priority. Those involved with the collaborative say approving the funding is only half of the solution. They are still searching for housing for the homeless families. Gregerson says finding affordable 3 or 4 bedroom homes can be a challenge. Again, the city says the program would not cost taxpayers.

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Slug: ADDICTION COACH

Coulee Council on Addictions is moving straight ahead on providing intervention and recovery to addicts. Today they are the recipient of a grant aimed at fighting opioid abuse. The grant is part of Wisconsin's share of a 7.6 million dollar federal grant targeting the opioid crisis and will fund Recovery Coaches in 12 counties including La Crosse. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now to tell us more about these coaches and how they plan to help in the recovery process. A recovery coach will be an individual trained to respond to a situation where someone lands in the emergency room due to an overdose. Following that, the coach becomes an advocate for them on their road to recovery. Coulee Council says what sets these coaches apart is their connection to addiction. Each coach will have already gone through recovery themselves and provide support from the perspective of someone who has been there before at a time when addicts need it the most. Coulee Council is looking to train 15 people as recovery coaches. That training begins in March for interested individuals. Among dependability and organizational skills requirements you have to be at least one year in recovery. Coulee Council says they anticipate a 6 - 8 week period before the program can officially launch.

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Slug: WAFER CHECK

Wafer Food Pantry will be able to serve 8,000 more meals to local families thanks to a community donation this morning. Wafer received a check for \$2,000. That money comes from last year's Riverfest Reinhart Burger Bash. The proceeds from the event go to support a different local organization every year. Terry Bauer with Reinhart Food Service says Wafer Food Pantry was chosen this year because of the overwhelming need in the community. Waldhart says the food donated from Rotary Lights usually lasts 6 to 8 weeks. This season's donations lasted less than a month. Wafer serves families in La Crosse County along with La Crescent.

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Slug: 2-1-1 DAY

Today was National 211 day. It's designed to raise awareness about the Nationwide Service Line and to point out some new options locally. Great Rivers 211 is a 24 hour free service you can call for assistance with anything from questions about heating to mental health or addiction. Now you can now text for the same services on afternoons and evenings Monday through Friday. Great Rivers 211 says they are excited about the potential to reach more of the younger generation who may want to use the service. The new texting roll out is focused on middle and high school teens in La Crosse County. Nationally 211 services are available for 300 million people.

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Slug: UNITED WAY

The 2017-2018 Great Rivers United Way campaign fell short of its goal. It was an ambitious 2-million 85 thousand dollar goal. Mike Klauke, a 2017-2018 campaign co-chair, says that 5,000 people con-

tributed just over 2-million dollars. Coming up short will result in funding cuts to partner agencies. The board will meet later this month to decide the specific details of what to cut. There is still time to give. Great Rivers United Way is accepting donations this spring for last year's campaign. You can call 608-796-1400 or text we win to 40403. You can also donate on website on your screen.

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Slug: PERPETUAL SISTERS

It's among the most beautiful buildings anywhere and the story of why it was built might rival the architecture and art. It's Mary of the Angels Chapel, located on the campus of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in La Crosse. The chapel, completed in 1906, is the result of some of the most skilled workers in the world and now the subject of a new book. But as News 19's Dave Solie reports, the building could have been lost if not for what Sister Malinda Gerke describes as a miracle. This is the Maria Angelorum Chapel, an overwhelmingly beautiful building inside and out. The chapel is the result of a promise the sisters made in 1865. Their old church in Jefferson Wisconsin did not have enough light. So, they prayed. Today the sisters and their affiliates, people who volunteer, pray every day, around the clock in another part of this building, the Adoration Chapel. The sisters began praying around the clock August 1st, 1878. In 1903 they began construction of the chapel, expensive construction but that donation of time and talent the first of many miracles. But this beautiful miracle building, this incredible work of art, was almost destroyed. The fire devastated the Saint Rose Convent but stopped at the chapel. You can see the discoloration from the heat on the outside of one door, the original color on the inside of the other. The reason, Sister Malinda said this statue of Saint Michael, placed outside the chapel for one reason, to protect it. Building the chapel, one miracle, saving it, another, but miracles here are appropriate because they're part of what this elegant building is all about. Sister Malinda says everyone should see and experience the chapel. Tours are offered from 9 to 10:45 and 1 to 3 Monday through Saturday. If you have 20 or more people call 608-784-2288. If you're interested in the book for purchase titled "Mary of the Angels Chapel: God's Answer to a Bold Promise" Sister Malinda will sign copies Sunday February 18th from 2 until 4 in the Garden Room of the St. Rose convent at 912 Market Street.

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Slug: KATHY KASAKAITAS

Every month we feature a person in the community with a unique story. Sometimes those people have overcome obstacles or have a funny way of lifting spirits, or in this case a unique job. In this edition of Everyone Has a Story you'll meet a woman whose official title is Animal Control Protection and Rescue Supervisor but what you'll see is that her real day to day job is treating all animals with care. Caring for creatures has always been a passion for Kathy Kasakaitas and I mean all creatures. There's not a single one that doesn't get the care and attention she thinks it deserves, from the teeny tiny to the unusual ones, to the dainty, the adorably fuzzy and even some that might surprise you. The bats will stay here at the Coulee Region Humane Society before being released back outside. CRHS is where Kathy heads up animal control and deals with anything animal related and it's where she pretty much sees it all. Kathy's official title is Rescue Supervisor but her day to day job can bring anything. A dog running loose is a pretty common one. Her favorite assignment though is helping wildlife. She's helped raccoon, fox, possum, you name it! But working with birds like eagles and hawks is like a dream come true. And like every job, there is a down side. Kathy says neglect and abuse cases are quite common and tough to deal with. Still she's optimistic. Most people love animals. It's a lack of education I think on a lot of levels that the people are struggling with of the care of certain animals that they're unaware of. At the shelter Kathy is known as the cat whisperer. And cats, well, the Coulee Region Humane Society has plenty of them. Kathy grew up on a dairy farm in Goodman, WI about 2 hours north of Green Bay and credits her upbringing with teaching her to appreciate all living things. Kathy graduated with a degree in education and uses that to teach kids about proper animal care. As for her, Kathy says a love of animals and protecting their rights is in her DNA. Kathy's job doesn't stop there. When she's not educating the public she's educating herself. When the circus comes to town,

Kathy is particular busy enforcing the laws and making sure these traveling shows are treating the animals well. She admits this part of her job is quite stressful especially since elephants are one of her favorite animals.

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Slug: HOUGOM

An organization born from tragedy launched a new program helping area kids. The Sara Rose Hougom Foundation was started after a young woman was gunned down in her apartment during a break-in 5 years ago. Today, 75 backpacks full of gifts were distributed to local police agencies who will then in turn give them to children in their communities. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with background on the Share the Love, Sara Style program. Today was the tip of a program looking to both help area kids and create positive relationships with police. Each of these back packs is loaded with school supplies, stuffed animals, candy and other gifts. They will be delivered to kids by police from five different departments across the region. Sara's mother Sherry Hougom said the program was born from giving away free candy to police; 75 packs were given to police today. Those were packaged with the help of the Boys and Girls Club and Big Brothers Big Sisters. However, the foundation has a total of 500 packs to fill yet. If you would like more information on donating you can find the Sara Rose Hougom Foundation on Facebook. West Salem's Chief of Police Charles Ashbeck would also like to call on the community for any donations of children's books to be used in their packs.

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Slug: PROJECT LINUS

Today is Make a Blanket Day in La Crosse and a local organization takes the opportunity to do what they can to help children in need. Inspired by the nation-wide project Linus Organization, this is the event's second year in La Crosse. People from around the area put their skills together in an effort to reach their goal of creating 200 blankets in one day. In an effort to provide children with a little extra comfort the La Crosse chapter of Project Linus exceeded their goal, creating 208 blankets in just four hours. Project Linus will distribute the blankets to people around our area.

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Slug: JEFFERSON

Time again to introduce you to our monthly Jefferson award winner; February's honoree is a woman who made it her mission to end homelessness in La Crosse. Sister Karen Neuser says a lot of people and organizations are involved in the effort, but many of those people say Sister Karen is a driving force. Sister Karen's story begins with a volunteer experience at a local warming center. The summer that followed Sister Karen and 50 other Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration met. So that summer of 2012 they began meeting more often; their goal, ending homelessness. So they began by talking about what they did know. The result; hygiene bags containing essential items such as toothpaste a toothbrush and shampoo for example. They would deliver those bags to the Salvation Army. And since 2013 Sister Karen says they've provided more than 1000. But they had another issue. The warming center, Sister Karen says, was too small. So they worked to find another location. They did not stop there, because after a night in the center where do you go during the day. They're open weekdays from 1 until 4:30. But the committee working on ending homelessness realized they were not achieving that. They were helping with places like the Hospitality House, but not ending the problem. That's when a representative from Gundersen Health System, Sandy Brekke, came to a meeting, asking if the group could use a consultant to help with the process. The deal included a sponsor who would pay for the expert. Healy is an expert, working to improve housing and reduce homelessness throughout the world and since her visit in June 2016 the group has made progress, progress to which Sister Karen contributes significantly. But ending homelessness, how can that happen. Sister Karen says the answer is in all of us, working together. So the answer she says is in all of us including Sister Karen Neuser. The mayor says since the La Crosse project began 100-people have permanent hous-

ing. We couldn't bring you these stories without your help. If you'd like to nominate someone for a Jefferson Award just go to the WXOW homepage, click on Community at the top of the page and then click on Jefferson Awards.

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Slug: MUSEUM B-DAY

The Children's Museum of La Crosse celebrates 19 years in our community today with a birthday party. Lasting from 10 am through nearly 3 this afternoon the birthday celebration included tattoos and hugs with the museum's mascot Smiley. Today's fun and games provide a way for the museum to give back to the community that made their 19 years possible. Since opening in 1999 the Children's Museum of La Crosse has welcomed over one million visitors.

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Slug: 150 YEARS

The Diocese of La Crosse is celebrating 150 years in the area with what they are calling the Sesquicentennial of Faith. Since 1868 the Diocese has served 19 counties in western and central Wisconsin. Throughout the year the Diocese will hold events to celebrate with each community they serve. They'll focus on the lessons they've learned during the first 150 years. Celebrations start this Saturday at Saint Gabriel Catholic Church in Prairie du Chien, the First Church in the Diocese of La Crosse.

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Slug: HONOR FLIGHT

Dozens of area military veterans are making plans to join the next Freedom Honor Flight. Volunteers personally called nearly 90 veterans to invite them on the flight this spring. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen watched as volunteers made those calls and has reactions from those veterans. It's a call from an unknown number that brings veterans like Gerry the invitation they've been waiting for, the once in a lifetime opportunity to take a trip to Washington DC on the Freedom Honor Flight. Volunteers reach out to veterans from World War II the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Some veterans wait months or even years for their turn. The calls also help volunteers verify information. They also ask about any health conditions that might impact travel. Then the veterans get to ask the questions. The conversations themselves are just minutes long but it's the beginning of an experience the veterans and volunteers will carry for years to come. Another flight is set for this fall on September 15. If you're interested in experiencing the Freedom Honor Flight as a veteran or guardian fill out the application on their website.

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Slug: TOURISM

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker handed out his tourism awards last night and a local employee received a high award. Amy Gabay, which you see here, received the Rising Star Award from Governor Walker. Gabay, who is the Director of Membership and Grants for Explore La Crosse, won the award based on her work in increasing membership as well as overseeing a program expected to put \$80,000 back into La Crosse County communities to promote events and festivals.

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Slug: FIRE STATION

One new piece of technology is helping to keep volunteer firefighters at the Stoddard-Bergen Fire Department safe while also improving response times. It was a generous gift that made the equipment possible. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen shows you the Northern Star and tells you the impact one woman had on fire safety. Volunteer firefighters make sacrifices every day to help keep their commu-

nity safe. It's the generosity of one woman that reminds those at the Stoddard-Bergen Volunteer Fire Department that their work doesn't go unnoticed. Paula Johnson first saw the Northern Star being used in the Eau Claire Fire Department. It's a directional guidance system that attaches to a firefighter's mask to help them find their way in low visibility. Each direction blinks its own color. Johnson immediately thought of the Stoddard-Bergen Volunteer Fire Department and purchased not just one Northern Star but 25, one for each firefighter. According to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, disorientation is one of the most common factors to firefighter deaths in the line of duty. The volunteer firefighters of Stoddard-Bergen haven't used their Northern Stars in an active fire just yet but from training they say the new equipment makes a big difference. The total donation amounted to \$4,000. Pfaff says any gift from the community goes a long way.

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Slug: PRISONDOGS

Year two of the Can Do Canine Prison Dog Training program kicked off today with the arrival of 11 new puppies. The program, which has a positive impact on the inmates, saw more of them wanting to be a part of it and help those needing a service dog. News 19's Jeremy Culver is back from the facility to talk about the program. As of now some of the dogs can do your typical sit, lay and stay. Soon that will expand to bringing water, cleaning up and helping save their owners life. Just after 1 this afternoon, inmates at the Jackson Correctional institution met their new partners. The inmates couldn't hide their joy. Eleven puppies will be living with the inmates over the next year, training to help residents in the community, something Chris helped with before can do canine partners with the facility giving inmates an opportunity to teach the dogs as well as learn new skills and sides of themselves. Warden Lizzie Tegels sees the inmates change instantly, understanding the responsibility they share. Many of the handlers in last year's class returned for the new group. Chris wanted to continue improving the skills and helping the other inmates. Ryan hopes the class also helps prove he can do right. The training started right away with teaching each dog to listen to their name and to know when they've done an act right. Even in that small moment, you could see the sense of determination and pride each of these inmates have on making these dogs a success story. The dogs will also spend time outside of the facility during the training months. They will be with foster families to get the used to obeying commands and ignoring other smells and sounds when the animals are working. Tomorrow night we will tell you about the need for foster families for the program and how you can get involved.

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Slug: SOFAS

There are an estimated 2,500 homeless veterans between Wisconsin and Minnesota and a local organization is stepping up to help those who have offered their lives for so many. Sofas for Service is a non-profit organization. It's now in its official second year of operation and they're looking for donations of many kinds. Pete Hestekin started sofas for service after realizing there is a need for furniture in veteran housing. Last year Sofas for Service donated around \$8,000 worth of furnishings for 23 veterans. Hestekin also mentioned they have six storage units in a variety of areas which he says makes it difficult to keep track of inventory so they're looking to get into one large unit.

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Slug: TRANE

Planning is full speed ahead for the Trane All Abilities Park Project. Members of the project consortium met this morning at City Hall. The group continues to raise awareness and funds for the project as they move closer to their goal of 6 million dollars. As the project moves forward, the current space at 1500 Chase Street will be transformed into different zones. Those areas would have different apparatus allowing anyone with physical, sensory or cognitive disabilities to enjoy playtime at the park. The completion date is set for July of next year.

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Slug: FEED THE KIDS

The Salvation Army's Feed the Kids program provided over 1,800 meals to children in need throughout the summer of 2017. Today they prepared for an even bigger 2018 with their first ever Feed the Kids Fundraiser aiming to ensure every child in our area has something to eat once school is out. A contribution from Great Lakes Cheese matches up to \$2,500 in donations today. If you missed the fundraiser you have until the end of the night to have your donation doubled. Just visit the website on your screen to donate.

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Slug: GRANDMA SALLY

It is time now to meet this month's Jefferson Award Winner. Recipients of this prestigious award are people who go above and beyond to improve the lives of others. The motto is Ordinary People Doing Extraordinary Things. Often are winners are doing simple, small gestures that make a huge impact on another person's life. We share these stories to inspire you to do the same. Tonight we take you to Westby to visit with a woman named Sally (Vivian), or as the people in that community call her, Grandma Sally. In Westby Elementary it's not uncommon to see a sweet little old lady walking the halls. Teachers like her too. And while she doesn't care to talk too much about herself they all know. She's got a story. As a very young age, Sally was sent away to live with her grandmother in Los Angeles. It was a very fancy lifestyle but one without a lot of love. She gives the kids what she missed out on and sometimes it's just being there. And Grandma Sally has been there for dozens of kids throughout their lives at critical times. For three decades Grandma Sally served as a foster parent and the last 16 as a foster grandparent. The 80 year old says she'll continue doing it as long as she can. And at Westby Elementary they certainly hope she does. Grandma Sally fought hard to keep the foster grandparent program going. She's made numerous pleas in person as well as sending dozens of letters to lawmakers about the importance of this role. In Wisconsin, the age for a foster parent is now 55. To nominate someone for a Jefferson Award go to our website wxow.com. The online form is under the community tab.

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Slug: NEIGHBOR DAY

The elderly or disabled in the La Crosse Community can sign up for help with outdoor spring cleaning through the upcoming Neighbors Day. It's on Saturday April 28. Volunteers will gather at Myrick Park starting at 8am. Last year more than 200 volunteers did yard work for 158 households. Habitat for Humanity is organizing the event. They are looking for volunteers and for homeowners in need of some help. Fox encourages families, organizations and co-workers to volunteer together. All supplies are provided.

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Slug: NYE CLEAN UP

New Year's Eve in Times Square is always a big party but it's also a cleanup effort of enormous proportions. It began today with 294 sanitation workers cleaning up the aftermath of the party, armed with 30 mechanical brooms, 58 backpack blowers, 44 collection trucks and 58 old fashioned hand brooms. They're expecting to clear more than 50 tons of trash.

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Slug: COLDSKI

The week between Christmas and New Year's is usually a big one for Mount La Crosse but this year, staff say numbers have been down due to extreme cold. But as news 19's Sam Shilts shows you, that hasn't stopped a few die-hard skiers from going out to make the most of the slopes this morning. A little bit emptier on the hills, during a time when Mount La Crosse is normally packed. Fewer skiers and snowboarders have been coming out, avoiding the extreme cold. However, it's not all bad news. Making snow has been easier with the cold temps and staff says the trails are in great condition as a result. The cold isn't enough to keep out the biggest die-hard fans though, enjoying their break outside before it's time to go back to school for some. A cold day of skiing beats a warm day inside. It takes a certain attitude to take on the hill in these temps. These daredevils know when to call it quits, but as soon as they're ready again it's back out there braving the cold for the thrill of the hill. Several new trails are currently being worked on. Mount La Crosse says they should be ready to go in the coming week.

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Slug: GARBAGE

Following a fire at their facility last Thursday Harter's Quick Clean-Up wants to remind residents to be conscious of what they throw away and even what they recycle. The cause has yet to be identified, but Harter's believes it could have come from hazardous materials. Lithium ion batteries, such as the rechargeable batteries in a laptop, can be particularly harmful. When those batteries are compacted, Harter said they can ignite easily, posing a threat to workers. Harter said the following items are not recyclable: no garbage, no medical waste, no batteries and no hazardous chemicals or even containers that hold hazardous materials.

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Slug: BEST WESTERN

The City of La Crescent is announcing plans for a Best Western Plus hotel to complement its future Event Center. The hotel will be located adjacent to the new Event Center and will offer 60 rooms including a variety of suites. It will also feature an indoor pool, fitness room and business center. A large gathering space near the lobby will accommodate other guest activities. Aside from bringing in thousands of out-of-town guests to the city every year the Event Center Board says the hotel will generate a strong property tax base and bring in lodging tax revenue.

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Slug: CAR SALES

Buying a car is a big investment for many. Next to buying a house it's one of the biggest purchases a person can make. A new study shows that when it comes to buying a car some of the best deals for

your dollar can be found right here in the Coulee Region. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen is here now with those findings from autolist.com. Autolist.com is a resource for people looking to buy cars across the country. The website allows consumers to do their research and even find their dream car online. Every month Autolist evaluates vehicle prices state-by-state to help people get the best value. For the fourth month in a row La Crosse topped the list as the most affordable city to buy a used car. The results are in for the monthly autolist.com affordability rankings. The best place to buy a used car in Wisconsin? Right here in La Crosse. La Crosse not only topped the list in December but consistently ranked either first or second every month in 2017. According to the study the cost of a used car in La Crosse is \$571 below the Wisconsin average. That's more than \$200 cheaper than the second place city, Milwaukee. The top five rounds off with Sheboygan at number three followed by West Allis and Wauwatosa. The low prices may bring some piece of mind to local consumers. Expert still recommend that those in the market for a car do their research. With car values and a loan calculator, Drive Altra keeps consumers informed every step of the way. The affordability of used cars in La Crosse with the resources of local businesses makes it a more comfortable being in the driver's seat of the car shopping experience. Brenengen says it's not only local consumers taking advantage of the affordable vehicles. Every year Brenengen Auto Group sells cars in 30 states. He says that just shows the competitive pricing in local dealerships and validates the top ranking found by Autolist researchers. Brenengen says the cold weather doesn't stop people from buying cars. In fact he says as the weather gets colder late model used vehicle prices get lower. For more information about if buying a car is right for you, visit drivealtra.org.

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Slug: SOLAR XCEL

Xcel Energy announced today they plan to develop a third solar garden in Ashland Wisconsin. The Ashland Garden will become part of Xcel's solar connect community with construction set for 2019. Xcel built its first solar garden last October in Eau Claire and the second is planned for La Crosse this year.

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Slug: SEARS CLOSINGS

Sears Holdings also expects more closures. The company says it will close 64 KMart stores and 39 Sears locations in March and April. The move follows closures of about 250 stores announced last year. Liquidation sales will begin as soon as next Friday. Sears has also been selling off some of its real estate and brands as it tries to raise cash and turn around its business.

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Slug: LIST

Here is the list of top ten best job markets in the country. Number one is Fargo North Dakota. Number two is Columbia Missouri. Number three is Oshkosh Wisconsin. Number four is Honolulu Hawaii. Ames Iowa is number five. Lincoln Nebraska is sixth. Lewiston Idaho is number seven. Number eight is Des Moines Iowa. Number nine is Wausau and number ten is Minneapolis. At the other end of the scale the lowest scoring job market in the country is Weirton West Virginia. Yuba City California is second from the bottom. Hinesville Georgia is third from last. Next is Panama City Florida followed by Punta Gorda Florida. Not all cities in the country are listed. La Crosse is among them.

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Slug: KOHLS

Good news for department store Kohl's; their corporate office is reporting a 6.9% surge in sales for November and December, joining other traditional retailers in a strong holiday rally. Kohl's boosted its earnings forecast for the entire year and shares jumped 7.5% before the opening bell Monday. Macy's

and JC Penney already reported strong holiday sales growth, hinting that traditional department stores have figured out how to at least slow inroads made by Amazon.com as they boost their presence online. Kohl's Corporation is now expecting earnings well above its prior outlook.

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Slug: DONNA

News 19's Caroline Hecker spoke with family members of several of those residents who are anxious during this process. Family members I spoke to say they are frustrated with the ongoing negotiations and are extremely on edge adding they feel that the wellbeing of some of society's most vulnerable is not being carefully considered. Donna Gallup's 90 year old mother has been staying at Bethany Lutheran Homes in Holmen for the past four years. Before that she sat on a waiting list for two years. Donna says her mother has Alzheimer's and the idea of having to move her somewhere else around the state is upsetting and angers her, especially considering her mother's age and condition. Other family members I spoke with mirror that same sentiment.

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Slug: SUPER SAUSAGE

The Super Bowl is a little over three weeks away. One La Crosse Company is also preparing for its big role. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with how the Bakalars Sausage Company is getting ready. Since acquiring the Schweigert brand in 2015 Bakalars assumed the role of the exclusive hot dog provider at Minnesota Twins games. The following year, a deal with the brand new US Bank Stadium meant the same for Vikings games and beyond. Pressure is on for this 83 year old company to fill some big orders in 2016, Bakalars and more specifically the Schweigert brand became the official hot dog of US Bank Stadium. Meaning workers here have to fill orders for all those events but the games coming up are anything but typical. The Vikings play at home for at least one divisional round playoff and the Super Bowl will be a 10 day event in the area. Bakalars isn't worried. Over the past year, they produced 100,000 pounds for US bank, which is roughly 600,000 hot dogs. They're going into the next few weeks prepared. That pride hasn't gone unnoticed by those enjoying Bakalars hot dogs hours away and even though Bakalars President is a Packer fan, this relationship makes it hard not root for the Vikings. Now of course this Sunday is a big one for both the Vikings and Bakalars because if the Vikings win and the Atlanta Falcons beat Philadelphia tomorrow the NFC Championship game returns to US Bank Stadium the following week either way, Plenty of work for them down at the end of Hemstock Street. After becoming a sponsor at US Bank Stadium 2 years ago, Bakalars Sausage Company has since signed a 5 year extension to that deal.

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Slug: CAKE

It's been nearly one month since a Stoddard baker took home the cake in the finale of the Food Network's Holiday Baking Championship and Jennifer Barney wasted no time creating her next masterpiece. When you walk past the Wedding Tree in downtown La Crosse two dresses on display look nearly identical. One is real and the other, a five and a half foot tall replica made entirely of cake. Barney partnered with the Wedding Tree to create the cake for this year's Bridal Expo. The dress is part of Mori Lee's 2018 collection. Lash says the dress just arrived in store. Nobody has even tried it on. The dress and Jen's cake will be at the Bridal Expo tomorrow in the La Crosse Center. Doors open at 10am.

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Slug: INCLUSA

Bethany Lutheran Homes announced an agreement today with the Inclusa Health Management Company to continue their partnership. The announcement means the nearly 70 long term care Inclusa

members facing eviction can remain in BLH facilities. It's a story we brought you last week when In-clusa sent letters to the 66 residents informing them of a disagreement with Bethany Lutheran over its intention to reduce the rates it would cover at BLH facilities. In a statement Bethany Lutheran CEO Todd Wilson writes that "meeting the needs of an aging population while navigating through a complex system of different payment methodologies and continuously changing regulatory compliance measures creates a unique set of challenges for everyone throughout the entire healthcare spectrum. We are pleased that our contract with In-clusa will remain intact." A statement from Mark Hilliker, CEO of In-clusa, reads in part "we are grateful for the opportunity to honor what it means to be home for the residents of Bethany Lutheran Homes."

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Slug: HOME-SALE

Home sales were down slightly in La Crosse County in 2017 compared with 2016. According to the Wisconsin Realtors Association that decline was 2%. The median price of a home rose to \$175,000 in 2017 compared to \$167,000 the year before. But overall the association says the state enjoyed record sales for the third straight year. Annual sales were up 1.4% over 2016 setting an all-time record for Wisconsin's housing market. The median price of a home also went up statewide to \$174,000, 5 ½% higher compared with 2016. The association says "The robust economy has fueled demand and pushed sales to record levels".

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Slug: WINCRAFT

The Super Bowl 52 match-up is set. The Eagles and Patriots will have a showdown at US Bank Stadium on February 4th but there is a lot of prepping beforehand that happens for both players and retail stores. News 19's Alex Wasilenko traveled to Winona today to visit Wincraft where they are in Super Bowl overload; lots of hustle and bustle over the next two weeks for Wincraft, right Alex? Wincraft employs nearly 700 people and boy do they need it this time of year. The month of January is almost a "Black Friday" kind of month with lots of products being pushed out for sports like football, basketball, and even Nascar. Wincraft got right to work on Super Bowl gear as soon as the Patriots game went final yesterday afternoon. Wincraft produces anything from can cozies to keep beverages cool, pennants for conference winning teams, and even beach towels. Eagle memorabilia may be a bigger hit this year because they haven't been to the Super Bowl in 14 years but Wincraft certainly won't forget about those Patriot die-hards. Wincraft employees are pretty evenly split between Viking fans and Green Bay Packer fans. Viking fans were a little bit more somber today while Packer fans were saying "that was us last year". Nonetheless, all employees were buckling down to get those Super Bowl products out over the next two weeks. Then the next big fandom product line being worked on is for the Super Bowl of Nascar, otherwise known as the Daytona 500. Wincraft prides themselves on their "Made in America" brand that continues to be popular amongst fans of all sports. The Wincraft-ing tradition has been a strong influence in the Winona area and across the United States since 1961.

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Slug: SOLAR TARIFF

President Trump signed a measure today imposing tariffs on imported solar-energy components. The administration says the decision is part of Trump's pledge to put American companies and jobs first. The administration is imposing an immediate tariff of 30% on most imported solar modules, with the rate declining before phasing out after four years. The US solar industry is split over the issue. Installation companies such as Namaste Solar in Boulder, Colorado, are fearful that proposed tariffs on panels from China could hurt their industry because it would drive up the cost of new systems. However, a representative for Solarworld Americas said despite dire predictions of job losses when tariffs were first imposed on China, the opposite happened.

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Slug: WEDC

The La Crosse Area CouleeCap Program to help lower income families start businesses has received a state grant. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation awarded CouleeCap \$62,000 in an Entrepreneurship Grant. Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Leefisch and members of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation visited La Crosse today to give the award. The money is part of \$500,000 given in grants across the state. The Entrepreneurship Program is in its second year and CouleeCap has earned grant money both years. This year the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation received 36 applicants for grant money. Only eleven of them received state funding. Members of CouleeCap say the money is expected to create 20 new businesses and support more than 85 current businesses in the Coulee Region.

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Slug: FINANCE LIT

Western offered a free session on financial literacy this afternoon. The session, led by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service, addressed how to identify and prevent phishing scams and identity theft as well as how to take preventive measures. Many times if discovered too late it can take years to deal with identity theft cases. Experts say educating yourself on what to look for can save headaches in the long run. Volten recommends developing a habit of checking bank statements and pulling credit reports to look for anything out of the ordinary, and if something is discovered report it right away.

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Slug: JOB GROWTH

The US work force has grown in the last month and wages for those workers are growing as well. Two hundred thousand jobs were added to the US economy in January and reports show a 2.9% growth in wages. The unemployment rate remained at 4.1%, the lowest in 17 years.

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Slug: FOXCONNWATER

On the other side many people are voicing their concerns about Foxconn's water use. The plan calls for the facility in Racine County to divert seven million gallons of water a day from Lake Michigan but first Foxconn needs the plan to be approved by Wisconsin officials under the Great Lakes Compact. The DNR says the seven million gallons Foxconn would divert per day is only one percent of all the water pumped from Lake Michigan by surrounding states. The City of Racine would divert the water for Foxconn, treating it to allow up to 70% to go back into Lake Michigan. The DNR and Governor Walker will have the final say on Foxconn's plan application.

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Slug: STOCK MARKET

The Dow closed down 1,175 points yesterday. That's the largest one day drop in history! But in terms of percentage of the Dow, that amounts to about 4.6%. The managing partner of Welshire Capital says we've seen worse. For example Brent Welch says in 1987 we saw a 20% drop in just one day. We spoke with him to understand a bit better what happened yesterday and why.

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Slug: PEANUT CAR

Planters, the company famously known for its' peanuts, is bringing their pea-nut mobile through the La Crosse area for a couple events over the next several days. News 19s Alex Wasilenko went down to

visit the giant peanut car and see what the Planters East to West Quest is all about. The peanut mobile is a 26 foot long peanut on wheels and it is making its' way to several area Festival Foods between today and February 11th. The 102 year old man with a monocle, Mr. Peanut, was in attendance to take pictures with. There was an opportunity to play games and win prizes. Also, tours of the peanut mobile were offered. The goal of the road trip is to promote the brand and satisfy customers all while having a shell of a time doing it. The crew of the Planters' nut-mobile was so fun and had more puns than you could ever think of. They began their road trip back in June 2017 and they will complete their journey in just four short months. This is an event you'll want to stop by and see. It's something that I crossed off my own bucket list and I didn't even know it was on it. It's just so cool. We will have the schedule of stops in La Crosse on our website, wxow.com. The Peanutters have the day off tomorrow, but will be back at it again on Friday at the Holmen Festival Foods from 1pm to 5pm.

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Slug: VALENTINES

Valentine's Day is just two days away. Area businesses like the La Crosse Floral Shop are prepared to help with everything from bouquets to the newly popular succulents and potted plants. The Sweet Shop on the north side of La Crosse began its Valentine's Day production of treats just after Christmas. Lines are growing as the holiday approaches. La Crosse Floral is open early at 8 am and the Sweet Shop has extended hours until 7 pm through Wednesday.

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Slug: HOTEL GRAND OPENING

Ho Chunk Gaming officially opened its new hotel this afternoon in Black River Falls, a project years in the making. News 19's Sam Shilts was there for the ribbon cutting and joins us now with a look inside. After 6 years of planning and about a year and a half of construction Ho Chunk's new hotel was ready to unveil following the ribbon cutting this afternoon and was a celebration of the new addition with traditional song. The new hotel is 5 stories with 123 rooms. They have also expanded their gaming areas with 400 new machines. Ho Chunk Gaming sees thousands of people per day but staff said they would not have been able to get to this point without the work of those before them. Finishing touches are still being put on the outside. An enclosed court and Veteran Memorial Garden are new projects in the middle of construction. Last year, Ho-Chunk Gaming saw 700,000 visitors from all over the country and abroad. Before the ribbon cutting, the Wisconsin Secretary of Tourism said that helped attribute to 54 million dollars spent in Jackson County. These new additions, she said, will only see those numbers rise. Ho-Chunk Gaming's location in Black River Falls employs nearly 400 people.

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Slug: SWEEPSFEEDCASHLESSKIDS

From debit cards to digital pay apps, the latest generation of kids is growing up using less and less cash and there's little doubt the trend is likely to continue. News 19's Brittany Lake is asking what impacts digital dollars are having on kids. When 14-year-old Gabriel Greenbaum got his first electronic cash card he was ready to get into the financial game. Once you're broke, you lose. That's how it works, but it's not a game. It's the basic rule of finance and Gabriel, like many of today's kids, are learning the high-tech way. Consumer money expert Jayne Pearle says today's kids are the first of the "paperless money generation", often monitoring savings and spending with a simple swipe or click thanks to cash apps, direct deposit once they work and, perhaps at some point, even cryptocurrency. Pearle says while there are many potential benefits to digital finances such as instant transfer of funds, or the ability to view balances anytime anywhere, there is a potential downside. In fact, pulling out the plastic put Gabriel \$200 dollars in debt. Gabriel's dad, who's also a parenting expert, says technology is here to stay, so he wants both his kids to be savvy in all forms of finance. Pearle agrees, but says it's critical to make sure your kids know it's not only easier to lose track of balances but also extra fees. And that's not all. Gabriel's most concerned about the debt on his card, making him a little gun-shy

about plastic. He says for now he's going old school. In these changing financial times, experts say, it's more important than ever that parents teach their kids how to monitor their spending and model good financial habits themselves.

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Slug: DOOR LOCK

A teenager in Western Wisconsin has built a device that could save lives if a shooter ever targets his school. Justin Rivard is a senior at Somerset High School who came up with the idea after noticing a potential flaw in his school's emergency response plan. In a room with all the makings of a metals class, Justin loses himself in his sanctuary of steel. He then shapes, cuts, and fuses those into a creation all his own, funny considering his latest project is unforgettable. Justin found that problem during active shooter training at the school. In his homeroom class Justin and his classmates used a heavy table to barricade the door, which has a lock. But if an intruder somehow disabled it the door was easily pushed open even with a table. Justin put on his thinking cap and got to work. It starts with two steel plates cut to a specific shape. Handles are welded to them and a rod and tube are welded on to connect the end plates. Finally a locking knob is added. Then you have device named Justinkase. And because the plates are locked into the door jams, they prevent the door from being opened even with immense pressure. She believes that so much she encouraged Justin to pursue a patent on his invention, which he received. Then she helped him pitch the importance of the device to the school board, landing him his first sale. During his summer off in 2017, Justin built enough devices for every classroom and conference room in the high school. They're usually found right next to the door or at least in arms reach. The device retails for \$95, but to the young welding-enthusiast turned entrepreneur the safety of students and staff is priceless. Justin is in the process of building 50 more Justinkase devices for Somerset Middle School. The Grantsburg School District also ordered 100.

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Slug: MONROE ECONOMY

Most businesses have their struggles, especially the ones in rural communities, because it can be difficult to attract and grow businesses. Today, business and economic development leaders discussed different ways to do so and how to partner together to accomplish their goals. News 19's Jeremy Culver attended the conference in Warrens today. Jeremy, what did officials say is the biggest obstacles rural business are facing? It's the recruitment and retention of skilled workers. Officials say millennials are moving towards big cities or they are getting necessary training from rural businesses and then moving on to the next job. The United States Department of Agriculture State Director Frank Fassetto believes even with this shift, rural businesses can partner together to lure young, skilled workers into their towns. A big driving force in attracting more jobs and workers is infrastructure improvements. Local businesses at the event say the discussions and topics all day allow them to get new ideas and perspectives to take back to towns like Tomah or Sparta to prosper growth. This is the 7th year of the event. I was told this is their largest crowd yet, which to organizers means more opportunities for business partnerships to form. Some services economic developers say small towns need to attract more families are more access to daycare, better healthcare and more affordable housing.

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Slug: GANDER

It's a big day for Gander Outdoors in Onalaska today as they are officially open to the public. The store, formally known as Gander Mountain, will have its Grand Opening event this Saturday. Officials say the newly reopened store employs 55 part and full time staff. Chairman of Camping World Holding Marcus Lemonis purchased Gander Mountain assets in bankruptcy court back in May of 2017. The Onalaska location is one of eleven Gander Outdoors stores planned in Wisconsin and Lemonis says so far supportive response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive.

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Slug: MONROE

We've all heard the old phrase in relation to real estate values. The three most important factors are location, location and location. But the phrase also applies to businesses. It's important for a business to not only be located in a visible spot to customers, but also where it can find enough skilled workers. News 19's Jeremy Culver visits Monroe County where its rural location can be a burden or an opportunity. In the Industrial Park in Tomah WI, you will find Meca Sportswear, where a number of lettermen jackets and awards around the country are made and shipped. One thing Jeff Cram says the business needs help with, finding staff. Other business like Cram attended the Monroe County Economic Development Conference in search for answers. Organizers say one tool to use, the nearby military base, Fort McCoy. The base impacted the local economy by \$1.2 billion dollars last year. United States Department of Agriculture says rural businesses must partner in order to expand. Col. David Pinter says millennials relocating back to their hometowns have to be a part of the county and city's future plan, a vital part of the future of the nation's economy. The conference continues tomorrow with Governor Walker among the speakers.

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Slug: GROUNDED

A simple change proposed by one downtown business owner is leading to a larger debate between other business owners and city officials. Maria Norberg, owner of Grounded Specialty Coffee, wants to remove the stores front door. A patio installed on the side of the building last summer included the addition of a handicap accessible ramp and second door. Now, she says the front door causes customers confusion and interrupts the shops flow. However members of the Historic Preservation Commission say that change goes against historic standards. Maria is in the process of appealing the HPC's decision. City Council will take a vote next month. Olson says downtown business owners will get a chance to share their thoughts on the proposal at the next council meeting.

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Slug: KWIK-TRIP

An update now on an addition expected to add hundreds of new jobs the La Crosse area. Kwik Trip is currently in the middle of constructing a 300 million dollar additional bread and bun production facility. It's a project supported by the state with large tax incentives; 21 million over the next 5 years. The previous facility was built in 2010 but now, just under 8 years later, demand is already pushing them to their capacity. The project expects to add more than 300 jobs. Kwik Trip plans to begin testing production lines in that facility in September and expect to have the facility up and running by January of next year.

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Slug: BULLETPROOF

Speaking of backpacks, Veterans Manufacturing makes body armor that can turn your child's backpack into a life-saving shield. Right now one company says it is seeing a huge increase in sales due to fear for children's safety in schools. Billy Gibbons is the co-founder of Veterans Manufacturing, a Texas based body armor company. They make bullet proof shields you can easily put in a back pack, but Gibbons says any backpack can become armor if you simply buy armor that easily fits inside, and that is what he is selling. Gibbons says while it's a scary thought it's better to have something than not..

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Slug: JOB FAIR

Students at UW La Crosse are getting the chance to meet potential future employers. UWL hosted its Annual Spring Career Fair on campus this afternoon. Hundreds of students got a chance to network with businesses from around the area in hopes of finding a career or internship. Employers say the event gives them an idea if a candidate will fit in with their company and allows them to meet them face to face.. And for students this is a great opportunity to start thinking about their futures.

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Slug: WEDC

Misty's Dance Unlimited in Onalaska will get a big financial boost from the state. Misty's provides dance opportunities for people of all ages and abilities in the La Crosse area and with some help from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation they will continue their work. The three-million-dollar Performing Arts Center will receive a grant of \$240,000 from WEDC, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation. The facility will be the new home of Misty's Dance Unlimited as well as a cultural resource for the community, in an effort to teach people more than just dance. The new facility will be open to the public in June of this year, with an international training session scheduled for the twenty-third.

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Slug: 360 ART

No matter how much you love your job, you will probably experience the case of the Mondays, not feeling motivated. Employees at a local real estate company won't have that problem thanks to artwork of students and alumni of UW-La Crosse. They helped create artwork for Three Sixty Real Estate Solutions around motivational quotes selected by employees as part of a class project. Employees say the final product is amazing to look at while students enjoy knowing their hard work will be seen by the staff daily. Three Sixty staff say they hope to partner with the university in the future because there are plenty of walls that need to be filled.

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Slug: COFFEE

A dispute between a La Crosse business owner and the city finally ends in a compromise. Grounded Specialty Coffee will be allowed to remove the front entrance door and in its place install windows. The main entrance would be to the side of the building. The La Crosse City Council agreed to modify historic preservation rules to allow the modification in part because it can be reversed in the future. Owner Maria Norberg says she learned an important lesson in this process. Norberg says the whole process to get to the compromise took 14 months and she's ready to finish the remodel of her business and prepare for her reopen on Saturday.

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Slug: STOCKS

New reports show that despite instability in the stock market the number of Americans that own stock is on the rise especially among those at retirement age. The founder of Brewer Investment Group says more than half of Americans own stock. That's the highest number since just before the recession of 2007. Tom Brewer says older Americans continue to own stock because of experience. They've been through enough market cycles to realize that after a fall the gains come back. However Brewer says a recession like 2007 can impact stock investment for years. Brewer says there's no magic number for how much stock should make up your portfolio. It comes down to the individual income, timeframe and goals of the investor.

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Slug: TOYS R US

Toys R Us Stores across the country face an uncertain future. Nationals Reports say the toy chain could close all 800 stores as part of liquidation. That's more than the 180 store closures originally announced in January. Toys R Us filed for bankruptcy last September. The Onalaska store had a simple note on the door saying the location was not closing and looking forward to future business. That aligns with the message from Toys R Us social media accounts at this time.

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Slug: WORKFORCE

Newly released data shows January 2018 with a 3.1% unemployment rate, the lowest statewide rate for January on record. The updated January unemployment rate puts Wisconsin as the tenth lowest rate in the nation and 4th in month over month change. The data also shows a statewide labor force participation rate of 68.5%, the fifth highest nationally.

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Slug: MANPOWER

Those looking for a work will be glad to hear the job outlook for the Midwest is highest in the nation. That's according to a study published Manpower Group. Of the businesses questioned for the survey 24% expected to increase their workforce in the next three months, with 73% remaining the same. Wisconsin also rated near the top of the survey. The industries with stable hiring plans include education, health services, durable-good manufacturing and transportation and utilities.

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Slug: TOYS R US

It was once the go to place when shopping for kids' toys but now the store, dubbed "The World's Greatest Toy Store" is coming to an end. Toys R Us officially going out of business. The company announced today that the Onalaska store will be closing its doors permanently on May 14th, one employee offering a local perspective. Toys R Us is closing a total of nine stores in Wisconsin as part of its nationwide liquidation. The Onalaska store employs around 30 people. But according to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, 326 workers will be affected.

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Slug: DYNAMIC

A local company has earned recognition as among the best in the state. Dynamic Recycling founders Curt Greeno and Miles Harter have earned the title as Top Small Business People in the State as chosen by the US Small Business Administration. They are the first La Crosse area residents to receive this recognition in at three decades. They also recently received the Great Place to Work certification in December 2017. Dynamic Recycling attributes a lot of their success to their employees. They say the positive environmental impact they are making is something that they are proud to be a part of.

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Slug: GICHIGAM

The departure of six vessels this week will mark the start of the 2018 commercial shipping season in the twin ports of Duluth Minnesota and Superior Wisconsin, the first two vessels leaving their winter homes today. Four additional boats will leave this Thursday and Friday. The boats will proceed across Lake Superior toward Michigan for the opening of Soo Locks. The twin ports could see their first arrivals a day or two later.

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Slug: FRAC MINE

Legislation to clear the way for a 70 million dollar frac sand processing plant in Monroe County failed to pass the Senate on Tuesday. Meteor Timbers was the organization planning to build the plant but both the Ho Chunk Nation and Clean Wisconsin voiced opposition, saying they would challenge the company's wetland construction permit. Last month the State Assembly passed provisions that would have allowed the company to fill area wetlands.

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Slug: SPRINGBROOK

The La Crescent community welcomed a big addition this afternoon. Today was the official opening of the Springbrook Village of La Crescent, an assisted living facility. The building will have 80 apartments and currently is housing more than 30 residents at this time. Springbrook includes a dining room, salon, fitness and activity room, pool and a chapel. People involved with the project say today bring a lot of joy for the community of La Crescent. If you know somebody who would be interested in living in the facility just contact Springbrook of La Crescent to schedule a time to visit and take a tour.

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Slug: NAVAL HOUSES

An empty field on Green Bay Street in La Crosse could see brand new developments beginning this year. The location of a former navy reserve center will be the site of a brand new pocket neighborhood News 19's Sam Shilts shows you what they have in mind. This empty field, once the site of a Navy Reserve Center, will soon be home to a brand new neighborhood. Six houses are planned for the Green Bay side and another 4 on Hyde Avenue. Instead of an alleyway in between a little bit of green will remain. The pocket neighborhood is a unique plan for the area, but also one that has been drawing steady interest over the past 2 years of development. The lot, located at 2226 Green Bay Street is mere blocks away from the Village Shopping Center, Lincoln Middle School and Central High School. However, the land has suffered water issues in the past with the 2007 floods leading to the former navy center being razed. Plans to break ground on the new neighborhood are tentatively set for the beginning of summer. The development will have shared driveways with access from both Green Bay Street and Hyde Avenue, with the fronts of each small home facing the shared green space in between. The City of La Crosse will be platting the land, adding water and sewer utilities and constructing a sidewalk on Hyde Avenue. The goal is to break ground in June, although the city says it may be later. Plans still need to pass through several committees before construction can begin.

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Slug: GUNS STORES

Many major retailers announced their own gun sale restrictions in the wake of Parkland. Those companies including Dicks stopped selling assault style rifles, Walmart and the Kroger Company joining Dicks, increasing their minimum age for purchasing guns to 21. Hertz, Metlife, United and Delta Airlines all cut ties with the NRA, fueling the debate leading up to the March for our Lives.

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Slug: HABITAT

Habitat for Humanity dedicated their forty-fourth home in the area yesterday, their first in Rockland. The Vang and Chang family will soon be the new owners of their first family home. They worked with students from Western Technical College to create an ideal home for their family while putting in three-hundred-and-fifty hours of work equity to earn their house. This is the second Habitat Home dedicated this year, with five more planned in 2018.

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Slug: 2ND AMTRAK

The La Crescent City Council is backing a campaign for a second Amtrak stop in La Crosse that would travel exclusively between the Twin Cities, Milwaukee and Chicago, unlike the current route that starts in Seattle. Council members approved a motion of support allowing Mayor Mike Poellinger to sign a letter in favor of the service addressed to Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton. The letter urges Dayton to back a four-million-dollar bonding request to fund the second train service. But before the plan can move forward Minnesota must establish partnership with Wisconsin. Governor Walker's rejection of a 2011 high-speed rail project causes concern for that. The non-profit advocacy group All Aboard Minnesota estimates the additional train would support one-hundred-fifty-five-thousand additional trips.

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Slug: FAÇADE GRANTS

The City of La Crosse is looking to expand a popular downtown grant program into the north side, encouraging building renovations. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us with more details. You'd be hard pressed to drive through downtown La Crosse and not see several renovations in progress. Many of those are thanks to some money made available through the city and downtown Mainstreet. With that program's success, some now say it's time that the north side gets some attention of their own. Slowly but surely buildings in need of tender loving care downtown are getting just that. \$150,000 dollars total have been made available in grants to spur projects that spruce up the face of businesses. A grant won't cover an entire renovation project but they play a big part in getting the ball rolling. A plan to expand the program to the north side is now drawing a lot of interest. Another 60,000 made available to property owners in the 7th TIF district over the next 4 years. The grants can have an obvious effect on the buildings and businesses themselves but it can have a positive effect on the neighborhood too in just a short time. They may just get their wish. Ty Striebel, owner of Old Towne Strings, is one of many already interested in some improvement projects including a wall facing an adjacent parking lot to be used for community gatherings over the summer. The grant expansion was passed by the Economic Development Commission. It now heads to the Finance and Personnel Committee before going to the full council. That F-and-P meeting will be taking place on Thursday, April 5th.

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Slug: SUMMER JOBS

Local employers are hiring for summer jobs. For example, the La Crosse Parks and Recreation Department has a number of opportunities for high school and college students. Swim instructors, youth sports coaches and pool cashiers among the possibilities. The city is also looking to hire lifeguards 15-and over. Camp Shriver is also making a return, a camp for children of all abilities and job opportunities for those over 18. To apply for jobs through the Parks and Recreation Department visit their website under employment. There you will find an application. The Parks and Recreation Department is hiring year round and they accept people for volunteer positions.

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Slug: RESOLUTIONS

According to nationaltoday.com, out of the top 5 New Year's resolutions in the country, the top 3 all deal with living a healthier lifestyle. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with options on how to get started and how to stick with your healthy resolution whether someone's resolution is to start exercising or change your diet to something healthier, or both. The recommendation is universal; set small goals. Many who eventually give up on their resolutions set lofty goals and become discouraged when they are not able to achieve them right away. Health experts say even the smallest goals like getting movement in for 10 minutes a day or eating more fresh fruit and vegetables can get you in a rhythm. Research suggests only 8% of people who make New Year's resolutions actually keep them. The other vast majority end up dropping off the second week in February. If the idea of setting those smaller goals in the first place is daunting, in many cases, the first goal can be talking to a wellness expert or dietician to help you start. The Mayo Clinic offers a 12 week diet program that includes setting those smaller goals. For information on 2018 dates and how to register, log onto the Mayo Clinic Health System website.

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Slug: SEASONAL

This is the time of year when seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a growing concern. Day after day of short days and frigid temperatures can really start to wear on a person. Symptoms are similar to depression; change in weight or appetite, sleeping too much or too little or lack of motivation. It can have serious consequences. Treatment for Seasonal Affective Disorder includes physician prescribed light therapy or group or individual counseling.

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Slug: WHOOPING COUGH DEATH

At a time of year when illness spreads quickly a Wisconsin mother still grieving the loss of her daughter wants to raise awareness about whooping cough. She tells reporter David Johnson why it's important for parents to know about the deadly disease. Kaitlyn Webster's daughter, Hailey Bruley, was just two weeks old when she started developing a cough. But Hailey's condition deteriorated. Just a few weeks later, little Hailey died from the illness. Since her death five years ago Webster has made it her mission to raise awareness about the dangers of whooping cough, or pertussis. Dane County reported six confirmed or probable cases last year and a school district in northern Wisconsin recently reported six confirmed cases. Webster isn't sure how Hailey caught the deadly illness five years ago, but says even if she can help one child. Webster wants to start a charity in memory of her daughter Hailey to educate people on whooping cough. She also wants to begin a support group for parents with children diagnosed with the illness.

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Slug: INCLUSA

Some local residents receiving care from Bethany Lutheran Homes received a letter earlier this month raising questions about their housing after March 3rd of this year. The letter came from a Stevens Point Company called Includa. Includa is a managed care organization. A local resident receiving services from Includa sent us the letter she received. It's dated January 3rd and conveys to its members in part "Includa is unable to come to contractual terms with Bethany Lutheran Homes which means they will stop providing residential services to Includa members effective March 3, 2018." The letter continues "Your care team has or will discuss with you other options available, other providers availa-

ble to support you, your preferences on how to support your needs and your rights and responsibilities as a member of Includa." Through a statement Bethany Lutheran Homes says it has "no desire to terminate our existing contract or for any of the nearly 70-people affected to move away from our care. The decision to terminate the contract was initiated by Includa in an effort to reduce the rates currently paid to Bethany Lutheran Homes. We are hopeful an agreement can be reached." The two began another meeting today at 3. In an email from Includa CEO Mark Hilliker says "I'm hopeful that we'll be able to resolve the matter to both parties' satisfaction." We will provide more information as it becomes available.

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Slug: DRY SKIN

Winter is peak time for dry itchy skin. The dry air sucks the moisture out. Try to take warm baths and showers, avoid hot water and vigorous scrubbing. Dermatologist April Farrell says dry skin can often be treated at home but it can develop into more serious skin conditions. Farrell recommends using unscented lotions and creams with few preservatives. She says moisturizers should be applied to damp skin if possible.

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Slug: FLU SEASON

The Center for Disease Control says the flu is running rampant across the country, with 46 states reporting high numbers of cases. So what does the flu season look like here in the Coulee Region? News 19's Caroline Hecker shows you. This year's flu season is proving deadly as the H3N2 influenza strain dominates the headlines. Doctors say this year that strain of the virus shifted, becoming more virulent. Michels says the La Crosse region is reporting lower numbers of flu related hospitalizations than the east side of the state but given the nature of the virus taking preventative steps now is your best bet. The vaccine does not prevent the flu but can lessen your symptoms if you come down with a bug. Fever, cough, sore throat and body aches; just a few signs you may be coming down with the flu. Doctors say its best to stay home to prevent spreading the virus to others. Despite some hospitalizations Michels says she hasn't heard of any flu related deaths in our area. Doctors say an antiviral can reduce the symptoms and shorten the duration of the flu. However, you must begin taking the antiviral within 48 hours of the onset of those symptoms.

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Slug: SPORTS

Just last September UW L announced Mayo Family and Sports Medicine physician Dr. Jake Erickson would become the UW-L athletic team physician with fall sports wrapped up and winter seasons underway, athletes say the partnership is speeding up recovery. Dr. Erickson dedicates his time and Mayo's resources to help UW-La Crosse student athletes. Having a physician dedicated specifically to student athletes is nearly unheard of in collegiate programs. Coaches say the partnership sets UW-L athletics apart from opponents on the field in recruiting and in the overall college experience.

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Slug: BLOOD

January is National Blood Donor Month. It's a month to celebrate the small sacrifice people make that can save lives. The Blood Center of Wisconsin sets a goal of 800 donors each day. That's how much blood it takes to help patients in 50 hospitals across the state including some locally. However health officials say it's hard to get enough donors during winter months.

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Slug: INCLUSA

Bethany Lutheran Homes announced an agreement today with the Includa Health Management Company to continue their partnership. The announcement means the nearly 70 long term care Includa members facing eviction can remain in BLH facilities. It's a story we brought you last week, when Includa sent letters to the 66 residents informing them of a disagreement with Bethany Lutheran over its intention to reduce the rates it would cover at BLH facilities. In a statement Bethany Lutheran CEO Todd Wilson writes that "Meeting the needs of an aging population while navigating through a complex system of different payment methodologies and continuously changing regulatory compliance measures creates a unique set of challenges for everyone throughout the entire healthcare spectrum. We are pleased that our contract with Includa will remain intact." A statement from Mark Hilliker, CEO of Includa, reads in part "We are grateful for the opportunity to honor what it means to be home for the residents of Bethany Lutheran Homes.

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Slug: NURSES

The United States Census Bureau shows that healthcare is one of fastest-growing job fields in the nation but of 3.5 million nurses employed only 9% are men. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen tells you more about one local group working to move more men into the profession. It's called the American Association of Men in Nursing, a national group both encouraging men to become nurses and supporting male nurses professionally. The Coulee Region Men in Nursing Chapter promotes those same opportunities right here in our area. For Adam Carlson becoming a nurse wasn't always part of his future plans. As a student Carlson sought out support from other male nurses. He joined the group Coulee Region Men in Nursing. Now as a long-time member and professional nurse Carlson works to help other male nurses interested in the field. He is one of 150 male nurses working at Gundersen Health System. Gundersen has been recognized for the third time in eight years as one of the best workplaces for male nurses, the recognition partially the result of the support system within men in nursing, educated individuals in our community working to close the gender gap in nursing. Larson says a large number of members are nursing students from Viterbo University, Western Technical College and Winona State. The informal monthly meetings take place at local pizza places. Membership is free and open to all males interested in nursing. Larson says even though the majority of nurses are female he says there has been progress in integrating males.

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Slug: FARMERS

A new study from the University of Minnesota says farmers in the state may not be getting the help they need to deal with the stress and mental strain of their jobs. According to the study American farmers in the early 1990's and 2000's had a suicide rate three to five times higher than other professions. Study co-author and university epidemiologist says farmers who live far from mental health clinics may have the hardest time receiving proper care. Counselor Ted Matthews says farmers tend to be isolated because they work alone more now than in the past.

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Slug: TEEN ANXIETY

Mayo Clinic Health System's presentation series "Raising Healthy Kids" begins Thursday. The series focuses on aspects that impact the health and wellness of children. The first presentation in the series will be helping kids manage anxiety in effort to not let any child's life be limited by anxiety. The series will feature one presentation a month until May to register call the number on your screen.

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Slug: PUMP UP YOUR WORKOUT

Some people now prefer to pump up their work out routine with a little something extra. They're called pre-workout supplements and promise to enhance performance. News 19's Allante Walker looks into what they are, if they're worth it and whether they're safe. As a firefighter, Kevin Culver has to be in tip-top shape and counts on his workouts to keep him that way. He also counts on pre-workout supplements. He says the other helps him focus. These supplements, commonly called "pre-workout," are usually powder drink mixes or capsules. The idea is to take them right before you hit the gym to boost performance. There are numerous brands, formulas, and ingredients. Registered dietitian Jessica Crandall says some ingredients may be safe and energy-boosting, but others can be pointless, or worse, including irregular heartbeat, increased blood pressure, and digestive distress. Like with all supplements, pre-workouts are not regulated by the FDA for safety or efficacy. Crandall says there are third-party groups that certify supplements for content and purity. However, she suggests getting what you need straight from the foods you eat. Culver says he will do both, eat right and count on his pre-workout. Crandall says part of the issue is the variation in formulas with a wide variety of the amounts of different ingredients from caffeine to various herbs. It's not always clearly marked as to how much of each is included.

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Slug: CERVICAL CANCER

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. About 13,000 women in the United States will be diagnosed this year. Despite public education campaigns many women remain unaware of early warning signs. Nearly all cases of cervical cancer are caused by HPV, Human Papilloma Virus. Health professionals recommend the HPV vaccination. Women who smoke are twice as likely to develop cervical cancer. Also begin cervical cancer screening at age 21.

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Slug: COLD SORES

Health experts say along with the rise in cold and flu season comes a higher probability of developing painful cold sores. About half of the population will get a cold sore during their life time, most often the virus causing cold sores is contracted as children and then lays dormant. Outbreaks are triggered by stressors. There is no cure for the virus but treatments are available over the counter and through your healthcare provider.

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Slug: FLU OUTBREAK

Doctors are urging flu shots, now in high demand, and over the counter anti-viral medicine is becoming harder to find, this, during the worst flu season in nearly a decade. In Georgia two flu-related child deaths now confirmed. Fifteen year-old Kira Molina of Newnan, Georgia died after first testing negative for influenza. A 4-year-old girl in New Jersey and a 10 year old boy in California both also succumbed to the flu. This doctor in New York said this influenza season is now serious. According to the Centers for Disease Control the proportion of people seeing their health care provider for flu-like illness at the end of January was 6.6%, the highest recorded since the 2009 pandemic. In Marietta, Georgia 5-year-old Eli Snook died due to flu complications. He had even briefly returned to school after two weeks of symptoms before taking a turn for the worse. Some doctors and clinics now offer free flu shots to help curb the epidemic. Dr. Firestein told us getting medical treatment quickly is key: a consulting firm estimates the flu strain could lead to 9.4 billion dollars in lost work productivity as a result of one million Americans missing at least four days of work.

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Slug: KID SMILE

Local dentists provided their services during a program happening throughout the country. Every year the La Crosse District Dental Society takes part in Give Kids a Smile Day. The day provides free dental work. Eleven dental offices from the area take part in today's event.

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Slug: NAMI

The La Crosse affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness works in our community to raise awareness by organizing various support groups and programs to address many aspects of mental health. Those involved say it's an effort to eliminate stigmas while helping start conversations. NAMI programs and services range from individual meetings to support groups and extended courses. The next general educational meeting takes place on February 20th in the First Congregational Church in La Crosse. If you are interested in attending any of NAMI's extended courses contact the organization at namilacrossecounty.org or call 779-1554.

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Slug: MENTAL HEALTH

The link between physical fitness and mental health was among the topics at a forum today in La Crosse. The public health forum at Viterbo University featured lawmakers, students and educators with a focus on public health. Among the suggestions were mental health and the need for funding for early intervention and prevention, also encouraging physical activity for improved mental health. Representative Billings also spoke about her New Water Safety Bill. It would require the DNR to notify the public within 24 hours in the event of a wastewater permit violation involving the release of contaminants in excess of allowed levels that pose a health risk. Those contaminants may find their way into private water wells.

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Slug: STUDENTS

La Crosse area high school students are getting some hands on experience in the health field today as part of the Health Science Academy. The academy is for upperclassmen from seven La Crosse region high schools, aimed at those who plan to pursue careers in the medical field. Students learned about everything that happens in an operating room and also how to prep patients for surgery. Students were also able to use the tools and equipment that would be used in the real world. Those who participated say it's a great way to prepare for their futures the program provides job shadowing, mentoring and clinical experience. Students who are enrolled in the academy spend three hours a day completing coursework.

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Slug: HPV

La Crosse County wants to raise awareness about the HPV vaccine through collaboration with Gundersen Health System. The County Health Department accepted a \$12,000 grant to fund local TV and radio PSA's. HPV, the human papillomavirus, is directly linked to six different types of cancer. But the vaccine is most effective in pre-teen years. The HPV vaccine is licensed for ages 11 to 26. Depending on case, it is either a 2 or 3 dose series. Side effects are the same as most shots, soreness of the arm and some redness. If insurance does not cover the shot La Crosse County Health says you can contact them for more options.

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Slug: ADDICTIONS

A federal grant will help those in the La Crosse area struggling with drug addiction by providing a mentor who has gone through the struggle themselves. The grant is aimed at fighting opioid abuse, part of Wisconsin's share of a seven and a half million dollar grant that will fund Recovery Coaches in 12 counties including La Crosse. The coaches would be called out to connect with someone landing in emergency services for an overdose. This program differs from most others due to the coach's first-hand experience with addiction. They are looking to train 15 people as recovery coaches. That training begins in March for interested individuals.

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Slug: HEARTS

Families impacted by the effects of congenital heart defects came together in La Crosse today to start a community of support. Many families at the Children's Museum in La Crosse said a non-profit called Lasting Imprint helped them while their child went through surgeries to correct heart defects. The organization is based in Mankato Minnesota. Megan Ustby of Holmen pushed to create a local chapter. Families turned out for the first meeting and Ustby is excited to encourage more community members to become involved. A second meeting hasn't been set up so far, but Ustby hopes to change that within the next month or two. She envisions hosting fun walks and fundraisers in the near future.

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Slug: HEART MONTH

Two thousand three hundred Americans die of cardiovascular disease each day; or one person every 38 seconds. February is American Heart Month and News 19s Mackenzie Amundsen sat down with one local woman who shares her personal story in the hopes of helping others. The old rescue dogs are like kids to Sheila Brookins. She takes them in and cares for them, getting them the treatment they need. Like her dogs Sheila knows what it's like to live with chronic health conditions. She spent more than 50 years on blood pressure medications that didn't seem to work. Finally she decided to go in for an electrocardiography, or EKG. Sheila was diagnosed with heart disease; one side of her heart much thicker than the other. American Heart Month hopes to turn attention to heart health, something cardiologists say is important not only in February but all year-round. Because with knowledge comes power, the power to do something about it. With treatment Sheila has experienced an improved quality of life, a gift that she is able to pay forward. Sheila found out that heart disease did run in her family. Her cousin died suddenly from the same thing. So she reached out to all of her children, telling them to be alert as well. And since then one of her daughters has also been diagnosed.

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Slug: GROUNDWATER

It's one of the most common groundwater contaminants, especially in rural areas. It's called nitrate. It's colorless and odorless and that makes it difficult to detect. The League of Women voters invited an expert to talk about the issue. Kevin Masarik is a ground water education specialist. He talked about nitrate, what it is, why it can be found in water and how to prevent its presence. Masarik says that monitoring fertilizer use and farming for profitability rather than maximum yield can help reduce nitrate levels. Most importantly he says, test your water. Water testing at a lab requires the proper bottle and instructions.

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Slug: OPIOD

A recently released study shows the impact Wisconsin's opioid crisis has on the state's foster care system. Researchers say over the last few years there's been a nearly twenty percent increase in the number of Wisconsin children in out-of-home care, from about 6,300 kids in 2012 to almost 7,500 in 2016. In Eau Claire County specifically there were 127 children in foster care as of last November. While

there are many reasons for a child to be removed from their home researchers say many counties credit the recent uptick in part to an increase in opioid addiction and even though meth abuse is more common in our area officials with the county's Department of Human Services say they are seeing an increase of opioid use as well and because more kids are in need of a safe place to stay outside of their home. The county is always looking for more qualified foster families. Coming up at 10 hear from an Eau Claire County foster mom and what she thinks about opening up her home to kids in need.

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Slug: ER READINESS

In the wake of mass casualties like the Parkland shooting hospitals see significant impact of individuals who need physical and emotional care. Hospitals close to home train in shooter counter strategy annually on a larger scale and do many smaller drills throughout the year. Planning for a disaster includes emotional recovery from behavioral health that goes into action to reach those impacted within the first 24 hours of an incident, a critical period on that path to recovery. Wright also works with police who teach active shooter training in area school districts, a career he chose following a personal experience with an active shooter as a graduate student.

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Slug: LAKEVIEW

West Salem's Lakeview Health Center recently received a five star ranking from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. WXOW's Peter Lenz spent time at the center to learn more about what makes their facility stand out. Lakeview's five star rating is no small feat, with officials attributing their achievement to the compassion and commitment they have for their clients. Lakeview Health Center's five star ranking comes from the federal government to help people evaluate nursing homes that will best suit their needs, and Lakeview comes highly recommended. John Gehde has been a resident at Lakeview for the last ten years and throughout his time there he never stopped enjoying the experience. Keeping residents like John happy for all that time does not happen by accident, with Lakeview staff taking pride in the happiness of their residents. Lakeview takes the relationships between residents and staff seriously with staff that can not only do their job but do it with a sense of compassion. The tight-knit relationship between residents and staff helps to create an environment that is more than just an assisted living home, with space for family to spend the night, constant activity and around the clock visiting hours. The facility is designed to create an environment that helps residents live a fulfilling life. Lakeview residents and staff alike say that commitment to fostering a fulfilling life is one key to their success. The rating makes Lakeview the third center in our area with a five star ranking, joining Bethany St. Joseph and the Onalaska Care Center. If you or a love one are thinking about assisted living homes contact the La Crosse Aging and Disability Resource Center at the number on your screen.

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Slug: MED MN

Most people have heard a lot more than usual about the flu shot this year considering it's the number one way to protect yourself from the flu and this year's strain caused a flu epidemic. But as Mary Moloney explains, the shot has another surprising benefit. Got a bad heart? Get the flu shot. Experts say the flu shot helps prevent heart attacks as much as quitting smoking, or taking medicine for high blood pressure. According to a Canadian study elderly people who are sick with the flu are six times more likely to have a heart attack. Doctors don't fully know why the flu may lead to heart attacks in some people. But it could be the added stress the virus puts on your body. That combined with cardiovascular problems can be dangerous, and deadly. According to the CDC a good vaccine can prevent the flu in 40 to 60% of people. Even when the effectiveness of the shot is lower doctors say the vaccine still decreases your risk of heart attack. So to protect your heart remember to get the flu shot. Ac-

According to the CDC 790,000 Americans have a heart attack every year and 210,000 of those happen to people who have already suffered at least one heart attack prior.

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Slug: WOMEN HEARTS

Chest pain can be acid reflux, muscle pain, anxiety and much more. But as ABC's Arlette Saenz tells us for women, it could also spell bigger trouble. When men have chest pain, doctors look for blocked coronary arteries; it's a major heart attack risk factor, those arteries carry blood to different parts of the heart itself to nourish it. But chest pain may play a more important role in women. A new study looked at 340 women who had had their hearts looked at with MRI scans. They found 8% of women had scars on their heart muscles, one sign of a past heart attack. But one-third of these women had never been diagnosed. Why the under diagnosis? Researchers say that women with chest pain could be having a problem in tiny vessels around the heart that are not caught by typical tests. But it's a heart attack, nonetheless. According to Harvard Health women also delay seeking treatment for heart attack symptoms much longer than men. While men will wait an average of 16 hours to receive treatment, women typically wait an average of 54 hours.

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Slug: FLU

Health officials describe this year's flu season as fierce and deadly. Both Gundersen Health System and Mayo Clinic Health System report, seeing anywhere from 10 to 15 cases of influenza A each week. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen reminds you of the symptoms and your best defense. Flu outbreaks continue to sweep across the country, making their way through the Coulee Region. Meller says flu season is starting to peak in Wisconsin but that doesn't mean it's over yet. This year's strain of the flu brings not only usual symptoms of fever and nausea but also shortness of breath. Meller says simply washing your hands regularly, wearing a mask or sanitizing surfaces can go a long way in avoiding the flu. Another option, getting the flu shot. The shot may also have more health benefits. Meller says it's not too late to get the flu shot. It's as simple as reaching out to your medical provider. Because in the end it's not the prevention method you choose, it's that you do something to help ensure you make it through the flu season healthy. Gundersen Health System is offering a flu hotline. Patients can listen to recordings of flu information. It's an effort to help them get answers without calling their healthcare provider.

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Slug: CHILD OBESITY

According to a new study in the Journal Pediatrics, nationwide childhood obesity is still on the climb. In this Medical Minute ABC's Kenneth Motton digs deeper into what this research could mean for the future of America's children. Michelle Obama tried "Let's Move", and a White House garden full of vegetables. Doctors tried explaining that overweight kids tend to turn into overweight adults, with oversized medical problems. But rates of childhood obesity continue to climb, according to a new study in Pediatrics. Looking at children from 1999 to 2016, there's a significant increase in severe obesity, among preschoolers! African Americans and Hispanics have the highest rates, whites and Asian children lower. Excess weight contributes to risk for cancer, for heart disease, for early death in general. But it's a public health issue that any parent can tackle, getting kids to move more, change their food choices. We all want children to have a future with the lowest risk of major illness possible and it's time to put our healthier food where our mouth is. According to data published by the CDC the combined Wisconsin childhood overweight and obesity rate for children ages ten to 17 in 2016 is 29.5%. That puts Wisconsin 31st in the US, with West Virginia as the number one state for high childhood obesity.

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Slug: SUPER AGING

Many people worry about aging for various reasons. Some fear a slow loss of physical ability, while others dread the thought of mental deterioration. But one Chicago man is shedding light on the issue for researchers as neurologists say the man is mentally as fit as someone 30 years younger. Bill Gurolnick turns 87 next month but he's not slowing down much. The Chicago area retiree is in tip-top shape physically and mentally. It's that last part that piqued the interest of researchers at nearby Northwestern University, which is conducting a study of so-called "super agers." Emily Rogalski and her colleagues want to know how super agers have defied not just dementia but the age-related slowing of memory that most people experience late in life. Researchers so far are finding something unique about an outer brain layer in super agers that is critical for memory and other key functions. Rogalski says super agers are often extroverts with strong social networks, suggesting a brain benefit to having good friends. Years ago, Gurolnick helped form a men's group that now has over a hundred members. He and his pals bike, play tennis and water volleyball and have regular lunches and meetings. Heather Snyder with the National Alzheimer's Association says people often think about what goes wrong as a risk factor for later-life dementia, rather than what goes right to prevent it. Although there's no guarantee super agers got to where they are by traveling the same path, they do offer hope, and that we all have a shot at a brighter cognitive future. The super ager study has revealed that those who have a minimum of 15 minutes exercise per day increase their longevity and those who exercise 30 minutes or more per day are even better off, living longer lives and reporting more cognitive satisfaction.

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Slug: ROBOTIC SURGERY

Surgery can be process that lasts hours followed by weeks or months of recovery time. With advancements in technology many hospitals offer robotic surgery. It's an alternative to traditional surgery with benefits to the patient both during surgery and after. This morning News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen had an exclusive live look at a robotic surgery that took place at Gundersen Health System. Gundersen Health System has been using robotic surgery since 2007. Originally used for only specific types of operations that technology is now be used in general surgery such as a hernia repair. Robotic surgery is minimally invasive, much of the operation done remotely by a surgeon moving the robots arms. Those arms are connected to three ports in the patient's abdomen. With the robot, the surgeon has more mobility than possible with human hands. There is also an added level of precision because of the clarity in the monitors. Robotic surgery also has benefits for the patient. Dr. Benden says patients generally experience less bleeding and leave the hospital faster than they would in a traditional operation. Gundersen Health System currently has two robotic systems available for surgery. Having two systems provides a teaching tool for surgeons new to the technique. They can get hands-on experience while working on the same procedure as a surgeon familiar with using robotics. Patients are encouraged to talk to their health care provider about the option of robotic surgery. Most health care plans that cover minimally invasive surgery will also cover this method of operation. However it's always best to check with your provider.

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Slug: TEENDEPRESSION

Parents, has your teen been screened for depression? If not, local physicians say you should make that a priority. The National Institute of Health reports only half of teens with depression get diagnosed before reaching adulthood. Because of this, new recommendations are calling for the screening. Doctors at Mayo Clinic say most screenings come back normal, but others will surprise parents. Doctors say depression usually doesn't have a cause and parents may notice something first. If those situations come up, they recommend bringing them in for a screening just to be sure depression isn't the cause.

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Slug: MEDICAL THC

Minnesota health officials say that medical marijuana users are reporting significant pain reduction. More than 60% of those surveyed report benefits from inhaled or pill form marijuana during the first five months after Minnesota approved cannabis to treat pain. Nearly 63% also reported reduced or eliminated opioid usage after six months of medical cannabis. Health officials say the results are encouraging so far but still believe more research on medical marijuana is necessary.

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Slug: MED MIN

The opioid crisis has become all too common recently and today the CDC released new statistics on its impact. ABC's Kenneth Moton tells you how the once specific crisis isn't impacting certain states anymore, because now it's a national epidemic. The numbers came out today and they're not good. According to the CDC's Vital Signs Report, opioid overdoses were up an average of 30% across the country in just one year, between July of 2016 and September of 2017. The researchers compiled the numbers by looking at hospital billing information, but, for the first time, were also able to use emergency room data as a more rapid gauge of how many emergency overdoses came in. These mostly non-fatal overdoses rose almost everywhere, particularly in the southwest and west, and showed the most drastic jump in the Midwest, where OD's climbed 70%. Overall, opioid overdoses were more likely to happen in large cities, but rural areas were by no means spared. Men and women alike were affected, and it didn't seem to matter what socioeconomic group people fell into. Only one state had declines in opioid overdoses: Kentucky. The CDC hopes this new emphasis on quicker data will cause emergency room physicians to be prepared first to treat the overdose, but as importantly, to have some system in place to get addicts into care that will allow them to break their addiction. Governor Walker has recently signed two executive orders in an effort to curb opioid abuse in Wisconsin, creating faith based summits on opioids, developing better overdose practices and constructing the Governor's Commission on Substance Abuse treatment delivery.

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Slug: MAYO

There are some changes in leadership at La Crosse's Mayo Clinic Health System. Franciscan Healthcare Regional Vice President Dr. Tim Johnson announced he will transition out of his current role to return to patient care. Dr. Johnson says he is nearing the end of his career and would like to take a step back from an administrative role to go back to his passion of helping patients. As part of the announcement, Vice Chair of Administration Joe Kruse announced he will retire by the end of the year. Kruse has worked for Mayo Clinic for 34 years, the last five in his current role. Kruse says he's planned for a number of years to retire at the end of 2018. Kruse will help in the transition for his successor. The searches for both positions are underway.

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Slug: DENTAL COST

Dentists in the State of Wisconsin are saying funding issues are keeping people from getting proper oral care. According to the Wisconsin Dental Association, out of the entire Medicaid budget in the state, only 1% of that is spent on oral health. News 19's Sam Shilts spoke to local dentists and joins us with what they say could happen as a result. It's not always our favorite place to go but in a lot of cases now, some can't go even if they need to. The Wisconsin Dental Association says that lower Medicaid reimbursement means many providers don't accept it in the first place and perception tends to place going to the dentist as a lower priority in overall health care. With lower access to care and prevention more and more are visiting the emergency room for issues stemming from oral hygiene. The reason many providers don't accept Medicaid is a question of cost for them. According to the WDA,

Medicaid pays about 30 cents on the dollar but it would cost twice that for a provider to break even on overhead costs. Right now, a 4-county pilot program is giving some dentists higher Medicaid reimbursement rates to study the effect on overall access. Preliminary reports show more providers being able to accept Medicaid than before. A full evaluation of that program will be available later on this year. In 2015, less than a third of Wisconsin children received dental care. That's the lowest rate in the US.

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Slug: OPIOD

Federal health officials say hospital visits in Wisconsin for opioid overdoses jumped 109% last year. The state had the highest spike seen in the 16 states that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention observed. Wisconsin had more than 3,400 ER visits for suspected opioid overdoses during the period studied. The study found the rate of ER visits for suspected opioid overdoses rose 30% nationally in that time.

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Slug: DEMENTIA

It's another study offering research into the effects of alcohol on our bodies. While some studies suggest some benefits this one warns of serious health effects. Doctors already knew factors like smoking, high blood pressure and diabetes made a person more likely to develop dementia. This new research puts alcohol abuse at the top of the list. Dr. Dolan says a safe level of drinking for most people can be two drinks or less a day for men and one drink for women.

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Slug: COUILEE COUNCIL

The organization working to end the cycle of addiction is putting trained recovery coaches in La Crosse hospitals. Those coaches will be available for patients coming into the hospital for an opioid-related emergency. A \$74,000 dollar Emergency Department to Recovery Grant made the recovery coaches possible. Both Gundersen and Mayo Clinic will have the coaches available and those on standby know the harsh reality of opioid addiction firsthand. Those 15 coaches will finish training this weekend and expected to start in May. Hancock hopes to expand the program in the future.

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Slug: COMPASS

Every three years services like hospitals and shelters conduct community need assessments. The La Crosse County Assessment is called COMPASS NOW. It identifies and prioritizes area needs. News 19's Peter Lenz spent the day with two reps from COMPASS NOW and tells us how it will impact "need" in the La Crosse area through community meetings, surveys and data review. The Great Rivers United Way along with other La Crosse agencies collaborate with community members to develop the report, one that will work to maximize the efficiency of organizations around the community, serving as a reference tool for future community action plans. The report aims to address our long-term community needs with the complex problems facing the people of La Crosse. Officials say focusing on specific issues driving need is the first step towards understanding them. There are still two scheduled community meetings. The first will be this Monday morning from eight to nine-thirty in the La Crosse County Human Services building with the last meeting scheduled this Wednesday evening from five-thirty to seven in the West Salem Public Library. If anyone is interested in either of these meetings but are unable to attend there will also be an online meeting on March 29th. A link to that can be found on the WXOW website. The report's tentative release date is June first.

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Slug: MED MIN

The same painkiller behind the growing opioid addiction epidemic now has hospitals across the country scrambling. As reporter Mary Moloney shows us a nationwide opioid shortage is forcing doctors to find alternatives which have led to harmful dosing mistakes. As the country deals with widespread opioid addiction hospitals are now dealing with an opioid crisis of their own; a shortage of the powerful painkillers. Pharmacists and several health groups say doctors are struggling to find enough injectable narcotics like morphine and fentanyl. Patients suffering from traumatic injuries, fighting cancer or undergoing surgery desperately need those drugs. So what's behind the limited supply? First, manufacturing setbacks have lowered output. Second, government restrictions on production aimed at reducing misuse and addiction. Now that same effort is causing nurses to improvise. According to the Institute for Safe Medication Practices some are administering second-choice drugs or delivering pain medications differently, which raises the risk of errors. The institute says one provider reported last year that a patient received five times the appropriate amount of morphine when a smaller-dose vial was out of stock. At some hospitals elective surgeries are being postponed and low opioid supplies are being directed to higher-priority cases. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services the rate of opioid use in Wisconsin has more than doubled since 2005. But as of right now hospitals in La Crosse say they are not experiencing a shortage in any medicine.

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Slug: ADDICT

Addiction can take a hold of anyone. Some struggle with it while still working without anyone noticing. The National Institute of Health calls these people high functioning addicts. That group represents nearly 20% of alcoholics and can be found in other substance abusers. Those with the Coulee Council on Addictions say these are the people who struggle to see their addiction as a problem. Ultimately they say the addiction will take over and problems will surface. Advocates say mood swings and changes or a sudden development of being late or missing from work or school can be an indication someone may be struggling with addiction. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction you can call the Coulee Council on Addiction for help.

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Slug: PREEMIE

A local high school senior has partnered with Mayo Clinic Health Systems of La Crosse in order to spread love to babies and families in the neonatal intensive care unit while completing her senior exit project. News 19's Alex Wasilenko was at Mayo Clinic this afternoon as the West Salem High School senior presented her project to the NICU. Bailey Sevier has been working on her exit project since August. Seniors at West Salem participating in the exit project are expected to meet two of four different criteria of their choosing in order to call their project complete. Sevier challenged herself by choosing academic and personal growth as her criteria. Bailey put together care boxes that included a Walgreens gift card, little crocheted octopi, and premie project hearts. The octopi tentacles are said to comfort the babies because they draw comparisons to an umbilical cord. The premie project hearts are meant for the mother to keep on them so it absorbs their scent. They then give these hearts to the baby to make them feel closer to their mother. Bailey also was able to raise money for the NICU at the restaurant she works at. Bailey said that the personal growth portion of her project was learning how to crochet so she could create all those octopi for the NICU. Bailey's mentor says that determination and passion will take her far. You're probably wondering what inspired Bailey to come up with this idea for her senior exit project. Well, she has been interested in neonatal care and has always wanted to work with sick babies to ensure they have a bright future like her own. In the fall, Bailey Sevier will be attending the University Wisconsin River Falls to major in pre-medicine with a minor in Spanish and as far as crocheting, Bailey said it is something she wants to continue to do for fun and not just for school. Bailey worked a total of 80 hours over the course of seven months to fulfill her senior exit project requirements.

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Slug: RIGHT TO TRY

And the House passed the "Right to Try" bill Wednesday. That gives terminally ill patients the ability to obtain drugs not formally approved by the FDA. Some politicians are voicing concern saying it jeopardizes patient safety and provides false hope. The "Right to Try" bill will now head to the Senate.

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Slug: ANEMIA

A new link has been discovered by a British medical journal between anemia and a higher risk of death for pregnant women. Using data from 29 countries the results show the risk of maternal death doubled for those with the blood disorder. They say pregnant women are more prone to anemia because they provide nutrients to their babies and themselves.

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Slug: SUICIDE PREVENTION

Talking about suicide can be a sensitive issue making it hard for some people to communicate. Today the La Crosse Area Suicide Prevention Initiative aims to normalize the topic with their event Dance for Hope. Dancers are from various organizations around the area. The event combines entertainment with the topic of suicide awareness. That collaboration helps people feel more comfortable talking about the issue of suicide and change certain stigmas. If anyone in your life is in need of help call the national helpline at 2-1-1.

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Slug: MARIJUANA

For years we've heard how marijuana is a gateway drug for much harder deadlier ones. That was the focus at a lecture at Gundersen Health System today. Dr. Bertha Madras, a Harvard psycho-biology professor at Harvard Medical School, presented research correlating marijuana use to the increase in opioid addiction nationwide. She also pointed out the true biology and myths about the drug especially among the younger generation. Dr. Madras believes this a message people in the area need to hear. According to the 2017 perception of harm survey, sixty-one percent of La Crosse county teens believe that marijuana is safe and that risks associated with it are low. Dr. Madras is hoping the latest research will help to create more awareness.

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Slug: MEDICAL MINUTE

Treatment rates for dangerously high cholesterol remain low despite heart disease being the number one cause of death in the United States. ABC's Serena Marshall breaks down the CDC numbers to find out why. Take forty thousand adults, check their blood cholesterol, and scratch your head. According to the CDC, who looked at data from the National Survey of Health Measurements and Behaviors, even if they know their cholesterol level is too high, and have been prescribed drugs to help lower them, just over half of the adults with high cholesterol are actually taking them. In general, this new study concludes, adults who have a genetic history of very high cholesterol levels are more likely to have a cholesterol screening. Of the two forms of blood-circulating cholesterol, it's low-density that is dangerous for cardiovascular health. Drugs designed to lower that ldl cholesterol are in wide use, and prescription rates for them have increased over the years. But in those with the most severe forms of high cholesterol, only a third take their meds. Those at highest risk for under treatment: Younger adults and those without enough health care coverage. Low cholesterol, exercise, and a healthy diet are the basics for heart health and are all things that we can take action on for a longer, more healthy

life. More than 36 percent of all adults in 2017 reported high cholesterol, the eighth lowest rate in the nation and more than two percent lower than the national rate.

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Slug: HEALTHSUMMIT

The 10th Annual Health Summit is quickly approaching and the topics being discussed will be particularly important for the Coulee Region. The 10th Annual Health Summit will be held on Friday, April 13th at the Lunda Center on the Western Technical College Campus. The event goes from 8 until 12:15. The key note speaker is Gary Gunderson who is the author of Leading Causes of Life. The public is encouraged to attend and add to the conversation.

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Slug: DRINKING

The Wisconsin Youth Risk Behavior Survey has published their results, saying fewer Wisconsin high school students are participating in underage drinking than previous years. Around 16 percent of students reported binge drinking. And almost 65 percent said they've tried alcohol at least once.

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Slug: LUNG CANCER

Lung cancer has a higher fatality rate than any other but that rate is dropping for men around the United States as improvement for women is falling behind. Emory University researchers used data from the National Cancer Institute to find areas where lung cancer mortality has not improved for women. The results, a 12 percent increase in female lung cancer mortality within the Appalachian Region and a seven percent increase the northern Midwest. Both areas have larger than average smoking populations, lower tobacco taxes, fewer public anti-smoking efforts and fewer clean air laws.

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Slug: ROSE BOWL PARADE

Floral floats rolled under sunny skies as the Rose Parade drew thousands for southern California's colorful New Year's Day tradition. The 129th Annual Parade began this morning as hundreds of thousands of people lined the street to watch 39 floats decked out with countless flowers, along with show horses, marching bands and celebrities. Millions more watched on TV. Among the floats was an award-winning entry from China Airlines featuring a scuba diver floating above fish and a coral reef. Rock and roll Hall of Fame artists Earth Wind and Fire performed during the parade atop a float. The theme of this year's parade is "Making a Difference." Let's take a listen to part of Andy Grammer's performance. The 104th Rose Bowl took place just a few blocks away. The Georgia Bulldogs won a double overtime thriller against the Oklahoma Sooners.

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Slug: SUPERBOWL ICE SCULPTURE

Minneapolis St. Paul will host this year's Super Bowl on February fourth but you don't need a ticket to the game to enjoy the atmosphere. The largest ice sculpture company in the Midwest is based in downtown Minneapolis. In just a few weeks they'll play a major role when the Super Bowl comes to their neighborhood. Inside this freezer, an idea caught fire. Nearly 5 years later, they've carved up more than 4,300 different works of art. But one of their biggest honors yet, is the Super Bowl. Organizers picked their team to create a massive Roman numeral sculpture signifying Super Bowl 52. A few months ago, Herrell unveiled a much smaller version at a Super Bowl live announcement. Eventually the 150,000 pound sculpture will make its way to Nicollet Mall. And those making it say they're hoping for weather in the sweet spot of between 10 and 25 degrees outside. Featured in the final project are these smaller blocks of ice with, yes, Super Bowl beer frozen inside. They're also making specialized ice cubes for bars and restaurants during the Super Bowl. Outgrowing their freezer is a good thing. And this cold climate office is ready to take on the title as one of the hottest new companies in the Twin Cities.

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Slug: CLEAN OFF DESK

If your desk is a mess today may provide some motivation to get it cleaned up. Today is National Clean off Your Desk Day! If your desk looks like this it may not only affect your work but it could affect your health. Regular desk cleaning reduces the spread of germs at home and in the office and creates an overall healthier workplace. Then after all of the cleaning you can also participate in another national holiday today, Bubble Bath Day!

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Slug: GROSSOLOGY

Kids can explore the impolite science of the human body at the Children's' museum of La Crosse. The exhibition titled "Grossology" will be on display starting Saturday January 20th. The exhibit explores why your body produces mushy, oozy and stinky gunk and is based on the best-selling book titled Grossology. The exhibit uses animatronics which features a nine foot tall figure who moves and shares information about your nose. Each exhibit also teaches children about germs, colds and viruses and how to be aware of spreading them. The exhibit will be on display until May 27th.

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Slug: DAYBREAKDOESIT

Time for another installment in our new series Daybreak Does It. Dustin, Maddy and I go out into La Crosse and try some new or unique activities in the area. While the ice rink at Rotary Lights was built last year they have some new additions this that makes it even better. This morning check it out as we try out the Rotary Lights Ice Rink. If you think you're gonna fall you're probably gonna fall; certainly some comforting advice to a first timer. Barb and Dave Erickson are here to help me which is, makes me feel good. The crew who helped get the Chad Erickson Memorial Ice rink at Riverside Park off the ground, or on the ground as it happens to be, were on hand to help put Brittany on edge. Don't be scared. It's very easy. You start out marching on the ice. Having come from California this was her first time setting out on skates but it didn't take long. Oh you're getting it thanks to the expert guidance. Brittany soon joined the rest of the Daybreak crew who had a little more experience on the ice. Now in its second year the Chad Erickson Memorial Ice Rink continues to be a hit even after the Rotary Lights are shut off for the season. The outdoor skating, there's just something about it gets people outside something else for them to do, an experience kids today don't really get, that experience made even better with the expert care of Ed Moore who's been running the Poage Park Ice Rink for the past 23 years. Moore got the call saying they wanted to make the Riverside Rink even better this year and while Mother Nature plays a big part in that aspect and Moore's practiced methods make for a pretty perfect experience. Not to mention the best part, it doesn't cost a dime meaning, like Daybreak, all you have to do is get out and do it. Right now the hours at the rink are Monday thru Friday 4 to 8 pm, weekends noon to 8. They hope to have the rink open through February. Of course it all depends on the weather.

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Slug: DANCE CLUB

For most people the extent of their exposure to dancing is watching ABC's Dancing with the Stars. Dance groups are dwindling due to lack of interest by the younger generations. The Continental Dancers is a social dance club in La Crosse with the goal of getting people excited about dancing again. Take someone like me, with very little dance experience and by the end of a lesson with the Continental Dance club you'll be moving right along and having fun. Members say there are dozens of reasons why you should join their club. Jacline and Tony have been dancing together for 5 years and they are hooked. Swing is their favorite. Elaine George and her husband Jeff say they love the Latin dances. It's exercise without being a gym or on a treadmill and its great learning new steps and meeting new people. Larry and Cathy Pup give lessons before the dance and say you'd be amazed just how many people try ballroom dancing for the first time and love it. Still on the fence about giving it a try, members want you to know this. The dances are \$10 per person and are held every 3rd Friday of the month. The next session is country two-step on February 16 then the waltz on March 16 and the Foxtrot on April 20. For more information go to continentaldancers.org.

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Slug: SPEEDWAY

Race fans mark your calendars. The 2018 La Crosse Fairground Speedway schedule is out. The action begins on April 22 with the Annual Frostbuster Race and runs Friday and Saturday nights through the Oktoberfest race weekend, October 4-7. A final Friday night street drag race is set for October 13.

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Slug: SUPERBOWL ZIP

A first-of-its-kind adventure is being unveiled ahead of Super Bowl 52. Leading up to the big game 10,000 people will get the chance to zip line 100 feet above the Mississippi River. Super Bowl organizers are calling it the Bold Zip Line North. It is part of the 10 day festival leading up to the Super Bowl. The zip line reaches speeds of between 20 and 30 miles per hour. Minneapolis Mayor-elect Jacob Frey took the first ride. Indianapolis offered a similar experience before Super Bowl 46. However, the

Bold Zip Line North is the first time people will be going over a frozen river. Tickets for the zip line have already sold out.

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Slug: SNOWFLAKE

Some of the world's future Olympic ski jumpers will once again gather in Westby to take part in the 95th Annual Snowflake Ski Jump competition. The competition kicks off tomorrow night but jumpers got the chance to get a feel for the hill this afternoon. Organizers expect 20 to 25 competitors, many from the tristate region but also dozens from around the world. Local competitor Augie Schii says that skiing has always been a passion of his. The Snowflake Ski Club invites all current and former military members to attend the event free of charge with proper identification.

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Slug: DANCE COMP

Dozens of dance teams from all over Wisconsin take to the La Crosse Center floor to prove who is the best of the best at the 2018 State Dance Championships. The Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches Competition kicked off at 9 this morning across a number of categories. Many local schools participated, Aquinas taking part in the jazz portion of the competition. Head Coach Molly Mulaney says her team really brought the energy. Each team is judged on their routine's choreography, technique, appearance and overall effect.

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Slug: BOAT & SPORTS

The 41st Annual La Crosse Boat Sports Travel RV and Hunting Show is underway at the La Crosse Center. But even if you're not big into hunting and fishing there's plenty of other things to see including for the first time this year the parakeet landing. Kids feed more than 100 parakeets Popsicle sticks topped with syrup and bird seed. You can also watch the Great American Duck Race. The show is open all weekend, today and tomorrow from 10 until 9 and Sunday from 10 to 4. The cost to get in; \$8 for adults, \$5 for students between 6 and 17, and kids 5 or under are free.

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Slug: GIRLCHOIRSHORT

If flowers or candy won't work for you, how about the gift of music from the La Crosse Girl Choir? The La Crosse Girl Choir will be delivering the singing valentines this Wednesday from noon until 8 p-m to homes, businesses and nursing homes. The cost is \$30 which includes a sweet shop box of chocolates and your choice of the following songs. You can find a link to order online at wxow.com or call the Girl Choir Director at 317-9178.

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Slug: CHAPEL

Its existence is the result of a promise and it's chronicled in a new book, The Maria Angelorum, or Mary of the Angels Chapel. Connected to the Saint Rose Convent in La Crosse, the convent is home to the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, who pray around the clock, every day, with the help of volunteers called prayer partners. When the sisters received that gift of perpetual prayer they went to work building the chapel. That's one of the stories in a new book. A book News 19's Dave Solie is slowly becoming familiar. It's more than 300-pages of history and photographs of this breathtaking building. Work began on the chapel in 1903, 32-years after the sisters moved to La Crosse. Construction took three years. The interior features stained glass, carved wood, sculptures and painting. That is part of this elegant place of worship Sister Malinda Gerke says is the result of a series of miracles. If

you're interested in the book for purchase titled "Mary of the Angels Chapel: God's Answer to a Bold Promise" Sister Malinda will sign copies Sunday February 18th from 2 until 4 in the Garden Room of the St. Rose Convent, 912 Market Street.

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Slug: LEARN TO CURL

If you're following the Winter Olympics you may have learned a bit more about curling. Middle school students from the La Crosse Design Institute did this morning, trying the sport for themselves. News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen went to Green Island Ice Arena for the Fifth Annual Learn to Curl Day. Dozens of students took part in the curling this morning. They ranged in age from sixth grade to eighth grade and in skill level from beginner to experience. Aside from an opportunity to get out into the community and have some fun, learn to curl provides an opportunity for hands-on learning. Reilly Sullivan's introduction to curling started at a young age. When he saw how much fun they were having he wanted to know more. He got his chance as a middle-schooler at the La Crosse Design Institute, a school dedicated to providing students with integrated and project-based curriculum. Learn to Curl helped Reilly discover his passion. Now a sophomore at La Crosse Central High School, Reilly volunteers as an instructor for learn to curl. He hopes younger students might also realize a love for curling. The students have so much fun they almost forget they're learning. The impact of learn to curl can be lasting. The possibility that students like Reilly will pick up a sport to enjoy for life. This year's Learn to Curl was extra special, happening during the Winter Olympics. Many of the students watched the Games leading up to the event. The US Olympic curling team is entirely made up of people from Wisconsin and Minnesota. Teachers at La Crosse Design Institute say those are role models that show the students where curling could take them. Teachers at La Crosse Design Institute say it can be hard to encourage children to remain active in winter. But curling can help. It's indoors, avoiding the cold winter weather and it's active.

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Slug: ICE FISHING

Hundreds of people swarmed Lake Onalaska to show off their ice fishing skills. The 47th Annual Onalaska Lions Ice Fishing Derby took place earlier today. It's one of the clubs largest fundraisers allowing the group to do many of their community events. People of all ages competed in friendly competition trying to bring in the largest fish. Organizers say the event's more about enjoying each other's company and supporting future community projects. Last year the Lions Club used funds from the event to build a ramp for a handicap women in Onalaska.

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Slug: DRAGON BOATS

For 6 years the Big Blue Dragon Boat Festival has been bringing people outdoors, on the water, for a fun recreational activity to support Breast Cancer Research and local survivors. The Big Blue Dragon Boat Festival takes place July 21st at Copeland Park. Mayo Clinics Health System Franciscan Healthcare says the event is about community, living a healthy lifestyle and the benefits of physical activity. This year The Boys and Girls Club of Greater La Crosse is partnering to host the races. There are three racing divisions: community, corporate and breast cancer survivors. Registration is open until April 15th and cost \$750 per team.

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Slug: HOOPS 4 HOPE

A La Crosse business begins a new tradition this weekend. Coulee Region Moving Service's "Hoops-for-Hope" Basketball Tournament will donate 100% of the proceeds to the women's shelter. The group says they hope it jumpstarts their new business partnership program that asks local business to

pledge their services to New Horizons. The tournament features eight teams facing off against each other at Aquinas High School starting at 9 this Saturday morning.

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:22 2/24/18 5PM

Slug: FIGURE SKATE

The La Crosse Figure Skating Club took to the ice today for its Annual Skating Show; the theme of this year's performance, "When I Grow Up". The event took place at the Green Island Ice Arena, where dozens of skaters made powerful performances under the guidance of several coaches. The performers ranged in age from pre-school level through college age. Today's show included 26 different songs.

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:27 2/28/18 5PM

Slug: WS HOCKEY STAT

West Salem High School held a send-off this morning, celebrating the student athletes heading to state this weekend. This is the second year in a row the West Salem Boys Hockey team advanced to state. The hockey team also holds the title of back-to-back sectional champions. Coach Eric Borre says the accomplishments say a lot about the leadership on the team. The hockey players got out of their bus to high five elementary schoolers on their fire truck escort out of the district.

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:34 3/6/18 5PM

Slug: WIAA

The WIAA State Girls' Basketball Tournament is just days from getting underway. Three local teams are in the running for a state championship title in Green Bay. Aquinas, a number one seed and Melrose-Mindoro, a number two seed, are both competing for the Division Four Title. They both play Thursday evening. Bangor also in the running; they could win the Division Five State Championship Title. Bangor, deeded number 2 in Division Five, will play Friday morning. Any teams advancing to the championship round will play Saturday.

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:49 3/7/18 5PM

Slug: PEP RALLY

Melrose-Mindoro high school has a lot to celebrate this sports season. They held a pep rally today to honor students headed to states. Perhaps the most notable team headed to Green Bay is the undefeated Mel-Min Girls Basketball Team. News 19's Alex Wasilenko went to the pep rally today and tells us about the excitement that is grasping these small Jackson County communities. The Mel-Min Girls Basketball Team is headed back to the state tournament after a forty year drought. Before the big game, a pep rally was held at Mel-Min High School this morning. The pep rally consisted of the high school band, parents, teachers, and students. The Mel-Min Girls received encouraging words from Coach Joey Arneson and thunderous applause from their fans. Coach Arneson promised that no matter what, the girls' basketball team will give it their all. The girls will be playing the number three seed Manitowoc Lutheran at the Resch Center in Green Bay Thursday night in the Division Four semifinal game. Tip-off is slated for 6:35 pm. Coach Arneson said that he is looking forward to playing a talented Manitowoc Lutheran team that matches up well for his girls and their style of play. If the Mel-Min Girls Basketball Team wins their semi-final game they will head to the championship game on Saturday at 11:05 am in Green Bay.

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:29 3/8/18 6PM

Slug: BANGOR RALLY

The Bangor community rallied together this morning to send off the high school girls' basketball team to state. The team is a back-to-back state finalist. Coach Merlin Jones says the girls feel more prepared going into the state tournament than last year and fans showed their support this morning, wav-

ing signs, playing the school song and forming a tunnel around the school. For some of the Lady Cardinals making it to state is the result of months and years of hard work. The girls' basketball state tournament is at the Resch Center in Green Bay. Bangor will play Clayton in a semi-final game on Friday morning at 10:45.

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Slug: DAYBREAKDOESIT

It's a part of the hunting tradition in Wisconsin. We're talking about archery. In another installment of the Daybreak Does It Series, check it out as Maddy, Dustin and Brittany take a shot at the sport. Before you even bend a bow there are a few things you have to learn. Starting from square one, you'll need to know which eye to use when staring down the target. Once you've got your dominance down, next is the stance but with a teacher like Zac Griffin. It's easy to keep your eye on the target. This avid outdoorsman had a neighbor mentor him in the sport and now he gets to help others find the same passion. It's a sport that takes practice to make perfect. La Crosse Archery has indoor leagues running throughout the fall right after hunting season through April. They also host birthday parties and lessons for beginners. To learn more visit lacrossearchery.com.

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Slug: AQUINAS RALLY

Earlier today at Aquinas High School another state send off for the Blugold girls. Over the past two years they have gone 53 and 1. They are undefeated this season. Seniors say they are excited to get to Green Bay and think their hard work has them well prepared. Aquinas students got an early release today giving them a head start on making the trek to Green Bay for tonight's game. More than half the student body is participating this weekend as players, pep band members or fans.

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Slug: MAGIC OF MARCH

Two area boys' teams will compete for a title this week. For high school basketball fans the beginning of March is always something to look forward to but with five area teams competing for a state title over the span of just two weeks this March is a unique experience, providing a rush of emotion for everyone involved with the teams. The Coulee Region Basketball takeover continues this weekend with the Central and Bangor High School boys both competing for a State Title at the WIAA Championship Tournament in Madison.

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Slug: CENTRAL PEP RALLY

It's another trip to the WIAA State Tournament for the La Crosse Central Red Raiders. This morning members from the community and Central Schools rallied together for a send-off. Fans showed their support with enthusiasm and by showing school spirit. Coach Todd Fergot says the opportunity to play in the state tournament never gets old. La Crosse Central will play in the state semi-finals Friday at 3:15 versus Milwaukee Washington. You can watch that game right here on WXOW News 19.

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Slug: CENTRAL

Central is playing this afternoon, defending their Division 2 State Title. News 19's Peter Lenz in Madison with a re-cap of that game. After Bangor secured their shot at a championship this morning the Central Red Raiders are next. 2017 Division 2 State Champions, the Red Raiders spent this year defending their title, achieving a record of 24 wins and 2 loses. That record helps but doesn't mean too much on high school basketball's biggest stage. Milwaukee Purgolders went in to the game 23 and 2.

With both teams scoring over 70 points in their sectional final game it only makes sense for a close game. Central started in the lead but the game saw multiple lead changes throughout. In the end the Red Raiders just couldn't stay on top by the end of the game. One thing that stayed constant was the energy coming from the bleachers. We will have more on the excitement of watching your team defend a state title tonight at 10. Central's loss tonight ends their season with a final record of 24 wins and 3 losses.

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:16 3/20/18 6PM
Slug: HIXON

That same spring fever also has many in the area itching for a hike but the Hixon Trails are not quite ready for use yet! Conditions in Hixon right now not only make for messy and unsafe hiking but early use could also damage the beloved trails during the current spring melt down. The department is hoping to have the trails open for use by the end of May or early April.

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:33 3/22/18 5PM
Slug: CALEODNIA

The Chase for State Tournament Glory for the Caledonia Warriors will continue after a 80-41 win over Minnewaska area last night. The Warriors jumped out to an early 9 to 2 lead and never looked back from that point. Caledonia took a 37-26 lead into the locker room and then out-scored the Lakers in the second half, 43-15. Marten Morem led the way for the Warriors with 18 points on the night. Noah King had 14 points and eighth grader Eli King had 8 points to go along with 7 steals. Caledonia will take on Brooklyn Center on Friday night at the Target Center in the Class 2 a semifinals at 8 pm.

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:25 3/24/18 6PM
Slug: MIRACLE LEAGUE

The Manitowoc Miracle League is looking to expand, not in size but in participants! Currently the Manitowoc Field sees nearly one hundred children with physical or cognitive disabilities. But the league is typically for those between the ages of four and 19, so what happens when players age out? Many have expressed an interest in staying in the game and so this summer the league will start seeing a few more players with a new over 19 league. So far there are already 12 players signed up for the over 19 league. Organizers are also reaching out to the rest of northeastern Wisconsin, welcoming all the adult players to come back and take another run on the Miracle Field.

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:43 3/29/18 6PM
Slug: FOREST HILLS

Spring is here; the sun is shining. Many local golfers are itching to hit the links. But as News 19's Mackenzie Amundsen explains, it may be a few more weeks before golf courses in the area open. The start of a golf season in Wisconsin largely depends on the weather and those at Forest Hills Golf course in La Crosse say Mother Nature hasn't been cooperating. The overnight frost and slow warm up is delaying Forest Hills Golf Course from opening. General Manager Keith Stoll says the average opening day is April 6. With a constant eye on the forecast he thinks this year's season could still be a few weeks away. But the weather doesn't stop workers at Forest Hills. Stoll says staff works year round to prepare for the next golf season.

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Slug: WEST SALEM REF

Voters in West Salem will once again weigh in on big projects happening in the school district. In 2016 voters passed a referendum to give 20-million dollars toward middle school renovations and 5-million dollars for a sports complex. Bids on those projects are in and the numbers don't match expectations. The middle school renovations are coming in at 1.5 million dollars under budget while the sports complex is over budget. District officials hope to transfer the extra money to the other project. However the 2016 referendum doesn't allow that to happen without another vote. If the referendum fails district officials will have to choose what parts of the sports complex to cut. The automotive center upgrades would also take longer to complete. Gunderson reminds voters there would be no change in taxes. Referendum voting will happen on Tuesday February 20.

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:32 1/4/18 5PM

Slug: SPARTA

The Sparta School District says 10 buses broke down causing the school to delay their start time by two hours. The Tomah School District sent over 12 buses to help transport students. There were no injuries or any major setbacks. Sparta Area School District Superintendent Dr. Amy Van Deuren says "there is a take away from this learning experience" and the school will recommend changes to the school board policy dealing with closures related to extreme cold, encourage families to sign up for text and email alerts and continue to address ways to deal with bus failures.

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Slug: UW HARRASSMENT

Student journalists in the UW System have uncovered a surprising number of claims of sexual assault and harassment on the Milwaukee campus. Reporter Jennifer Kliese tells us about those allegations and the recent investigations at the system's flagship school. UW Milwaukee student journalist Talis Shelbourne's work helped uncover 40 allegations of sexual assault and harassment by 37 professors and staff members. UW-M officials say they've investigated the cases dating back to 2013 but Shelbourne wants more details on the violations. At UW Madison officials say they investigated two sexual harassment complaints against university employees last year. One employee was fired the other case is still pending. In 2016 one case led to a warning issued against a staff member and one was unfounded. Three cases were found to be not policy violations, but staff members involved had to go through special training programs. Those numbers do not include allegations where the accuser declined a formal investigation. At UW M students like Talis will continue fighting for more information and campus officials say they'll work on to provide answers. According to statistics from the UW System, Madison has the highest number of cases of sexual assaults on students, but of course, also the highest enrollment. In 2016 there were 36 on campus assaults and 289 off campus incidents. But those do not necessarily involve campus staff.

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Slug: BIG BANG

To most people the big bang theory is either an explanation for the origin of the universe or the name of a hit television show. Either way it's a term familiar to those with an affinity for science. Today students considering careers in science or other so called stem fields had the chance to experiment with real life scenarios used by professionals. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and math. News 19's Heather Armstrong attended Viterbo's Big Bang Friday this afternoon and joins us now to tell us more about it. First of all the STEM fields are typically male dominated but as you'll see today at

Viterbo 3 quarters of the classes were full of women. The main goal of Big Bang Friday is to not just expose students to STEM fields but to give them hands on experience but get them excited about STEM fields and go on to make it their profession. If you're in this room you could be a science geek. According to Clark being weird pays off. Big Bang Friday gives students experience in the lab through inquisitive and fun tasks. One of the challenges today was to make a Rube Goldberg machine; that's an invention with complicated steps to do the most simple task and the task today, dispense a piece of candy. Students were given items like zip ties, marbles and even dominoes to do it. Asst. Prof. Emily Shiavone is in a male dominated field but says students especially young women need to know they have options when it comes to having a career, and that way of thinking is trickling down to students. Molly Wiese plans to be a civil engineer now. And Clark says when we open up the fields of math and science to women we not only empower them we empower the community. We don't know whose going to use it later on we just know it's interesting right now and those are what lead the discoveries of tomorrow. Some of the students attending the workshop said they were on the fence about a career in any of the STEM fields but after today they would certainly consider it. Students were able to select the lab they wanted to participate in and those choices included using math to break codes, synthesizing and testing a glow stick compound and even solving a murder. This is the fourth year of Big Bang Friday and due to popular demand it will definitely be back.

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:19 1/18/18 6PM

Slug: SCIENCE FAIR

After 4 months of hard work 7th grade science students showcased their projects at La Crescent middle's 21st Annual Science Fair. Eighty eight projects lined the gymnasium with everything from the effects of hand soap to the effect of color on memory, and even one project dealing with an alternative to using salt brines on roadways. Following the fair, Judges decide what projects will go on to a regional science fair on February 23rd hosted by St Mary's University in Winona.

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:30 1/18/18 10PM

Slug: UW-L

U-W La Crosse will be the recipient of a two million dollar endowment towards their new science facility. That facility is set to open for the fall semester. That gift comes from a trust called Prairie Springs and is dedicated to the life of Paul Fleckenstein, a man who spent much of his life devoted to conservation and environmental education. Since it's an endowment, that means the money will come annually and help fund research, fellowships, internships and scholarships in the new facility, now named the Prairie Springs Center. The Prairie Springs Center will cost \$82 million upon completion of phase one. That money comes from the state and is separate from the \$2 million dollar endowment.

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:22 1/22/18 5PM

Slug: GRANTSAWARDS

A special luncheon took place this afternoon, honoring those teachers who received grants and awards from the La Crosse Public Education Foundation. More than 80 educators were invited to the annual grants award event. Each teacher wrote his or her grant, with the common goal of bringing innovative ideas to realities in their classrooms. Today's event was an opportunity for the community to say thank you. This past year a total of \$75,000 was awarded to grant recipients. This year the foundation and La Crosse schools are focusing on community school concepts. Both Hamilton and Northside Elementary have been approved for start-up grants for the program. Each school is slated to receive a start-up grant in the amount of \$7,500.

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:20 1/23/18 10PM

Slug: CHALLENGE

Local high school students tested their financial knowledge this morning. At Western Technical College teams faced off for the 1st Regional Finance and Investment Challenge Bowl. The quiz show style game posed questions in categories like financial literacy, economics and the stock market, a big takeaway for all students, applying their knowledge to their own lives. The team from Central High School earned first place honors. Onalaska won second place. Both teams will now advance to the statewide Challenge Bowl in May.

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:15 1/24/18 10PM

Slug: SCHOOL CHECK

A La Crosse elementary school will make a special field trip thanks to a Cash for Classrooms grant. Students at Hamilton Elementary will use the grant to visit the Minnesota Marine Art Museum in Winona. The grant comes courtesy of business owners Lissa Carlson and Misty Lown. Lown and Carlson have awarded these grants for the past seven years. They've provided nearly \$30,000 in grants for teachers and students.

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:19 1/25/18 10PM

Slug: KIDMEALS

Fourth graders at La Crescent Elementary learned healthy cooking skills this morning. It's a program called Farm 2 School, aimed at getting local foods into school lunch menus. The executive chef from Mayo Clinic Health System dropped by to teach cooking hygiene, chopping skills and showed the kids how to make a tomato basil mozzarella salad. Each month Farm 2 School features a locally grown ingredient. January's harvest of the month vegetable was basil.

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:24 2/1/18 5PM

Slug: C.A.L.L.

A conference today at the UW-La Crosse was designed to promote literacy among kindergarten through college students. At the heart of that discussion was the role libraries play in that process. The discussion is part of the Second Annual Conference about Libraries and Literacy, known as "CALL." The keynote speaker, Michael Stephens is from San Jose State University. He writes and talks about the value of libraries in the learning process. Stephens says studies show that if students find the library as a valuable resource they keep coming back. But Stephens wants to go beyond that by working with university departments and promoting their availability as teachers.

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:18 2/2/18 5PM

Slug: MATHCOUNTS

Middle school students from five area schools put their math skills to the test today. The UW-La Crosse hosted the 30th Annual Math Counts Regional Competition. Questions covered fractions, algebra and geometry. The competition included individual and team testing. Students prepare extensively for the competition. A group of engineers scored the tests throughout the day. West Salem won the team competition. The top three winners individually were Brennan Holst from West Salem, Elsa Mitchell from West Salem, and Colton Hoskins from Holmen. The winners advance to state competition in Sheboygan next month.

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:23 2/3/18 6PM

Slug: SCIENCE

UW-La Crosse campus officials are working to make the transition from college into the workforce easier for students. During college students spend time learning about themselves and various career possibilities but once students graduate they no longer receive the same support from their university, which is why US-L is trying to provide resources such as career forums, to help students make that

shift. For students not preparing to leave college UW-L will host a summer and part-time job fair on February 15th.

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:37 2/6/18 6PM

Slug: TUITION RAISE PLAN

Students who live outside Wisconsin planning to attend three UW system schools could face higher tuition. That list does not include the UW La Crosse and does not affect in state tuition rates. Under the plan non-resident undergrad students at UW-Eau Claire would see tuition go up by about \$350 and grad students \$430 at Stout non-resident graduate students would see an increase of nearly \$300 and UW-Milwaukee non-resident graduate business school tuition would go up by nearly \$540. Officials say the changes would help generate \$186,000 in revenue for the three schools. The Board of Regents is due to vote this week

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Slug: STUDENTS OR

La Crosse area high school students are getting some hands on experience in the health field today as part of the Health Science Academy. The academy is for juniors and seniors from seven high schools in the La Crosse Region who plan to pursue careers in the medical field. Students learned what happens in an operating room and how to prep patients for surgery. The program provides job shadowing, mentoring and clinical experience. Nearly 96% of students who complete the program are studying or working in the healthcare or emergency fields .

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Slug: GLOBAL

Students at North Woods International School took part in global school play day this morning. Students from across the world have participated in this event in February; the goal, students interacting with one another and encouraging outdoor activity during the winter months. Science shows that interaction helps younger people develop skills such as empathy and problem solving for example, through interactive play. Students participated in Olympic like events such as curling and sledding and they say it was a lot of fun. The idea of global school play day came from what is known as a "ted talk" that discussed the benefits of unwinding and letting yourself have fun.

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Slug: LIBRARY DIGITAL

The Associated Press reported today that more and more academic libraries at universities are seeing reference materials shift from print to digital. That shift is causing some libraries to remove old, seldom-used books at a faster pace. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with local reaction from university libraries although most believe that the actual brick and mortar libraries aren't going anywhere anytime soon. They did notice that fewer new reference texts are released in print texts like scientific journals are moving almost exclusively to digital files. And those copies now live in the cloud instead of on the shelves. That puts a library's collection management in a place where they have to decide what to do with old or outdated material and how to fill the leftover space. That process of removing old, non-circulating texts and bringing in something new is called "weeding" and it's not a new thing for libraries. However, with more and more texts going digital some of the older prints are starting to stack up. Murphy library said they're not at a place yet where a massive amount of text needs to be removed but the nature of the library is changing to more of a gathering place with tutoring and study rooms to accommodate both digital and print uses. The Indiana University of Pennsylvania found that almost half of their collection had gone uncirculated for 20 years or more, leading to a list of 170,000 books considered for removal.

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:36 2/8/18 6PM

Slug: TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

Fifth and sixth graders at Blessed Sacrament School in La Crosse will be learning geometry in a unique way thanks to the Tools for Schools Award. Math teacher Megan Hellmann is the latest recipient of the \$750 Award from WXOW, Brenengen Auto, SSE Music, and Dependable Solutions. Hellmann will use the award money to purchase a classroom set of keva planks and magna tiles. This will allow students to construct both two-dimensional and three-dimensional shapes. Any remaining money will go toward adding math-based books and games to the classroom so students can learn about mathematics through literature and real-world applications.

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Slug: TUITION

Some Wisconsin families may see the cost of college tuition as an insurmountable barrier for their students' higher education, but a new initiative at University of Wisconsin Madison could open that door. UW-Madison Chancellor Rebbaca Blank announced an initiative called "Bucky's Tuition Promise." This gives students free tuition if they come from families making \$56,000 or less. A local superintendent says he's seen some of his own students avoid applying to any colleges simply because of costs. He said the new program gives students from moderate income families the chance to meet their potential. The guarantee starts in the fall. UW-Madison expects the pledge to cover more than 800 students costing \$825,000 a year. None of the money to fund the program comes from tax dollars, funding comes through private donations. UW-La Crosse Chancellor Joe Gow says while he would like to offer such a program. The UW Madison has financial resources the UW-L lacks.

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:43 2/13/18 5PM

Slug: SERVICE LEARN

Students from middle school age through college spent this morning developing community service projects at Viterbo. Those are part of a semester long program called Building Ecosystems for the Common Good. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us with more information on that program and how one group is looking to help clean up downtown. It's collaboration between 15 groups of students all looking to make a difference in the La Crosse area. Viterbo students joined others from 7 Rivers High School and La Crosse Design Institute to work with community partners on their projects. Those ranged from community fundraisers involving music, canned food drives to an initiative to help clean cigarette butts and other trash from the downtown area. This was the second meeting for these groups, putting together details for each of their projects. The downtown clean-up project is set to take place on earth day this year. They partnered with Downtown Mainstreet to help grow an existing clean up initiative. Over 65 students are taking part in building ecosystems for the common good. Their next meeting takes place in March.

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Slug: REFERENDUM

The School District of La Crosse Board of Education needs your vote to authorize an operating referendum. The district will turn to voters to approve a nearly 4.2 million dollar per year referendum for maintaining educational programs, district facilities and replacing technology. The vote will not increase local school taxes as it maintains the current levels passed five years ago. The current referendum expires on June 30 2019. Voters will seed the referendum on the April 3rd election.

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Slug: WEST SALEM

West Salem voters heading to the polls tomorrow will once again have a say in big projects happening in the school district. In 2016 voters passed a referendum giving 20-million dollars toward middle school renovations. Another 5-million dollars was set aside to build a sports complex. The bids on those projects are not coming in as expected. The middle school renovations are coming in at 1 point 5 million dollars under budget. The sports complex and events center are coming in above budget. Some the extra funds will be used to update the West Salem High School Automotive Center. District officials want to transfer the money between projects but can't without another vote by the community. Gunderson says he has heard a lot of positive feedback about the changes happening in the district. He reminds voters there will be no change in taxes if passed. Polls open tomorrow at 7 am.

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Slug: MONTESSORRI

Students at La Crescent Montessori are taking the first steps today toward becoming organic-aware farmers. Ben Horn of Happy Horn's Farm spoke with students this afternoon about farming basics. Some of the topics covered included choosing what you want to plant and how to make compost. It was also an opportunity for students to ask questions. The students will eventually take what they learn in their classroom out into the fields. Once spring arrives they are headed to Horn Farms for first hand farming experience. Horn says it start with something as simple as planting your own organic garden.

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Slug: ARMED TEACHERS

The gun conversation continues with the President sitting down listening to survivors of the Parkland shooting. During that meeting, President Trump suggested arming teachers to prevent future tragedies. News 19's Sam Shilts spoke with local school districts to hear what they think of guns in school. President Trump, while meeting with Parkland survivors suggests the possibility of arming and training teachers to prevent future tragedies. We took that question to some local school districts that were apprehensive on the administration level, some are open to extra protection but aren't open to that protection meaning armed educators. One alternative having law enforcement liaisons or armed guards, legislatures at the state level showed a willingness to fund armed guards through grants. Still, administrations are not convinced. Students say they would trust law enforcement more than a teacher but think ultimately it doesn't address a bigger issue on that front. They join a debate years in the making but only time will tell just what solution will be settled upon if any. An ABC News Washington post poll out this week shows 42 percent of Americans believe allowing teachers to carry guns could have prevented the Florida shooting. 51 percent disagreed.

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Slug: SCHOOL POLICE

At least a third of our nation's schools have at least one resource officer on duty, that's about 30,000 schools including La Crosse and Onalaska. The program is a partnership between school districts and local law enforcement to have an officer in the schools every day. News 19's Jeremy Culver talked with the districts about these officers. First and foremost it's to be an officer. However the next important step is building relationships with students. The Onalaska School District employs one school resource officer, or SRO, for the buildings. He makes sure the building is not only safe for staff and students, but looks for signs a student may need help with an issue that could be going on outside the school. I also talked with the La Crosse Police Department about their school resource officers. Both Onalaska and La Crosse SRO's are armed inside the school. Their reasoning for arming school resource officers is its how they're trained and part of what they can do to keep students and staff safe during emergency situations. The School District of La Crosse has five school resource officers in the school, plus a DARE program officer.

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Slug: UWMISCOUNDUCT

One in five women and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted while in college. That's according to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. New open records reveal nearly 100 claims of employee sexual misconduct at UW System schools since 2014. UW La Crosse had no investigations in this specific study but UW officials say that does not mean the problem is non-existent. They are working to create a zero tolerance culture towards sexual misconduct.

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Slug: TEACHERS GUNS

A local school district weighed in on the idea of arming teachers to prevent school shootings. The idea came after President Donald Trump tweeted armed educators love our students and will protect them. He wants teachers to be firearms adept and have annual training. Some at the Onalaska High School understand there needs to be more discussions and ideas for improving school safety, but feel arming teachers is not where those conversations should lead. House Speaker Paul Ryan said he thinks President Donald Trump's idea of arming teachers is best left to local governments.

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Slug: MN GRADUATION

A wide gap in high school graduation rates between Minnesota's white and minority students is narrowing. State education officials are reporting today a wide gap in high school graduation rates between Minnesota's white and minority students is narrowing. Their findings show that 82.7 percent of high school students graduated in 2017. That's up 4.3 percentage points since 2012. But the numbers are better for the state's non-white students. Sixty-nine percent of minority students in Minnesota graduated last year, up more than 11 percentage points from 2012. When Governor Mark Dayton took office in 2011 the state's high school graduation rate was 77 percent.

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Slug: MN SCHOOLS

Gov. Mark Dayton today proposed 21 million dollars in new funding for security enhancements and mental health improvements in Minnesota schools. The money would allow schools to install safety measures like bulletproof glass and secure entrances. Dayton's plan also expands mental health services in schools and directs school districts to share information on expelled students. Dayton is separately calling for stricter gun laws like expanding background checks and raising the age to buy assault weapons to 21. Those measures face stiff odds in the GOP-controlled legislature.

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3/8/18

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Slug: WEST POINT

The US Military Academy at West Point is one of the most prestigious schools in the country for students looking to serve in the Army. One young woman from Onalaska high school has made the cut and will be heading there this fall. She was visited by a West Point junior today to answer any of her questions. News 19's Sam Shilts joins us now with more of her story. For Victoria Kearns it's a path she knew she wanted to take since middle school. While living abroad with her parents in the United Arab Emirates Victoria's parents were both in the Army and her father attended West Point. She now will follow in those footsteps, majoring in chemical engineering. Today she met with West Point junior Sawyer Peterson to discuss what her future holds in the military academy. She said when she found out she was accepted, it was a bit of a shock at first. Kearns says she's mostly looking forward to the academic side of the experience and specifically the smaller class sizes. From the beginning of the months-long application process to actual admission, less than 10 percent are accepted to West Point.

Some 15,000 apply each year. The Military Academy at West Point is the oldest continually occupied military post in America, established during the Revolutionary War along the Hudson River in New York.

Time: 1:51 First Aired: 3/9/18 Shows: 10PM

Slug: MERIT

So it's been a good week for La Crosse area high schoolers. The success in Green Bay then yesterday we learned an Onalaska senior has won acceptance to the Military Academy at West Point. And now, a Holmen senior is nationally recognized for academic achievement. News 19's Sam Shilts introduces you to Nicholas Haas, who joins only a handful of students in Holmen history. Inside Holmen High School one student now joins only a handful in district history. Senior Nicholas Haas is a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program, scoring in the top 1% of 1.6 million others on the PSAT. Since the National Merit Scholarship's beginning in 1955, only 23 from the Holmen District have been a finalist. Nick is now number 24. On top of maintaining stellar academic standings, he's also involved in cross country and track, a lot to manage, but Nick says what he's learned in one, helps the other. Even with all the attention and recognition those around him say he's taking it all in stride, a commitment to excellence teachers here say is an inspiration,

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Slug: HAVILCEK

La Crosse educators say they have concerns regarding the lack of language revolving around firearms. Havlicek supports legislation to remodel schools to have locked doors and monitored entrances but says schools in the La Crosse District already do that. He believes current legislation prepares for violence instead of finding ways to combat it.

Time: :21 First Aired: 3/22/18 Shows: 5PM

Slug: ROBOTICS

More area students brought home the gold, this time in robotics. Trempealeau County Robotics, or TC Robotics, battled their way through their first regional tournament during the Northern Lights Regional Competition. Of 60-teams they placed first, that performance earning an invitation to the World Championship Tournament in Detroit the last weekend of April.

Time: :26 First Aired: 3/23/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: LA CRESCENT

The La Crescent Hokah School Board looked to the future at their meeting on Wednesday night. Much of the conversation revolved around a 5-year plan. District Superintendent Kevin Cardille says it's a time of transition for the school district. Possible changes include replacing or remodeling the elementary school, upgrading security in the high school and updating the science labs. Cardille says it's a matter of weighing the status of facilities against the cost. Cardille urges anyone with questions to look at the minutes from Wednesday's board meeting. A newsletter will be sent to the community on April 4th with more detailed information. Information sessions will be scheduled in coming weeks.

Time: 1:02 First Aired: 3/26/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: HUNGER

Do you know what it's like to be hungry? A hunger simulation event at Western Technical attempted to give people a taste of what it would feel like. News 19's Alex Wasilenko was there during the simulation and says smiles quickly turned into frustration. This was the first simulation of its kind at Western Tech and it's an event that will certainly come back with hopes of educating more on the needs of our community and the stigma's that come with them. The focus today was the hunger issues low income

families face. Attendees got a first-hand experience of what it is like to feed a family on a strict and small budget. There were various identities people chose. Each came with a list of their own struggles and how many family members they had to support. Then the participants simulated a three day period pretending to obtain bus passes to get to food pantries or corner stores in order to provide food for their family. The main goal of the event was to help understand the topic of food insecurity, a topic people don't necessarily realize as a serious issue. Bethany knows that food insecurity is a major issue community wide but also campus wide as well. She says there are students that struggle to pay for and get the proper brain food they need on the daily and that is why there is a food pantry located right on the Western Technical College campus. The Western Tech Food Pantry is named the Cavalier Cupboard and is open for all WTC students. The food pantry is affiliated with the Hunger Task Force and they are both concentrating their efforts on educating on and eliminating food insecurity. Western Technical College plans on holding another hunger simulation in the near future.

Time: :19 First Aired: 3/27/18 Shows: 5PM

Slug: TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

Music classes at Holmen Middle School and High School will receive upgrades thanks to the Tools for Schools Award. Orchestra Director Kathy Dressler is the latest recipient of the \$750 from WXOW, Brenengen Auto, SSE Music and Dependable Solutions. Dressler says the money will go toward new bass bows and bass racks.

Time: :51 First Aired: 3/27/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: SUB SHORTAGE

The median salary for a substitute teacher is only about \$13 an hour. That's one factor in the shortage and school districts are looking for ways to recruit more substitutes. Those interested in becoming a substitute teacher can attend a seminar at the end of April. It's held in West Salem, but encouraged for anyone across the region. News 19's Sam Shilts explains how that shortage is affecting local districts. The effect of a shortage like this means there are not always subs available when schools need them and that share of work gets spread to other teachers. There are a number of reasons a sub may be needed, staying home during illness, classes for continuing education or work on curriculum. The pool of available substitutes is down dramatically and if no one is available, other full-time staff may be asked to forego prep time just to make sure a class is covered. Addington says this sometimes happens on a daily basis in Bangor which can put extra stress on both full-time teachers and substitutes. There may be light at the end of the tunnel though. The seminar in West Salem shows what steps people can take to become substitute teachers themselves without having an education-specific degree. School officials said it may help with the shortage on applicants but it may not help when it comes to the quality of candidates. That seminar is taking place April 26th and 27th at CESA 4 in West Salem. You do need to have at least an associate's or bachelor's degree, but it does not have to be in education. The degree can be from any field of study. Interested candidates can register online. A link to that can be found at our website.

Time: :47 First Aired: 3/28/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: RANDYNELSONSOT

Voters in La Crosse will decide on a school referendum on Tuesday. If approved, the referendum will provide more than four million dollars per year for five years starting in 2019. Nelson says approval will not mean a tax increase while rejection of the referendum would mean about a hundred dollar a year decrease in the average property tax bill. You can see the entire interview with Superintendent Randy Nelson on Daybreak tomorrow morning.

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Slug: SPARTA

Voters in Sparta will also face a referendum on Tuesday. School officials talked with News 19's Jeremy Culver. Jeremy, voters will see two questions on the ballot. That's correct. The district faces overcrowding concerns and needs space. They've run out of room utilizing every square inch they can find. Now it's time for the voters to help them plan for the future. The Sparta School District houses around 3,100 students, steadily growing since the early 2000s. The district will ask voters to approve two referendums for a combined \$32-point-5 million dollars. This would allow the district to build a new elementary and expand space at the current schools, primarily south side school. The \$28.5 million would pay for the new 800 student elementary with adequate classroom space, giving students the modern education environment they need. While voters will see two questions, the district says none of the projects can move forward if question one doesn't pass. Officials say with existing debt expiring and the current taxing rate, they can't wait anymore. Superintendent Dr. Amy Van Deuren says some of the debt will be paid back with state funding helping pay off the debt quicker. If both are approved residents will see a \$38 increase on their property taxes for those with a 100,000 value.

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Slug: TRUMP

President Trump returned to Washington today, wrapping up his "working vacation" in Mar-a-Lago. The President has a number of domestic challenges to face in the year ahead, including the Russia investigation. The administration is already facing escalating foreign policy tests in Iran and North Korea. In his New Year's address, leader Kim Jong warned North Korea has completed its nuclear forces. But the President is expressing nothing but optimism about the year ahead. Congress returns to work on Wednesday with another budget battle looming as well as a fight to determine whether young immigrants under the DACA program will be deported.

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:22 1/2/18 10PM

Slug: FRANKEN

Minnesota Senator Al Franken officially resigned from the Senate today. Franken announced his plans to resign in December after a number of women accused him of sexual harassment and other inappropriate behavior. His successor, Minnesota Lieutenant Governor Tina Smith, will take the oath tomorrow. A special election is set for November to serve out the final two years of Franken's term.

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:22 1/2/18 10PM

Slug: BACHMAN

And a familiar name in Minnesota politics may run for the seat in November. Former Republican Representative Michele Bachmann is considering running. Bachmann gained national attention in 2012 when she ran for the republican nomination in the Presidential election. She withdrew from the race shortly after the Iowa caucuses and did not run for re-election to her seat in Congress in 2014.

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:45 1/4/18 5PM

Slug: TRUMP BANNON

In Washington the President's team threatened legal action against former Chief Strategist Steve Bannon and reporter Michael Wolff, the author of "Fire and Fury", which claims to have inside information on an allegedly divided West Wing under President Trump. President Trump responded for the first time today about allegations in the book made by Bannon telling reporters that he "doesn't talk to him." Attorneys for the President ordered a cease and desist letter to Bannon after what they describe as "disparaging" comments about the President and his family. Bannon is quoted using the words "treasonous" and "unpatriotic" to describe a meeting between Don Jr., Jared Kushner, campaign chair Paul Manafort and a Russian lawyer. The President and Bannon both reacted publicly today. The book "Fire and Fury" by journalist Michael Wolff has not been released yet. The issued cease and desist letter demands the author and publisher with-hold from any further publication or release of the book.

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:32 1/4/18 5PM

Slug: DACA

Also in Washington the President met with key Republican Senators to reach a compromise on border security issues and the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, otherwise known as DACA. DACA is an Obama administration policy that protects young undocumented immigrants brought into the country as children from deportation. Trump opted for DACA termination in September but many Democrats and Republicans are pushing to make it a permanent legislative policy. Today the President said he hopes "everything is going to work out very well." President Trump declared March 5th as

the target date for the two year DACA permits to expire, but because many undocumented immigrants opted out or missed the renewal window in September. More than 20,000 DACA recipients will lose protection before then.

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:45 1/5/18 6PM

Slug: WALKER

A spokesperson for the Governor's office says if the legislature decides they do want to advance the plan sooner. Walker would support the move, but Walker also today responded to Democratic critics of his plan to overhaul the Juvenile Justice System, claiming it's all about politics. Walker is up for re-election this year. More than a dozen Democrats have either announced they will run or are considering it.

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:24 1/10/18 10PM

Slug: SOGLINSET

A familiar name in Wisconsin politics is getting into the race for Governor. As expected, Madison Mayor Paul Soglin will enter the race for the Democratic nomination to challenge Governor Scott Walker. Soglin has served as mayor off and on since 1973 and was active in the anti-Vietnam protests in the 70's. The 72 year old Soglin hopes to appeal to voters who supported Bernie Sanders in the 2016 Democratic Presidential primary. Soglin says with 20 plus years in the private sector balancing being mayor and running a campaign won't be a problem. He says he's running on a supper club campaign, traveling the state to meet voters to prove his intention to focus his policies not just in Dane County. And while Soglin is a familiar name in Madison, one political science expert says his biggest challenge will be making his name known statewide. Soglin plans to hit the road to campaign later this week.

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:27 1/18/18 10PM

Slug: WI SENATE

The Democratic candidate won the race in a district that hasn't elected a Democrat in 17 years. It's also a district Donald Trump carried by a 17 point margin over Hillary Clinton. Democrat Patty Schactner defeated Republican Adam Jarchow to represent the tenth district. It covers parts of Burnett, Polk and St. Croix counties. Democrat Patty Schactner defeated Republican Adam Jarchow to represent the tenth district.

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:22 1/20/18 6PM

Slug: REP CAUCUS

Members of the La Crosse County Republican Party had a chance to hear from a few GOP candidates up for election today. The caucus features GOP candidates for positions in the Senate, Congress and Wisconsin Supreme Court. Members had a chance to communicate with possible elected officials to learn more about their positions on various issues and how they plan to act upon them. Senator Leah Vukmir won a straw poll held at the caucus this morning. She won 58% of the vote, with Republican opponent Kevin Nicholson winning 37% and 5% undecided.

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:30 1/24/18 10PM

Slug: STATE OF STATE

Today marked Governor Walker's eighth State of the State address. It calls for a stricter welfare plan and more investments in small business. It comes ten months before voters decide whether to give him another term. Walker calls 2017 a historic year, reaching a state-wide unemployment rate of 3-percent and the largest investment in K-12 education the state has ever seen. One priority for the New Year is the state's health care stability plan that will not only provide more security for senior citizens

but help fight the opioid crisis. Democrats say the Governor is choosing to adopt much of their agenda in order to take credit for the policies while distracting voters from his failures. They cite his choice to seek temporary fixes to long-term problems such as transportation funding. State Democratic Senator Jennifer Shilling also issued a statement. She says "Despite Governor Walker's frantic attempts to improve his public ratings in a tough election year Wisconsin residents will not be fooled. This election year enlightenment has shown that he has failed to deliver on his empty promises of the past and his misguided priorities have taken the state in the wrong direction."

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:23 2/12/18 6PM

Slug: VOTER

With a primary election coming up next Tuesday some reminders from the city on registration on the ballot will be two items, a primary for State Supreme Court between 3 candidates and a primary for La Crosse County Treasurer between two candidates. If you have moved since voting in your last election you will need to re-register to vote, which will require proof of residency, such as a utility bill.

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:32 2/12/18 10PM

Slug: KIND

Congressman Ron Kind told a group of voters at Western Technical College he's got big goals for 2018. Topping the list, jobs. Kind says Congress needs to be creating a strong growing economy including not letting the jobs leave Wisconsin. Dozens of voters in attendance expressed their concerns on topics like global warming. Kind agreed more needs to be done. Republican lawmakers have proposed a bill to roll back wetland regulations in the state. He strongly opposes such efforts. Kind says one way to protect the wetlands is through the Federal Farm Bill, if it's passed. Other concerns expressed today, healthcare costs and the future of Medicare. Many Democrats support legislation to expand Medicare to cover all Americans not just those over 65. Kind supports the general idea but says the cost would be a big hurdle.

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:23 2/13/18 5PM

Slug: PORTER

More fall out today as the FBI disputes claims made by the White House about former White House Aid Rob Porter. FBI Director Chris Wray has contradicted the White House claim that they did not know about Porter's past because of an FBI investigation. In a testimony in front of the Senate Intelligence Committee, Wray said his agency completed former Staff Secretary Porter's security clearance application 8-months ago. But that testimony is conflicting with the White House's statements who say Porter was kept on staff because his security clearance investigation was still on going. Porter resigned six days ago after a photo of his ex-wife's black eye surfaced.

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:40 2/19/18 5PM

Slug: GOVERNER

Governor Scott Walker visited Mayo Clinic in La Crosse today getting a tour of the facility and discussing the Health Care Stability plan he's pushing for in the state. The plan requests a waiver to lower premiums for those with plans through the Affordable Care Act Marketplace, guarantee coverage for those with pre-existing conditions and receive a permanent waiver for the state's senior care program. Governor Walker says the plan would only cost the state 200 million dollars, but three-fourths of the money will be from federal funding. The Governor says the cost would incentivize insurance companies to re-enter the Market Place and give residents options to see doctors before needing the emergency room. Walker says the risk for insurance companies remain too high under current Obamacare policies driving companies to leave the market. The plan passed the Joint Finance Committee last week. He hopes the Senate passes it before session ends.

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:27 2/19/18 5PM

Slug: BALDWIN

US Senator Tammy Baldwin was also in La Crosse today, her focus, farmers. The Senator is hearing the thoughts and concerns of those working in our dairy industry. The Senate's recent budget approval includes amendments to the Dairy Margin Protection Program. The program offers federal funds to protect US dairy farmers if the price of dairy falls below a certain point. Changes to the program inspire Senator Baldwin to clarify how the amendments will impact Wisconsin farmers. The Senate Budget Agreement also puts an additional billion dollars into the program; additional funds that farmers hope will fix problems with the previous plan. The current program provides coverage at no cost to the producer with extra coverage available for purchase.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:29 2/19/18 5PM

Slug: MILWAUKEE

Community leaders today announced the City of Milwaukee's intention to bid for the 2020 Democratic National Convention. Officials say the exposure gained from hosting the DCN Convention is invaluable. Two years ago Philadelphia hosted the event and it brought in 54,000 people and 231 million dollars to their city. So far no Wisconsin city has ever hosted either of the two major political parties' national conventions. But Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett says they've been waiting for this moment for years.

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:40 2/22/18 6PM

Slug: ENVIRONMENT

The Trump Administration's movement toward easing environmental standards for automobiles meets with resistance from La Crosse community leaders. News 19's Peter Lenz joins the program now to tell us more about their message. Today Mayor Tim Kabat along with other La Crosse community leaders respond to the Environmental Protection Agency's review of America's clean car standards. The standards set fuel efficiency targets for US car manufacturers in an effort to cut US pollution. Some say the review may be the first step towards weakening US manufacturing standards while others take the opportunity to focus on the importance of working together to reduce pollution in our community. The EPA review includes research into the safety of light-weight vehicles and other developments made since the standards were set in 2012. As of this time no changes have been made. A final decision is due by April first.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:23 2/22/18 6PM

Slug: WALKER

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker addressed business leaders this morning at the Monroe County Economic Development Conference. The Governor promoted the 50-million dollar Rural Economic Development Fund. Walker says the money would work as an incentive for businesses to invest in small towns. If passed through legislature it would bring over 1-billion dollars into such communities over the next 10 years. Walker also announced the certified site designation of South Pointe Business Park in Sparta. He says the designation promotes business opportunities in that city and shows that Sparta put in the work up front. It will make getting permits easier to obtain and speed up the construction process.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:23 3/1/18 5PM

Slug: CHRIS MULLER

An Onalaska man says the Florida tragedy made him think about safety in the local community and he wanted to do something. So, local software developer Chris Muller is running a write in campaign for the Onalaska City Council. He spoke with members of the media outside City Hall today saying he wants to focus on a community conversation about keeping one another safe. Muller has not run for

office before but he is a former Chair of the La Crosse County Republican Party. His news release mentions if elected he'll focus on managing the public's assets as effectively and efficiently as possible and also address what he refers to as recent turmoil in City Hall and making sure Onalaska is positioned for future growth but the focus of his news conference today was on community safety. The election is April 3rd.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 3/2/18 6PM

Slug: MN GUNS

Minnesota lawmakers are considering bills to restrict access to guns, one bill authored by House of Representatives Democrat Dave Pinto of Saint Paul would expand background checks to all gun sales and transfers. Another would give family members a legal way to temporarily restrict a loved one's firearm access. Both bills face stiff opposition in the Republican controlled State Senate.

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:42 3/8/18 6PM

Slug: JOHNSON

Wisconsin Republican Senator Ron Johnson says his colleagues are working to determine what they can do about tariffs. He's concerned about what he calls the negative aspects, saying he wants fair and reciprocal trade. Johnson says abuses have built up over the years and he says we should target those.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:31 3/8/18 6PM

Slug: SCHIMEL

Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel launched his re-election campaign today. Through a statement he says as a nearly 30-year prosecutor and Wisconsin's Attorney General "I've been on the front lines in the battle against opioid and drug abuse, human trafficking and killing over-reaching regulations that stall job growth". Schimel has served as Attorney General since 2015.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:13 3/14/18 5PM

Slug: LAMB

House Republicans are downplaying the close race in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District. It was a district that President Trump won by 20 points in 2016. House Speaker Paul Ryan says both candidates ran similar campaigns. Lamb leads Republican Rick Saccone by 627 votes after the final absentee ballots cast within the district were counted today. Saccone has not conceded. A West-Moreland County elections official says provisional ballots, military ballots and any recount in her county would yield only marginal changes.

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:46 3/15/18 6PM

Slug: SHILLING

State Senator Jennifer Shilling is criticizing the legislation. Shilling issued a news release saying the legislation does nothing to address student demand for gun control. The Senate is taking up its own school safety legislation during a regular session on Tuesday. In a statement Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald says their plan will "closely align" with the Governor's bills. He did not provide further detail.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:17 3/15/18 6PM

Slug: WALKER

Governor Walker was in the area today discussing investments in rural school districts. The tour included a stop at Cashton High School this morning, the Governor first taking some time to talk with students in the industrial arts classrooms, his message to the community, more funding for all students.

Earlier this week the Governor signed Assembly Bill 835 into law, providing that additional aid to rural school districts.

Time: 1:55 First Aired: 3/16/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: HAGEDORN

Jim Hagedorn is a Republican running for a seat in Congress, representing Minnesota's first district. We spoke with him today and began our conversation with why he wants to run. "I'm running for Congress to be a partner with President Trump and to be a conservative reinforcement in the US House, to keep moving our country in what I'd say is this right direction, to keep our country safe, to keep our country prosperous, to protect our god given rights and also, to defend and sustain agriculture and our rural way of life. Senator Nelson is a fine person and I welcome her into the race, but she's on the moderate wing of the Republican Party, I'm more of a conservative. And frankly in this race, we've been out working the district for several years. We have the backing of the activists of the party and I think we're in the best position to win. Third time in a row on the ballot, yes, just like John Klein in the second district well, in 2016 people may remember I was the Republican candidate who almost defeated Congressman Tim Walz. We had 49.6% of the vote. Congressman Walz is out of the race. That's probably the biggest game changer because the Democrats have lost the advantage of incumbency that they had. But we didn't take 2017 off. We worked full time. We went out and raised over a half a million dollars, the most in the race. We went and put a whole bunch of endorsements from the Republican Party behind us. People like Congressman Tom Emmer up in the 6th District, icons like Rudy Boschwitz and Gil Gutknecht who used to represent this district and we went out and worked the district. We walked your parade here in La Crescent, the King Apple Parade, it was a good time. And we just worked the district. 50-parades, 21 county fairs, hundreds of stops and kept standing for the conservative solutions that I think reflect the views and values of southern Minnesota. Tim Walz announced his candidacy for the Governor's office last march rather than another run for Congress. The primary for Minnesota's First District is August 14th."

Time: :23 First Aired: 3/19/18 Shows: 10PM

Slug: WALKER NORTHERNHILLS

Governor Walker stopped in Onalaska today on his school tour. The plan establishes an Office of School Safety and includes mandatory reporting for threats of school violence. The proposal would also set up at 100-million-dollar grant program from which schools could apply to receive funds for school safety upgrades and training programs. The assembly is due to vote this week on the Governor's proposals. The State Senate will discuss school safety initiatives beginning tomorrow. Democrats have proposed more sweeping laws that would allow family members or law enforcement to get a court order to temporarily remove firearms from a person at risk of harming themselves or others.

Time: :34 First Aired: 3/20/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: BALDWIN

US Senator Tammy Baldwin spoke on CNN today calling on fellow law makers to crack down on the national opioid crisis. On Monday the President proposed the death penalty for certain drug dealers. The President has also proposed more legislation for addiction treatment and recovery plans.

Time: :46 First Aired: 3/21/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: SENATE CAND

Democrat Kathleen Vinehout is a State Senator representing the 31st District. She is running for the Governor's seat and plans to vacate her Senate seat. Today Democrat Steve Boe announced his hopes to fill the 31st District's Senate seat. Boe is a self-proclaimed rural advocate who says community strength is his focus. One issue in the foregrounds of Boe's campaign.. Local infrastructure the

primary election will be held on August 14th of this year and the general election will be held on November 6th 2018.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:57 3/22/18 5PM

Slug: KURT KOBER

A Sheboygan resident announced his run for Wisconsin Lieutenant Governor. Kurt Kober says his love for the state is one reason he wants to enter public office; among Kober's priorities, expanding internet access across the state to enhance the economy. Kober joins former State Representative Mandela Barnes. William Davis the Third and Robert Slamka have also declared their candidacies for Lt. Governor. They'll appear on the August 14th primary ballot. The winner will run with the Democratic nominee for Governor who will face Republican's Scott Walker and Rebecca Kleefisch in the November 6th election.

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1:51 3/28/18 5AM

Slug: MARCH REAX PKG

The gun control debate has taken center stage in the weeks following the Florida school shooting this past Saturday. During the March for our Lives demonstration nearly 900 marches took place around the world but as News 19's Jeremy Culver tells you while most everyone agrees on the need to end gun violence the proposed methods are very different. Students across the nation joining their voices to push lawmakers for gun control laws. Senator Tammy Baldwin agreed feeling the students show true leadership not all agree on the movement though. In Salt Lake City, a counter protest called March Before our Lives called for safety in schools, but not impacting the 2nd amendment. The NRA continues its stance against firearm bans. It also posted on Facebook this weekend slamming the march as a sham. As a gun owner, Kind says there are ways to benefit both sides of the aisle. Baldwin agrees background checks are big step towards making things safer. Sam Robertson hopes the nation looks at the impact of gun free zones and allows for choices. A former US Supreme Court Justice wrote an editorial calling for the repeal of the second amendment to the constitution which grants citizens the right to own guns. But public opinion polls show the idea is not popular. Only 21 percent of Americans support such a repeal; 60 percent oppose it.

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:27 3/29/18 6PM

Slug: PAUL RYAN

Paul Ryan's future as House Speaker has been such a topic of speculation that even the simple question of whether he will seek re-election to his Wisconsin seat remains a secret. Officially, Ryan says he's still deciding. But someone close to Ryan who asked to remain anonymous tells the Associated Press that the speaker plans to file campaign paperwork and intends to win his seat. If Ryan wins, it's unclear he'll stay in Congress, particularly if Republicans lose their house majority.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:23 3/29/18 5PM

Slug: WALKER

Governor Walker has reluctantly scheduled special elections in June. Walker says former US Attorney General Eric Holder is forcing Wisconsin to spend money on what he calls duplicative elections to fill two legislative seats. The Governor scheduled the elections to fill vacancies in the 42nd Assembly District and the 1st Senate District. He talked about that decision during a forum in Milwaukee today. A group led by holder sued to force the elections. A Madison judge last week ordered Walker to schedule the contests by Thursday.

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1:33 3/30/18 5PM

Slug: SYRIA

President Trump is facing new questions today about his Syria strategy. He revealed the United States might soon withdraw. This as the United States announced an American service member was among two killed by an IED attack in Syria yesterday. Late Thursday night, a roadside bomb in Syria killed an American service member. The IED attack near the City of Man-Bij also claimed the life of a British soldier and wounded five others. The service members, part of a US led coalition 2,000 American troops operating in Syria where ISIS still maintains a strong presence. The casualties come after President Trump revealed a potential shift in his Syria strategy, a move the President previously said he wouldn't broadcast. The announcement took the Pentagon and State Department by surprise. Earlier this year, former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson warned against leaving Syria too soon. The identities of the American and British service members killed in Syria will not be released until families are notified. This is the second American who's died during combat this year.

**10. "EMERGENCY RESPONSE/ PUBLIC SAFETY"
1-1-18 THROUGH 3-31-18**

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:24 1/1/18 6PM

Slug: MONDOVI FIRE

The Mondovi Fire Department is investigating the cause of a weekend fire at a local business. Authorities say a passerby called 911 after seeing smoke coming from a barn at Loomis Lazy Tack and Trailer Sales Sunday afternoon. The Buffalo County Sheriff's Department says the building is a total loss. It's unknown if any livestock died in the fire. A nearby highway was shut down for about two hours while firefighters battled the flames.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:44 1/1/18 6PM

Slug: COSTA RICA CRASH

A small plane crash Sunday in Costa Rica killed 12 people including 10 Americans. We now know one of the victims has Wisconsin ties. The Thorp Police Department is confirming to our Eau Claire sister station that 33 year old Amanda Geissler died in the crash. She is originally from Thorp but moved away a couple of years ago. The City of Thorp is about halfway between Eau Claire and Wausau. Police say Geissler's dad is a teacher in the Thorp School District; Amanda's family releasing this statement, in part saying "Amanda is hard to describe in a short paragraph or a simple word or phrase...she was so much more than that. Her passion for life and adventurous spirit allowed her to truly live and experience more in her 33 years of life than many have the opportunity to."

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:26 1/1/18 6PM

Slug: DRUNK DRIVE CRASH

Four limousine passengers and their driver are recovering after a suspected drunk driver crashed into them. It happened early this morning in Menomonee Falls. Police say the driver of an SUV crossed the center line and struck the limousine. The impact of the crash flipped the SUV on its side. The driver of the SUV was the only person in that vehicle and is now in custody. Police say alcohol likely played a role in the crash. Everyone is expected to recover.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 1/1/18 10PM

Slug: GARAGE FIRE

The La Crescent Fire Department battled not only a garage fire but the extreme cold tonight. The call came in around 5:00 for a fire in a detached garage of a home on South Seventh Street. Firefighters arrived on scene within minutes, knocking the fire down and preventing it from spreading to neighboring properties. No one was injured but the cause remains under investigation.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 1/2/18 5AM

Slug: AMISH BUGGY AX

The Vernon County Sheriff's Department says a horse is left with serious injuries after a car hit an Amish buggy on Sunday. Around 6:00 Sunday night a 70 year old La Farge man was traveling north on County Road V near County Road H when he crossed into the wrong lane and hit the buggy. The two people inside the buggy were not injured. The horse is alive but with serious injuries.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:25 1/2/18 6PM

Slug: LAX FIRE

The fire broke out shortly after 9 this morning. Firefighters responded to a call of smoke coming from the home on Jackson Street. Upon arrival crews reported they had fire on the 2nd floor of the building.

The property was vacant at the time of the fire. The cause is still under investigation. Assistant Fire Chief Craig Snyder says it's important for people to remember to unplug appliances especially if leaving for an extended period of time. Snyder also says that it is important to have someone check on your property daily if leaving for an extended period.

Time: :19 First Aired: 1/2/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: FIRE#2

Shortly after noon firefighters were dispatched to another fire, this time at 700 Market Street. Firefighters were on scene within a matter of minutes and found the fire in a first floor apartment. No one was home at the time. The Red Cross along with the Salvation Army is helping out assisting residents. No word yet on the cause.

Time: 1:20 First Aired: 1/2/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: WINONA FIRE

The Winona Community is coming together to help one of its own get back on his feet after a house fire over the holiday weekend. As we reported the fire broke out at the home on Mankato Avenue late Sunday morning and firefighters spent all afternoon on scene. Now the homeowner who lost everything is getting a boost from his community. It was like a raging inferno this glowing thing on the front porch. Not the way the Armstrong's ever envisioned ringing in the New Year. The fire broke out as they were having breakfast. Robert Armstrong and his two kids were able to get out of the house quickly and without injury. But they weren't able to rescue Armstrong's works of art, his puppets. All handmade, the puppets are a staple at local events and festivals, where he goes by Doctor Bob. As a performer, he's made many friends who now have his back. And a Go Fund Me has already brought in more than \$7,000 for the Armstrong's. Armstrong was originally supposed to perform at Ed's No Name Bar on Friday. Now that performance has become a benefit concert where people will be able to donate money and goods to help him and his family get back on their feet.

Time: :30 First Aired: 1/2/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: CAR VERSUS BIKE

The Vernon County Sheriff's Department says a bicyclist suffered life threatening injuries after being struck by a car early this morning. The department says a 20 year old Hillsboro man was traveling south on County Road WW. The sheriff says he was driving into the sun and did not see the bicyclist, 66 year old Gary Cepek of Hillsboro. Both were traveling in the same direction. Cepek was struck, causing him to be thrown from his bike and down an embankment. He was transported with life threatening injuries from the scene.

Time: 1:45 First Aired: 1/4/18 Shows: 5PM

Slug: EAST COAST COLD

An unusual and powerful storm continues to loom over the East Coast, causing officials in the north and south eastern regions to declare states of emergency. So far, at least four people are dead. ABC's Elizabeth Hur tells you how schools are closing in anticipation of heavy snowfall and more than 3,000 flights have already been cancelled. A powerful storm packing snow, wind and ice, paralyzing much of East Coast. With tires spinning in place cars, mail trucks and even buses, no match for Mother Nature. Road conditions, so treacherous, the morning commute was a nightmare from Virginia to New Jersey and New York at one point drivers on their way to Georgia from South Carolina spent more than six hours stuck in traffic. The slick conditions, also grounding thousands of flights, even temporarily suspended flights in and out of New York City. The dangerous and now deadly nor'easter, even threatening coastal communities with minor to major *flooding*. In Marshfield, Massachusetts the National Guard rescued a mother and two children from a flooded car. Boston officials are anticipating a foot of snow, closing schools and urging residents to stay home. The storm is causing rare weather

for states in the southeast. It's the first time Tallahassee Florida has experienced snow in three decades. On the US Canadian border parts of Niagara Falls have been frozen. Blizzard warnings are in effect from Virginia all the way to Maine.

Time: 1:20 First Aired: 1/4/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: FROZEN CHETEK

Officials blame cold weather for the deaths of three people in Wisconsin this week, among them a Barron County man. Investigators found the body of 49 year old Joseph Moen yesterday in the woods outside Chetek. He'd been reported missing December 27th. The Sheriff's Department believes he died of hypothermia. An autopsy is planned. They do not suspect foul play.

Time: :17 First Aired: 1/5/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: WATER MAIN

A broken water main due to cold temperatures has forced a detour at one of the busiest intersections in Onalaska. The City Public Works Department says the break at the intersection of Main Street and 12th Avenue South will close the road to southbound traffic from Main Street to Shaefer Drive until Monday.

Time: :29 First Aired: 1/12/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: COMMUNITY EFFORTS

The Holmen community has acted quickly to offer support for those impacted by the apartment fire. Features Sports Bar is offering victims a free meal. They also are accepting monetary donations for displaced residents as well. Children's Tree House is looking for size four diapers along with clothes for a 24 month to toddler boy's clothes and women's medium clothes. That's for one family involved. Tonight Prairie Inn and Suites is offering rooms for those affected at just \$25 with proof of residence.

Time: :20 First Aired: 1/12/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: TURNPIKE CRASH

A car crash in La Crescent sends two people to local hospitals. It happened late this morning at 3rd and South Oak Street. La Crescent police say a vehicle travelling west crossed into the path of a north bound car. The drivers of both cars suffered non-life threatening injuries. Police ticketed one driver for inattentive driving and failure to yield right of way.

Time: :43 First Aired: 1/12/18 Shows: 6PM

Slug: FIRE

It broke out just after ten thirty at the 12 unit complex on McHugh Road. Everyone got out safely and no injuries reported. The Holmen Police Department says reports of a car fire in an attached garage at the apartment complex came in at 10:41 this morning. Holmen Fire Chief Paul Menches says that when crews arrived the garage was already engulfed in flames. From there flames spread into the apartments. Crews from Galesville Fire Department and the Onalaska Fire Department assisted in fighting the flames. Chief Menches says even with 15 firefighters on scene the cold and windy weather didn't make the job any easier. He says it took crews more than 4 hours to get the fire under control. Salvation Army and the Red Cross were both on scene to provide aid to those affected. The Holmen Police Department is working with the Red Cross to find temporary shelters for the displaced residents. There is no word yet on the cause of the car fire. The Holmen Fire Department is conducting an investigation. McHugh Road remains closed between Highways 53 and 35. Officials say avoid the area so crews can continue the clean-up.

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1/13/18

6PM

Slug: HAWAII MISSILE

At 8:10am in Hawaii today residents received an alert warning of an incoming missile. They were told to find immediate shelter and reiterated the message was not a drill. Soon after State Representative Tulsi Gabbard tweeted that the alert was a false alarm and the State followed suit. The Hawaiian Emergency Management Agency tweeted that the message was false and issued another emergency alert to cell phones to clarify. Representative Gabbard is speaking out about the frenzy. The White House has been briefed on the alert and emergency officials say the false alarm was purely human error.

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1/14/18

10PM

Slug: ONA WATER MAIN

A water main burst in Onalaska this morning spilled gallons of water. Crews responded shortly after 9 am to Larch Avenue. Water flowed out of the center of the street dripping down and soaking this field. It pooled in surrounding streets and became encased in ice. Some residents in the area reported being without water briefly this morning. Crews began salting the roads shortly afterwards and plowing the excess water.

Time:

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:32

1/16/18

5PM

Slug: BOAT FIRE

One woman has died and 15 others were injured when a shuttle boat bringing passengers to a casino boat caught fire. The accident happened near New Port Richey in Florida on Sunday. The first 911 call came in shortly after 4pm and two hours later the boat was still burning. There were 50 people on board when the fire started Sunday and the boat was a half mile from shore. First responders said that some of the passengers who tried to escape the boat were face down in the water when help arrived. Officials now believe the fire started in the boats engine room.

Time:

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:41

1/20/18

6PM

Slug: CRASH UPDATE

Today new details were released in the crash on I-90 yesterday. It happened around 5:30pm in the eastbound lanes near Exit 4 in Onalaska. According to the Wisconsin State Patrol 59 year old Larry Felber from Holmen was driving west in the eastbound lanes without his headlights on. He drove into the median, hit a cable barrier and continued west in the eastbound lane then hit another vehicle head on. That vehicle was driven by 65 year old Dennis Bracco from Oak Park Illinois. He was injured and taken to the hospital. Felber died as a result of the crash. There were two other cars involved in the crash. Those drivers were not injured. The east bound lanes were closed for more than 5 hours. The state patrol is still investigating.

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1/22/18

6PM

Slug: SKI ACCIDENT

A young woman has died after a skiing accident Saturday afternoon. Nineteen year old Bethany Becker of Corcoran Minnesota was skiing at Coffee Mill Ski area in Wabasha. Becker, a novice skier, attempted an advanced downhill run and failed to make a turn near the bottom of the slope, hitting a tree. Bethany Becker passed away while being airlifted to the Mayo Hospital in Rochester. Coffee Mill Ski Area says safety is their top priority but it's difficult to control people on the slopes, which are said to be the steepest runs south of Duluth.

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1/28/18

5AM

Slug: KOHLERFIRE

A fire has damaged a Kohler Company manufacturing facility in Sheboygan County. The fire broke out on Wednesday just before midnight at the building in the Village of Kohler. No injuries have been reported. Officials say the fire started in the Foundry Building. The Kohler Company is a major employer and makes kitchen and bath plumbing fixtures and small engines and generators.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:40 1/28/18 5PM

Slug: CRASH

A family was involved in a one vehicle roll over yesterday afternoon due to slick roads. It happened on Avalanche Road in the Township of Webster. According to the Vernon County Sheriffs' office 36 year old Taerlyn Johnson of La Farge traveled west with her two children when she lost control of the vehicle, crossing the center-line and continuing into a ditch. The vehicle rolled twice coming to rest on its wheels. The La Farge Fire Department responded to the accident, extracting Johnson from the vehicle. All three occupants were taken to the hospital. Johnson was wearing a seatbelt and her children were both in child seats. The crash remains under investigation by the Vernon County Sheriffs' office.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:32 2/1/18 5PM

Slug: FREEWAY CHASE

New dash cam video of a freeway shows a chase between Germantown and Menomonee Falls in southeastern Wisconsin; that chase the result of a medical crisis. The incident happened Monday just after 5pm when the driver of the truck experienced complications from diabetes. The truck traveled south on I-41 weaving between lanes with officers in pursuit. The chase reached 70 miles per hour when the vehicle lost a wheel, sending it into a concrete median twice before stopping. Police say the man had been operating on an expired Illinois license and was issued a citation.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:23 2/5/18 5PM

Slug: FIRE

A fire broke out in a south side apartment last night. Luckily no one was injured but the apartment has serious smoke damage. It happened at 1003 South 16th Street at around 10:30 last night. Firefighters say it took them about 4-minutes to find the fire in a second story apartment. The department is reporting minimal damage to the apartment structure but there is heavy smoke damage. No word on the cause.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
1:14 2/6/18 5PM

Slug: IOWA FATAL

Family and friends mourn two siblings killed in a car accident in Decorah Iowa last night. The crash happened yesterday just before 8am on County Road W-40 in Winneshiek County. An Oldsmobile driven by 17 year old Avery Arneson was traveling northbound when she lost control crossing the centerline and sliding sideways. The Oldsmobile then struck a southbound F-150 driven by 15-year-old Gage Dahlberg. Avery Arneson and her 13 year old sister Aden died at the scene. Responders took three other teens in the car to hospitals with serious injuries. Authorities say those three teens were also related to the girls including Alex and James Arneson, both 14 and 15 year old Jack Arneson. Mabel Canton schools Superintendent Gary Kuphal released a statement yesterday saying "the staff at Mabel Canton Schools along with area clergy were available for students today and will continue to be available. As a general rule routine is good for our children. Please encourage your children to come to school, to be with and support their friends." Police say it is not yet clear what caused the accident. The Arneson family has created a go fund me page to help with their funeral and medical expenses. For more information, go to the link you see on your screen.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:22 2/12/18 6PM

Slug: VERONA

A multi vehicle pileup on a State Highway near Verona killed one person and injured six others. The accident involving 29 vehicles happened on eastbound Highway 18-151 just before eight am during heavy fog in Dane County. The victim was a 53 year old woman. No word yet on her identity. One driver described driving into what he described as a wall of fog and colliding with other vehicles.

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2/14/18

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Slug: FL SHOOTING

Both the FBI and ATF are on the scene of a school shooting in south Florida. Preliminary estimates say that at least a dozen are injured but the extent of those injuries are unclear. ABC's Serena Marshall brings us up to speed on where the reports on the injuries and tragedy. We're following reports of a shooting at a high school in southern Florida. The incident happening at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida., students first seen running away from the school, later others evacuating, their arms outstretched. Student Michael Katz was in the school when the shooting began. And they've been trained to know what to do for just such an event. The Broward County Sheriff's office says that the shooter is now in custody and the President we've been told is being kept apprised of the situation. He's spoken to the Florida Governor and he's also tweeted his condolences, adding no child, teacher, or anyone else should ever feel unsafe in an American school. There are more than 3,000 students at the school, police telling those inside the building to remain barricaded until reached by authorities.

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2/14/18

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Slug: MT OLYMPUS

Federal authorities are investigating two fires in Lake Delton. The latest broke out this morning at the Mount Olympus resort that destroyed a maintenance building. Just last month a fire damaged a dormitory for workers at the Wilderness Resort that investigators determined was arson. No one was hurt in either fire. Both resorts are operating as usual. Guest services are not affected.

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First Aired:
2/17/18

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6PM

Slug: FIRE

Crews from several fire departments came together to fight a barn fire in the Town of Shelby; Shelby Fire Department responded to a barn fire on Highway 33 around 2:30 this afternoon. Crews arrived on scene to flames and heavy smoke coming from the barn. Everyone in the nearby home was able to get out without any injuries and all cows in the barn were also evacuated safely. Crews used tankers to shuttle water to the scene. Assistant Chief Tony Holinka says partial collapses of the barn and hay provided challenges for fighting this fire the cause of the fire is still under investigation. The Salvation Army Red Cross is also assisting.

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First Aired:
2/21/18

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5PM

Slug: CAR IN ICE

A reminder to be aware of changing ice conditions after a vehicle falls through the ice into Lake Onalaska. It happened just before noon this afternoon. An ice fisherman from out of town drove his vehicle over the Black River Channel, an area of the lake known for weak ice. That's when it went through. Luckily the fisherman made it out safely onto the ice. His vehicle sank into the water below. The fisherman will have 30 days to remove the vehicle although DNR wardens recommend it happens as soon as possible. A tow company is currently assessing the situation. Lowry says that the incident serves as a good reminder to stay aware as temperatures rise.

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2/22/18

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Slug: SCHOOL GUN

A student has been arrested for bringing a loaded handgun to a Madison high school. The La Follette High School Principal says a teen was stopped by the school's educational resource officer when spotted carrying a .22 caliber to school. The student didn't make any threats against individuals or the school but the gun was loaded. Madison police say the teen was taken to the Dane County Juvenile Reception Center.

Time:
:37

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2/23/18

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6PM

Slug: FATAL CRASH

A crash in Jackson County takes the lives of two drivers this morning. Just after 9am the Jackson County Sheriff's office, Wisconsin State Patrol, Hixton Fire Department and Black River Falls EMS responded to a crash on State Highway 95 near North Lincoln Road in the Town of Curran. The Jackson County Sheriff's office says the crash was a head-on collision involving two commercial motor vehicles. According to the Jackson County Sheriff's office Highway 95 was closed for several hours while law enforcement investigated the traffic crash. The names of individuals involved will not be released until law enforcement can contact their families.

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2/23/18

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6PM

Slug: PLANE CRASH

A rural Wisconsin community is mourning today after a small plane crash took the lives of three residents late last night. The plane was traveling from Indiana to Green Bay when it went down at approximately 7:30pm in Carol County Indiana. Two of those passengers were Pagels Ponderosa dairy owner John Pagel and his son in law Steve Witcpalek, both of Kewaunee. The third passenger has not yet been identified.

Time:
:25

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2/23/18

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Slug: BUS CRASH

There was another crash today, this time on the north side of La Crosse. This morning two cars collided at 7:40, one of those vehicles a rite way school bus. The bus was traveling south on Loomis Street, went to make a left turn onto Island Street and was struck by a westbound car. According to police nobody on the bus was injured. The driver of the car suffered minor injuries and was cited with failure to yield at an uncontrolled intersection.

Time:
:31

First Aired:
2/28/18

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5PM

Slug: MN SHOOTER

A Minneapolis High School went on lock down Tuesday afternoon when a man who was believed to have a gun ran inside the building. Classes had just ended at Patrick Henry High School in Minneapolis when a code red alert was called. Classroom doors were locked and lights were turned off. Police say the call came in around 3-30pm and at that time a couple hundred students, staff and coaches were still in Patrick Henry High. Officers searched the school room by room, escorting students out along the way. So far police say the suspect has not been found.

Time:
:26

First Aired:
3/1/18

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5PM

Slug: BRF CAR CRASH

A car accident in Black River Falls Wednesday left some serious damage to a building. The Black River Falls Police Department responded to the Rye Bluff Apartments for a vehicle that crashed into the building. Officers learned the vehicle had been parked on an adjacent parking lot and had insufficient parking brakes when the brakes gave way. The vehicle traveled backwards downhill striking and entering the apartment building. Luckily no one was injured.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:21 3/2/18 5PM

Slug: MICHIGAN SHOOT

It happened at Central Michigan University, an active situation this morning after two people were fatally shot. Authorities identified 19 year old James Eric Davis Junior as the suspect in what officials believe was a domestic dispute. The University says the situation happened in a residence hall on campus. The school released information on social media about 9:30 this morning. This marks the 12th school shooting in 2018. Central Michigan University has about 23,000 students in Mount Pleasant about 70 miles north of Lansing.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:18 3/6/18 5PM

Slug: IL PILE-UP

There was another pile up in Iowa this morning that involved 11 cars. It happened around 7am at an intersection on Highway 69 in Des Moines. Police say the road was closed for over an hour as crews worked to move all the vehicles. They're citing the recent winter weather as cause for the crash. Luckily nobody was injured.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:25 3/7/18 6PM

Slug: BD EXPLODE

A controlled explosion today inside a Beaver Dam apartment building has many residents wondering what will be left. Today's explosion follows an unplanned blast Monday afternoon, where the FBI says a man was making homemade bombs. That man was killed in that explosion. Bomb squad technicians said the remaining explosive materials were too dangerous to remove so they chose to detonate them instead. The explosions displaced around 150 residents.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:25 3/13/18 6PM

Slug: MN BUS CRASH

A collision between a van carrying school children and a semi-truck Monday in Western Minnesota injured everyone on board the bus, some seriously. Officials say the driver of the van failed to yield at an intersection. The van was carrying children for the Hancock School District. The children ranged in age from eight to 16; two were seriously injured. The van driver is in stable condition. Hancock is about 150 miles west of the Twin Cities.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:15 3/21/18 5PM

Slug: HOUSE FIRE

Firefighters arrived at the home located at 2226 George Street within three minutes of the call. The fire was contained to the back of the house. All 5 people inside escaped safely. The fire was determined to have started due to combustible materials too close to a space heater.

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:20 3/22/18 5PM

Slug: OCONOMOWOC

There was a gas leak at Oconomowoc High School this morning. Officials confirmed there was an air quality issue at the school. Seventy three students were transported to a local hospital. Other students and staff were sent home for the day. Through a statement the school said "Students rehearsing for a choir concert became light headed and complained of feeling suddenly ill."

Time: First Aired: Shows:
:28 3/23/18 5PM

Slug: FIRE

One person is dead following a fire in the Town of Medary. Early this morning a person reported a possible brush fire near Highway 16. The La Crosse County Sheriff's Department and Onalaska Police responded and discovered a camping trailer burning on the edge of the property. The fire was extinguished and while firefighters worked through the debris they discovered a body. Now at the medical examiner's office, no foul play is expected. Authorities are working to determine the cause of the fire.

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3/23/18

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5PM

Slug: HOUSING FIRE

A fire at an apartment complex shut down part of Vine Street this afternoon. The La Crosse Fire Department responded to the call just after 1. Firefighters found fire in the walls between two units, which they quickly put out. The flames caused minimal smoke and fire damage. Xcel Energy turned off electricity. The fire department is now looking for a cause. It's not known how many people are displaced by the fire or whether they can return tonight. No injuries were reported.

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First Aired:
3/27/18

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5PM

Slug: PIERFETTI

One man is in custody after a hit and run incident that began in Vernon County. Police arrested 46 year old Leonard Perfetti of Madison Monday evening in Richland County. Police say Perfetti was involved in at least three crashes in Vernon County involving civilian and law enforcement vehicles. Authorities pursued Perfetti on Highway 14 into Richland County, where they say he appeared to intentionally ram more police vehicles and hit four more civilian vehicles on the highway. Perfetti was detained after two squad cars pinned the suspect's vehicle.

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:22

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3/27/18

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5PM

Slug: SPARTA

Sparta Police and Ambulance went to Cedar Creek Lumber in Sparta this morning. They responded to a report of a railroad employee with life threatening injuries, the result of an accident with a train. They found the train conductor, identified as 39-year old Robert Hemling from Randolph Wisconsin. He was taken to Mayo Clinic in Sparta where he was pronounced dead. Police are investigating.

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:36

First Aired:
3/30/18

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Slug: NORWALK

A Norwalk business was destroyed after a fire, but no injuries. It's called The Place, also known as the Cunitz Tavern. The fire began about 4-15 yesterday. Norwalk Fire Chief Jim Stoicks says six departments responded using over 200 gallon of water to put out the fire. They controlled the fire in about an hour but Norwalk fire remained on scene until 11pm. Owner Cobb Cunitzs was inside the business with 8 customers when the fire started. Everyone made it out but the building is a total loss. The preliminary investigation by the Norwalk fire department suspects the cause is electrical. The investigation there continues.



April 1, 2018

To: Station Management

Re: ABC Television Network First Quarter, 2018 Program Information

Attached is the **First Quarter** review of the **ABC Television Network News & Public Affairs Programming**. The information, which we will continue to issue on a quarterly basis, may be useful to licensees in compiling their FCC quarterly issues/program list for your station's public inspection files. All related legal materials will be posted on the A-Net prior to the 10th day of the new quarter (Word version 7.0).

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact your Station Relations representative, or send an e-mail to abc.affiliate.relations@abc.com.

Regards,

Susi D'Ambra-Coplan
Vice President
Affiliate Relations

Attachment(s)

ABC NEWS PROGRAMS – First Quarter, 2018

WORLD NEWS NOW

Monday thru Friday

2:00 - 4:30 AM ET

12:00 - 4:30 AM PT (*Monday*)

1:06:30 - 4:30 AM PT (*Tuesday-Friday*)

Comprised of thirty-minute segments, ABC's WORLD NEWS NOW, with co-anchors Kendis Gibson and Diane Macedo, offers up-to-date news coverage including a mixture of live and taped coverage of domestic and international news issues.

AMERICA THIS MORNING

Monday through Friday

4:00 - 7:00 AM ET

4:30 - 7:00 AM PT

Kendis Gibson and Diane Macedo co-anchor this morning news program which provides viewers with late-breaking national and international news, sports, weather and financial reports. Featuring separate and distinct fifteen-minute segments, information about overnight events is constantly updated.

GOOD MORNING AMERICA

Monday through Friday

7:00 - 9:00 AM ET / PT

George Stephanopoulos, Robin Roberts and Michael Strahan provide viewers with timely news reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

Saturday / Sunday

8:00 – 9:00 AM ET / 7:00 – 8:00AM PT

ABC News Correspondents Paula Faris and Dan Harris will co-anchor providing viewers with timely reports, informative features, weather information, and up-to-the minute interviews with world leaders.

ABC NEWS BRIEF

Monday through Friday

aprx. 2:58 - 3:00PM ET / 1:58 - 2:00PM PT

This two-minute news capsule updates important news events of the day.

NOTE: As events warrant, ABC NEWS BRIEF may be expanded or re-scheduled, or an additional News Brief may be scheduled.

ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT WITH DAVID MUIR

Monday through Friday

6:30-7:00PM ET and 7:00-7:30PM ET

5:30-6:00PM PT and 6:00-6:30PM PT and 6:30-7:00PM PT

ABC News Anchor David Muir keeps viewers informed about world news events in this half-hour news review

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Monday through Friday

10:01 - 11:00PM ET

Informational News magazine combines hard-hitting investigative reports, newsmaker interviews, compelling human interest and feature stories, and offers viewers a chance to learn more about the world around them. ABC News Correspondents

David Muir and Elizabeth Vargas anchor 20/20.

NIGHTLINE

Monday through Friday

12:37AM - 1:06:30AM ET / PT - *unless otherwise indicated*

Ju Ju Chang, Dan Harris and Byron Pitts co-anchor the program which provides in-depth discussion of current events.

NOTE: As news events warrant, ABC NEWS NIGHTLINE may be expanded. Please refer to the NIGHTLINE section for exact program times.

WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SATURDAY

Tom Llamas, Anchor

Saturday

6:00 - 6:30PM ET and 6:30 - 7:00PM ET

5:30 - 6:00PM PT and 6:00 - 6:30PM PT

WORLD NEWS TONIGHT SUNDAY

Tom Llamas, Anchor

Sunday

6:00 - 6:30PM ET and 6:30 - 7:00PM ET

5:00 - 5:30PM PT and 5:30 - 6:00PM PT

This half-hour news program reviews the day's major events from around the country and around the world on the weekend.

NOTE: ABC Sports programs may necessitate the preemption or rescheduling of various news feeds.

THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE STEPHANOPOULOS

Sunday

9:00 – 10:00AM ET / 8:00 – 9:00AM PT

and 10:30 – 11:30AM ET / 9:00 – 10:00AM PT

ABC News Correspondents George Stephanopoulos and Martha Raddatz co-anchor this news/interview program which focuses on the latest news events. World leaders and policy makers participate in roundtable discussions.

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ABC NEWS PROGRAMS – First Quarter, 2018

20/20

Friday, January 5, 2018

Gypsy Rose Blanchard Exclusive Interview

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Friday, January 12, 2018

North Korean Leader, Kim Jong-Un

As North Korea and the United States escalate dangerous rhetoric and nuclear threats, experts and citizens are on edge trying to anticipate what may happen next. At the center of it all is supreme leader Kim Jong-un and his fractured family. Now, nearly one year after his half-brother, Kim Jong-nam, was assassinated in a Malaysian airport, “20/20” documents the 70-year rule of North Korea’s first family and the cracks within the dynasty. Correspondent Bob Woodruff reports.

Friday, January 19, 2018

California Child Abuse

This week a story made national headlines when, according to authorities, 13 siblings were found captive inside a California home. “20/20” has the latest reporting on what life was like inside what authorities are characterizing as a house of horrors and on parents, David and Louise Turpin, who were arrested on charges of torture and child endangerment. The hour details the severe child abuse the children were allegedly subjected to including beatings and strangulation, and features information from those who knew the family. It also explores the question of whether warning signs were missed that could have alerted authorities far earlier to the alleged abuse.

Friday, January 26, 2018

Survivors

The gymnastics sexual abuse scandal that rocked the world, and included accusations by Olympic gymnasts Aly Raisman, McKayla Maroney and Gabby Douglas, continues to dominate national headlines as an astounding 156 women have testified against ex-USA Gymnastics doctor Larry Nassar since last week. On the heels of these emotional impact statements detailing over two decades of abuse they say was inflicted by him, Anchor Elizabeth Vargas interviews survivors who open up about their dreams of gymnastic glory, their harrowing stories of abuse by Nassar, why they decided to come forward, what the future holds for them and questions who failed to protect them from the abuse.

Friday, February 2, 2018

Slender Man: Teenage Attack

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Friday, February 9, 2018

Jens Soering Interview

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Friday, February 16, 2018

Kayak

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Friday, February 23, 2018

Whitaker Sugar Land

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Friday, March 2, 2018

Wrongful Death

Rebecca Zahau, girlfriend of pharmaceutical tycoon Jonah Shacknai, was found dead – hanging from the balcony of his Coronado, California home. Only two days before, Jonah’s 6-year-old son, Max, had somehow fallen over a staircase banister in the same home and later died. Given the circumstances of her death, Rebecca’s family remains skeptical of the police ruling that her death was a suicide. ABC News senior legal correspondent Sunny Hostin reports.

Friday, March 9, 2018

Separated At Birth

An unknown number of Americans reached adulthood without knowing and experiencing a fundamental part of their identity – that they have an identical twin. “20/20” features the stories of three of these people who made this astounding discovery, a shocking truth that was deliberately kept secret from them most of their lives. These twins were separated as infants, given up for adoption to different parents and then monitored for a little known “nature vs nurture” study – conducted completely in secret – by a preeminent psychiatrist. “20/20” co-anchor Elizabeth Vargas reports.

Friday, March 16, 2018

Missing Infant

Twenty years ago, 5-month-old infant Sabrina Aisenberg disappeared from her crib and was never seen again. Her parents, Marlene and Steve, have searched tirelessly for their long-lost daughter and have never given up hope that one day she will return. Recently, two women who believe they may be Sabrina contacted Marlene online. Now their DNA is being tested to determine if one of them is the missing baby. ABC News correspondent Deborah Roberts reports.

Friday, March 23, 2018

Gone Girl

ABC News’ Amy Robach sits down for the first interview with Denise Huskins and Aaron Quinn, who describe the anguish they felt after authorities at the time dismissed Denise’s kidnapping as a hoax, causing the case to be known as the “Gone Girl” kidnapping after the fictional book and film. Denise recounts her nightmare, revealing new details about her harrowing hours in captivity and opens up about confronting her kidnapper, Matt Muller, in court.

Friday, March 30, 2018

Double Murder-for-Hire Plot

What caused a doctor and veterinarian couple to hire a hit man to kill their exes? “20/20” investigates this double murder-for-hire plot and the elaborate sting operation authorities say they set up to catch Houston-area veterinarian, Valerie McDaniel, and her boyfriend, Leon Jacob, before it was too late. Just last week, Leon was convicted and sentenced to life for two counts of solicitation of capital murder. Matt Gutman reports.

20/20 SATURDAY (Airs on West Coast Only)

Saturday, January 13, 2018

“Wonder”

It is every parent’s fear during pregnancy – will my child be born healthy? Magda and Russel Newman had every reason to believe their child would be, but their son, Nathaniel Newman – now 13 – was born with a very rare cranio-facial condition called Treacher Collins Syndrome. Nathaniel was born with no cheekbones, ears, and almost no jawbone. In a complete coincidence, his life bears a striking resemblance to Auggie Pullman’s, the fictional protagonist in R.J. Palacio’s best-selling book, “Wonder.” “20/20” follows Nathaniel as he comes to terms with his differences and his resilient family and prepare for future challenges. (OAD: 11/17/17)

Saturday, January 20, 2018

Coaching Company NXIVM

“20/20” investigates NXIVM, a self-proclaimed professional coaching company, and speaks with former members who are now coming forward claiming that while they derived some benefit from NXIVM classes, the experience also took a big toll on their lives. The hour also includes one former member’s claims that NXIVM is associated with a women’s secret society which she says is manipulative, promoting subservient behavior with slave and master terminology. Elizabeth Vargas reports.

Saturday, January 27, 2018

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Saturday, February 3, 2018

Involuntary Manslaughter

Can encouraging someone to take their life over text message get you 20 years in prison? Weeks after being found guilty of involuntary manslaughter for encouraging her boyfriend, Conrad Roy, to commit suicide, Michelle Carter’s sentence will be revealed. Correspondent Deborah Roberts reports. (OAD: 8/04/17)

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Track and Fear

“20/20” reports on young Olympic hopeful Baillie Gibson who alleges she was coerced into a three-year sexual relationship with her University of Arizona coach, Craig Carter. Carter claims the relationship was not only consensual, but that Baillie initiated it. “20/20” features the details about Carter’s alleged threats of violence including text messages and a phone recording of his threats. Correspondent Deborah Roberts reports. (OAD: 11/10/17)

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Saturday, February 24, 2018

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ABC NEWS SPECIALS - First Quarter, 2018

Thursday, January 11, 2018

Truth & Lies: The Tonya Harding Story

With the release of Margot Robbie’s new film [I, Tonya](#), there has been renewed interest in the 1994 Tonya Harding-Nancy Kerrigan scandal — and ABC News features an in-depth interview with Harding herself. In the two-hour special, *Truth and Lies: The Tonya Harding Story*, which airs Jan. 11, Harding sits down for a lengthy conversation with ABC News’ Amy Robach about the episode that rocked the figure skating world: On Jan. 6, 1994, weeks before the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, a man hired by Harding’s ex-husband Jeff Gillooly and her bodyguard Shawn Eckardt kneecapped Kerrigan.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

ABC News Special: The State of the Union

ABC News will broadcast President Donald Trump’s State of the Union address and the Republican Response. He will speak in the House chamber of the U.S. Capitol, flanked by Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. Chief Anchor George Stephanopoulos will lead coverage throughout the night from Washington, DC with the ABC News team.

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 (Airs on West Coast Only)

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Thursday, February 13, 2018

Special Edition 20/20: “Lights, Camera, Romance!”

Just in time for Valentine’s Day, “20/20” features the stars of the most influential romantic movies, takes viewers behind the scenes and dissects the most memorable moments from these classics. The special will feature interviews with actress Katherine Heigl, from “27 Dresses”; Nia Vardalos and Andrea Martin from “My Big Fat Greek Wedding”; and Dakota Johnson and Jamie Dornan from the “Fifty Shades” films.

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Special Edition 20/20: Roseanne the Return

As ABC’s hit show “Roseanne” gears up to return to television this spring, the entire cast reveals behind-the-scenes moments, memories, and what to expect from the revival of one of TV’s most iconic sitcoms in a special edition of “20/20.”

ABC NEWS SPECIAL REPORTS - First Quarter, 2018

DATE	START	END	LENGTH	TOPIC	
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	3:19:01 PM	- 3:38:00 PM	ET	0:18:59	President Trump Press Conference w/ President of Norway
	2:19:01 PM	- 2:38:00 PM	CT	0:18:59	President Trump Press Conference w/ President of Norway
	1:19:01 PM	- 1:38:00 PM	MT	0:18:59	President Trump Press Conference w/ President of Norway
	12:19:01 PM	- 12:37:56 PM	PT	0:18:55	President Trump Press Conference w/ President of Norway
Monday, January 22, 2018	12:41:07 PM	- 12:45:37 PM	ET	0:04:30	Vote to End Government Shutdown
	11:41:07 AM	- 11:45:37 AM	CT	0:04:30	Vote to End Government Shutdown
	10:41:09 AM	- 10:45:34 AM	MT	0:04:25	Vote to End Government Shutdown
	9:41:09 AM	- 9:45:36 AM	PT	0:04:27	Vote to End Government Shutdown
Tuesday, January 30, 2018	9:00:00 PM	- 10:59:46 PM	ET	1:59:46	The State of the Union
	8:00:00 PM	- 9:59:46 PM	CT	1:59:46	The State of the Union
	7:00:00 PM	- 8:59:46 PM	MT	1:59:46	The State of the Union
	6:00:00 PM	- 7:59:46 PM	PT	1:59:46	The State of the Union
Monday, February 5, 2018	3:58:40 PM	- 4:01:30 PM	ET	0:02:50	Drop in the Stock Market
	2:58:40 PM	- 3:01:30 PM	CT	0:02:50	Drop in the Stock Market
	1:58:40 PM	- 2:01:30 PM	MT	0:02:50	Drop in the Stock Market
	12:58:40 PM	- 1:01:23 PM	PT	0:02:43	Drop in the Stock Market
Tuesday, February 6, 2018	9:29:48 AM	- 9:32:12 AM	ET	0:02:24	Stock Market Opening Bell
	8:29:48 AM	- 8:32:12 AM	CT	0:02:24	Stock Market Opening Bell
	7:29:49 AM	- 7:32:08 AM	MT	0:02:19	Stock Market Opening Bell
	6:29:48 AM	- 9:32:07 AM	PT	0:02:19	Stock Market Opening Bell
Wednesday, February 14, 2018	3:15:02 PM	- 5:16:01 PM	ET	2:00:59	FL School Shooting
	2:15:02 PM	- 2:16:01 PM	CT	2:00:59	FL School Shooting
	1:15:02 PM	- 1:16:01 PM	MT	2:00:59	FL School Shooting
	12:15:02 PM	- 12:16:01 PM	PT	2:00:59	FL School Shooting
Thursday, February 15, 2018	10:46:20 AM	- 11:38:16 AM	ET	0:51:56	FL School Shooting Briefing and Trump Address
	9:46:20 AM	- 10:38:16 AM	CT	0:51:56	FL School Shooting Briefing and Trump Address
	8:46:20 AM	- 9:38:16 AM	MT	0:51:56	FL School Shooting Briefing and Trump Address
	7:46:20 AM	- 8:38:16 AM	PT	0:51:56	FL School Shooting Briefing and Trump Address
Thursday, February 15, 2018	2:30:27 PM	- 2:41:58 PM	ET	0:11:31	FL School Shooting Update
	1:30:27 PM	- 1:41:58 PM	CT	0:11:31	FL School Shooting Update
	12:30:27 PM	- 12:41:58 PM	MT	0:11:31	FL School Shooting Update
	11:30:27 AM	- 11:41:58 AM	PT	0:11:31	FL School Shooting Update

Thursday, February 15, 2018	5:09:55 PM	-	5:32:10 PM	ET	0:22:15	FL School Shooting Press Conference
	4:09:55 PM	-	4:32:10 PM	CT	0:22:15	FL School Shooting Press Conference
	3:09:55 PM	-	3:32:10 PM	MT	0:22:15	FL School Shooting Press Conference
	2:09:55 PM	-	2:32:07 PM	PT	0:22:12	FL School Shooting Press Conference
Friday, February 16, 2018	1:28:29 PM	-	1:46:22 PM	ET	0:17:53	Election Indictment Announcement
	12:28:29 PM	-	12:46:22 PM	CT	0:17:53	Election Indictment Announcement
	11:28:29 AM	-	11:46:22 AM	MT	0:17:53	Election Indictment Announcement
	10:28:29 AM	-	10:46:22 AM	PT	0:17:53	Election Indictment Announcement
Wednesday, February 21, 2018	8:23:14 AM	-	8:30:00 AM	ET	0:06:46	Billy Graham Death
	7:23:14 AM	-	7:30:00 AM	CT	0:06:46	Billy Graham Death
	6:23:14 AM	-	6:30:00 AM	MT	0:06:46	Billy Graham Death
	5:23:14 AM	-	5:30:00 AM	PT	0:06:46	Billy Graham Death
Friday, February 23, 2018	2:50:37 PM	-	2:54:37 PM	ET	0:04:00	Rick Gates Guilty Plea
	1:50:37 PM	-	1:54:37 PM	CT	0:04:00	Rick Gates Guilty Plea
	12:50:37 PM	-	12:54:37 PM	MT	0:04:00	Rick Gates Guilty Plea
	11:50:37 AM	-	11:54:37 AM	PT	0:04:00	Rick Gates Guilty Plea
Wednesday, February 28, 2018	4:39:58 PM	-	4:45:37 PM	ET	0:05:39	Resignation of Hope Hicks
	3:39:58 PM	-	3:45:37 PM	CT	0:05:39	Resignation of Hope Hicks
	2:39:58 PM	-	2:45:37 PM	MT	0:05:39	Resignation of Hope Hicks
	1:39:58 PM	-	1:45:33 PM	PT	0:05:35	Resignation of Hope Hicks
Thursday, March 8, 2018	3:37:58 PM	-	3:58:45 PM	ET	0:20:47	President Trump Tariffs Announcement
	2:37:58 PM	-	2:58:45 PM	CT	0:20:47	President Trump Tariffs Announcement
	1:37:58 PM	-	1:58:45 PM	MT	0:20:47	President Trump Tariffs Announcement
	12:37:58 PM	-	12:58:45 PM	PT	0:20:47	President Trump Tariffs Announcement
Tuesday, March 13, 2018	8:51:55 AM	-	8:56:31 AM	ET	0:04:36	Rex Tillerson Firing
	7:51:55 AM	-	7:56:31 AM	CT	0:04:36	Rex Tillerson Firing
	6:51:55 AM	-	6:56:31 AM	MT	0:04:36	Rex Tillerson Firing
	5:51:55 AM	-	5:56:31 AM	PT	0:04:36	Rex Tillerson Firing
Tuesday, March 13, 2018	2:11:07 PM	-	2:26:00 PM	ET	0:14:53	Rex Tillerson Address
	1:11:07 PM	-	1:26:00 PM	CT	0:14:53	Rex Tillerson Address
	12:11:07 PM	-	12:26:00 PM	MT	0:14:53	Rex Tillerson Address
	11:11:07 AM	-	11:26:00 AM	PT	0:14:53	Rex Tillerson Address
Wednesday, March 14, 2018	10:01:47 AM	-	10:14:50 AM	ET	0:13:03	School Walkouts
	9:01:47 AM	-	9:14:50 AM	CT	0:13:03	School Walkouts
	8:01:47 AM	-	8:14:50 AM	MT	0:13:03	School Walkouts
	7:01:47 AM	-	7:14:50 AM	PT	0:13:03	School Walkouts

Thursday, March 15, 2018	2:42:43 PM	-	2:51:13 PM	ET	0:08:30	FL Bridge Collapse
	1:42:43 PM	-	1:51:13 PM	CT	0:08:30	FL Bridge Collapse
	12:42:43 PM	-	12:51:13 PM	MT	0:08:30	FL Bridge Collapse
	11:42:43 AM	-	11:51:13 AM	PT	0:08:30	FL Bridge Collapse
Friday, March 23, 2018	1:25:25 PM	-	1:50:36 PM	ET	0:25:11	Pres. Trump Spending Bill News Conference
	12:25:25 PM	-	12:50:36 PM	CT	0:25:11	Pres. Trump Spending Bill News Conference
	11:25:25 AM	-	11:50:36 AM	MT	0:25:11	Pres. Trump Spending Bill News Conference
	10:25:25 AM	-	10:50:36 AM	PT	0:25:11	Pres. Trump Spending Bill News Conference
Saturday, March 24, 2018	2:52:00 PM	-	2:57:38 PM	ET	0:05:38	March for Our Lives Coverage
	1:52:00 PM	-	1:57:38 PM	CT	0:05:38	March for Our Lives Coverage
	12:52:00 PM	-	12:57:38 PM	MT	0:05:38	March for Our Lives Coverage
	11:52:00 AM	-	11:57:38 AM	PT	0:05:38	March for Our Lives Coverage

THIS WEEK - First Quarter, 2018

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Guests:

- Nikki Haley
U.S. Ambassador to the U.N.
- Sen. Tom Cotton
Intelligence Committee
(R) Arkansas
- Sen. Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member, Budget Committee
(I) Vermont
- Preet Bharara
Former U.S. Attorney, Southern District of NY
Distinguished Scholar in Residence, NYU School of Law
CNN Senior Legal Analyst
- Stephanie Cutter
Democratic Strategist
Obama 2012 Deputy Campaign Manager
- Sara Fagen
Republican Strategist
Bush White House Political Affairs Director
CNBC Contributor
- Roland Martin
Host, TV One
- Matt Schlapp
Chair, American Conservative Union

Topics:

- Russia Investigation
- The Week In Politics

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Guests:

- Sen. Jeff Flake
(R) Arizona
- Rep. John Lewis
(D) Georgia
- Sen. David Perdue
(R) Georgia
- Patrick Gaspard
President, Open Society Foundations
Obama White House Political Affairs Director
- Rich Lowry
Editor, National Review

Topics:

- Trump's Immigration Remarks
- Debate on Immigration

Sunday, January 21, 2018

Guests:

- Marc Short
White House Legislative Affairs Director
- Sen. Dick Durbin
Senate Minority Whip
(D) Illinois
- Rep. Luis Gutiérrez
Congressional Hispanic Caucus
(D) Judiciary Committee
(D) Illinois
- Rep. Mark Meadows
Chair, House Freedom Caucus
(R) North Carolina
- Karen Finney
Democratic Strategist
Former Clinton Campaign Spokesperson

- Marc Lotter
Former Press Secretary to Vice President Pence
- Meghan McCain
Co-Host, "The View"
- Julie Pace
Washington Bureau Chief, Associated Press

Topics:

- Government Shutdown
- Immigration Debate

Sunday, January 28, 2018

Guests:

- Sen. Lindsey Graham
Judiciary Committee
(R) South Carolina
- Ken Starr
Whitewater Independent Counsel
Former U.S. Solicitor General
Former Federal Judge
- Perry Bacon Jr.
Senior Political Writer, FiveThirtyEight
- Susan Glasser
Chief International Affairs Columnist, Politico
Host, "The Global Politico"

Topics:

- White House Immigration Proposal
- Russia Investigation

Sunday, February 4, 2018

Guests:

- Pierre Thomas
Chief Justice Correspondent, ABC News
- Adam Schiff
Ranking Member, House Intelligence Committee
(D) California
- Will Hurd
Intelligence Committee
(R) Texas
- Matt Olsen
Former Bush Deputy Assistant Attorney General
- Martha Raddatz
Chief Global Affairs Correspondent, ABC News
- Dan Abrams
Chief Legal Affairs Anchor, ABC News
- Mary Bruce
ABC News Senior Congressional Correspondent
- Anthony Scaramucci
Former Trump White House Communications Director
- Bill Kristol
Editor-At-Large, The Weekly Standard
- Jen Psaki
Former Obama White House Communications Director
- Roland Martin
Host, TV One

Topics:

- Declassified GOP Memo
- Midterm Elections

Sunday, February 11, 2018

Guests:

- Kellyanne Conway
Counselor to the President
- Chris Christie
(R) Former Governor of NJ
- Sean Patrick Maloney
(D) New York
- Matthew Dowd
ABC News Political Analyst
- Cecilia Vega
ABC News White House Correspondant
- Megan Murphy
Ex-Editor, Bloomberg Businessweek
- David Axelrod
Senior Advisor to President Obama
- Alex Castellanos
Political Consultant

Topics:

- White House Abuse Allegations

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Guests:

- Pierre Thomas
Chief Justice Correspondent, ABC News
- Brad Garrett
Former FBI Agent
- Ted Deutch
(D) Florida
- Carlos Curbelo
(R) Florida
- Dan Abrams
Chief Legal Affairs Anchor, ABC News
- Jeh Johnson
Former Obama Secretary of Homeland Security
- Chris Christie
(R) Former Governor of NJ
- David Hogg
Student
- Lauren Hogg
Student
- Rebecca Hogg
Mother of Lauren and David Hogg
- Christine Leinonen
Mother of Pulse victim Drew Leinonen

Topics:

- Florida School Shooting
- Russia Indictment

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Guests:

- Dana Loesch
NRA National Spokesperson
- David Hogg
Senior, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
- Ashley Kurth
Teacher, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School
- Gov. John Kasich
(R) Ohio
- Gov. John Hickenlooper
(D) Colorado
- Preet Bharara
Former U.S. Attorney, Southern District of NY

Distinguished Scholar in Residence, NYU School of Law
CNN Senior Legal Analyst

- Lanhee Chen
Former Policy Director, Romney-Ryan 2012 Campaign
Fellow, Stanford University's Hoover Institution
- Julie Pace
Washington Bureau Chief, Associated Press
- Jorge Ramos
Anchor, Univision
Author, "Stranger: The Challenge of a Latino Immigrant in the Trump Era"

Topics:

- Parkland School Shooting
- NRA

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Guests:

- Reince Priebus
Former White House Chief of Staff
- Sen. Chris Murphy
(D) Connecticut
- Wilbur Ross
Secretary of Commerce
- Van Jones
CNN Host, "The Van Jones Show"
President, The Dream Corps
- Meghan McCain
Co-Host, "The View"
- Megan Murphy
Former Editor, Bloomberg Businessweek

Topics:

- White House Turmoil
- Gun Control Debate

Sunday, March 11, 2018

Guests:

- Raj Shah
White House Principal Deputy Press Secretary
- Ben Rhodes
Former Obama Deputy National Security Adviser
- Donna Brazile
Democratic Strategist
- Jonathan Swan
National Political Reporter, Axios

Topics:

- President Trump's North Korea Meeting

Sunday, March 18, 2018

Guests:

- Rep. Adam Schiff
Ranking Member, Intelligence Committee
(D) California
- Sen. James Lankford
Intelligence Committee
(R) Oklahoma
- Garry Kasparov
Chair, Human Rights Foundation
Former World Chess Champion
- Mayor Mitch Landrieu
(D) New Orleans
Author, "In the Shadow of Statues: A White Southerner Confronts History"
- Sara Fagen
Republican Strategist
Bush White House Political Affairs Director

- CNBC Contributor
- Roland Martin
Host, TV One
- Matt Schlapp
Chair, American Conservative Union
- Katrina vanden Heuvel
Editor and Publisher, The Nation
Columnist, WashingtonPost.com

Topics:

- Mueller Investigation
- Trump's Administration

Sunday, March 25, 2018

Guests:

- Mark Kelly
Co-Founder, Giffords: Courage to Fight Gun Violence
U.S. Navy (Ret.)
NASA Astronaut (Ret.)
- Adm. Mike Mullen
Former Chair, Joint Chiefs of Staff
U.S. Navy (Ret.)
- Stephen Hadley
Former Bush National Security Adviser
- Perry Bacon Jr.
Senior Political Writer, FiveThirtyEight
- David Brody
Chief Political Correspondent, Christian Broadcasting Network
Author, "The Faith of Donald J. Trump"
- Shannon Pettypiece
White House Correspondent, Bloomberg News

Topics:

- March For Our Lives Protest
- White-House Staff Shakeup

NIGHTLINE – First Quarter, 2018

Monday, January 1, 2018

- Breakup Boot Camp
- Dream Closet on Demand
- Mariah's Redemption

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

- Teen Vogue
- Social Star Gone Too Far?
- "Truth and Lies: Tonya Harding Story" Promo

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

- Trump – Unfriendly Fire
- The Real Cheff Curry
- Gangsta vs. Ganster

Thursday, January 4, 2018

- Inside Waco
- "Molly's Game"
- Bob Cyclone

Friday, January 5, 2018

- Web of Lies – GYPSY Blanchard
- "Fire & Fury" Fallout

Monday, January 8, 2018

- Puerto Rico-Hope After Hurricanes
- Oprah's Light
- National Champs

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

- Deadly Mudslides
- "Undercover High"
- North and South Korea – A Crack in the Ice?

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

- Deadly Mudslides
- Cartel Hit Man
- The Harding Triple Axel

Thursday, January 11, 2018

- Tonya Harding

Friday, January 12, 2018

- Treasure Hunters
- Killer Kim?
- Brooklyn Prince

Monday, January 15, 2018

- Martin Luther King

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

- House of Horrors
- The Talk
- Halftime MVP – Tavaris Jones

Wednesday, January 17, 2018

- Nassar Sentencing
- Trumpland: Roots of the Alt-Right
- Power Returns to a School in Puerto Rico

Thursday, January 18, 2018

- Nightmare Next Door
- Fiona The Hippo
- Drone Rescue

Friday, January 19, 2018

- Government Shutdown
- House of Horrors

Monday, January 22, 2018

- The Pink Wae
- Wild Horses
- Neil Diamond

Tuesday, January 23, 2018

- Trump Country
- Oscars So Out
- Golden Age

Wednesday, January 24, 2018

- Nassar Sentencing
- Flat Earthers
- Elton John

Thursday, January 25, 2018

- School Shooting
- Triumphant Recovery
- Circle of Life

Friday, January 26, 2018

- Sister Survivors
- Big Air
- Vanity Fail

Monday, January 29, 2018

- Steel Nerves
- Gus Kenworth
- Blue Ivy

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

- Trump's "New American Moment"
- SoU Analysis
- AZ Vox Pop

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

- A Nightline Special Edition – Rose McGowan: The Interview

Thursday, February 1, 2018

- Young Football Recruits
- Chance the Coder
- Michelle Obama: Life After 1600

Friday, February 2, 2018

Nightline Special Edition: Super Bowl Showdown

- Tom Brady vs. Time
- Eagles Fans Gone Wild
- "Jeopardy" Football Fail

Monday, February 5, 2018

- Fight for the Future: Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District
- "Solo: A Star Wars Story"
- Ladies First: Olympic Ski Jump
- Battle of the Super Bowl Ads

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

- Doctor on Demand
- Simon the Snowman
- Blast Off

Wednesday, February 7, 2018

- American Heroes
- Uma Fighting Back
- Baby Boom

Thursday, February 8, 2018

- South Korean Preppers
- The Monarch Butterfly Migration
- Valerie Jarrett: A Lesson in Courage

Friday, February 9, 2018

- White House Trouble
- Kate's Story
- Pipe Dreams

Monday, February 12, 2018

- Gloria Allred: All Fight
- Adam Rippon Burning Up The Ice
- Obama Portraits Picture Perfect

Tuesday, February 13, 2018

- Sports Illustrated Cover Models
- Super Man: Torin Yater-Wallace
- Top Dog

Wednesday, February 14, 2018

- Florida School Shooting
- Reading, Writing, and Lockdown Drills

Thursday, February 15, 2018

- Florida School Shooting
- Student Survivors

Friday, February 16, 2018

- School Rampage
- Black Panther
- Drake Giveaway

Monday, February 19, 2018

- A Nightline Special Edition: Vanishing Ice – The Last American Polar Bears

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

- Bitcoin Rich
- "Lady Bird"
- "Star Wars" Force of Sound

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

- Shooting Protests
- Vicky Cornell

Thursday, February 22, 2018

- Arming Teachers?
- Syria Rescues in the Rubble
- Black Panther "Clicking" Language

Friday, February 23, 2018

- School Shooting Missed Signals
- Notes from the Field
- MLB Parkland Tribute

Monday, February 26, 2018

- Under the Gun
- Instagram Influencer
- Model Teacher

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

- Limbo in Lesbos
- Kimmel Oscar Buzz

Wednesday, February 28, 2018

- Parkland Strong
- Frozen Kingdom
- Streisand Dog Clones

Thursday, March 1, 2018

- Wrinkle In Time
- Dolly Parton

Friday, March 2, 2018

- Murder or Suicide
- Drunk History

Monday, March 5, 2018

- "Pink Wave" Women Running for Congress
- Social Stars Instagram Doctor
- Bachelor Upset

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

- Bachelor Love Triangle
- Meghan McCain's View
- First Lady Portrait Admirer

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

- Stormy Daniels
- North Korean Directors

Thursday, March 8, 2018

- Cyber Harassment

Friday, March 9, 2018

- Battered Badge
- Blue Planet
- American Idol
- Cyber Harassment

Monday, March 12, 2018

- OJ Simpson
- Chopper Crash
- Michelle Rodriguez Lucid

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

- Pennsylvania Special Election
- HQ Trivia
- Stephen Hawking

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

- Parkland Walkout
- Deception
- Al's Pepper Challenge

Thursday, March 15, 2018

- Face-to-Face: Family Searchers

Friday, March 16, 2018

- Unfriendly Skies
- Love, Simon
- Felix Slater

Monday, March 19, 2018

- Gone Girl
- Bella Thorne
- Nixon for Governor

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

- Serial Bomber
- Saudi Arabian Rights

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

- Serial Bomber Secrets
- Roseanne Returns
- Mr. Rogers Doc

Thursday, March 22, 2018

- Sacramento Police Shooting
- Frozen on Broadway
- Lil Weatherman

Friday, March 23, 2018

- Gone Girl
- Puerto Rico Rising
- Diabetes Dog

Monday, March 26, 2018

- Stormy Aftermath
- Inside March for Our Lives
- Heather Vincent Holley

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

- A Nightline Special Edition: Crisis in Yemen

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

- Waterside Death
- Jersey Shore Reunion
- Roseanne Ratings

Thursday, March 29, 2018

- Sacramento Shooting
- Motivational Mogul
- Malala

Friday, March 30, 2018

- Young Football Recruits
- Fiona the Hippo
- Sister Jean